



Linden Grove School Parent Newsletter

January 4, 2016

Happy New Year!

As we reflect on 2015, we would like to thank all of our supporters, donors, families, volunteers, Board Members and staff. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for everything you do to support the children we serve and our mission.

School Messenger Information....

Linden Grove School uses a telephone broadcast system that enables school personnel to notify all households and parents by phone within minutes of an emergency or unplanned event that causes early dismissal, school cancellation or late start. This service is provided by School Reach, a company specializing in school-to-parent communications. Linden Grove will also broadcast school closings and delays due to inclement weather on WLWT Channel 5 and will use this system as an overlay to the public announcements.

When used, the service will simultaneously call all listed phone numbers in our parent contact list and will deliver a recorded message from Linda Hart, Principal of Administration. The service will deliver the message to both live answer and answering machines. No answers and busies will be automatically retried twice in fifteen minute intervals after the initial call. If you have changed your number since you filled out the form at the beginning of the year or have any questions contact Elizabeth Ewers at eevers@lindengroveschool.org.

Specific Information:

- **Caller ID:** The Caller ID will display 513-984-2215, which is the main number for Linden Grove School.
- **Live Answers:** There is a short pause at the beginning of the message, usually just a few seconds. **Answer your phone as you normally would; "hello" and hold for the message to begin.** Multiple "hellos" will delay the message. Inform all family members of this process who may answer your phone of this process.
- **Answering Machines:** The system will detect that your machine has answered and will play the recording to your machine. The maximum number of rings before hang-up is five. Make sure your machine answers after four rings or you may miss the message.
- **Message Repeat:**

At the end of the message you will be prompted to 'press one' to hear the message again. This is very helpful when a child answers the phone and hands it to a parent, who can then 'repeat' the message in its entirety.

Counseling Information...

Just a reminder starting on January 12th, Serenity Counseling will provide services at Linden Grove School during the mornings of Tuesdays and Wednesdays for 1:1 counseling services, play therapy and/or family counseling services. If you choose to utilize these services, Linden Grove will assist with the scheduling and transition to ensure students miss a lower-level priority class whenever possible.

If you are interested in registering for counseling services through Serenity Counseling that will be delivered at Linden Grove School, below is how it works:

- Step 1: Register online at www.myserenitycounseling.com. Once on the site, click on “register online”. When filling out the form, be sure to put “Linden Grove School” as the referral because this will alert Serenity to notify Linden Grove for scheduling purposes.
- Step 2: Once you have registered, Serenity Counseling will contact you for intake information. This will need to be done in person and their office is close to the school on Kenwood Rd.
- Step 3: Serenity Counseling will notify Linden Grove so a slot can be given to your child/family at Linden Grove School.
- Step 4: Both Linden Grove School and Serenity Counseling will ask you to sign a consent form, which will allow both agencies to share pertinent information with each other. In particular, this will allow our Behavior Intervention Specialist, Matt Brill, to collaborate with the counselor when behavior plans are being developed.
- Step 5: Services can start as early as Tuesday, January 12th. Your personal medical insurance and/or private pay will be utilized for payment. Please check with Serenity Counseling and your medical insurance to determine your coverage.

Afterschool Bowling starts Wednesday January 13th...

All students who signed up for after school bowling will be transported by bus to Crossgate Lanes. All students need to be picked up at Crossgate Lanes by 4:30pm. You may send up to \$3 with your child to purchase snacks. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Ewers.

Pizza and Spirit Day...

Friday, January 15th is pizza and spirit day. Pizza will be served to the students during their lunch time. Students do not need to pack a lunch on this day, however, please send a drink in with your child. The spirit theme for this month is Super Hero. Students may wear their favorite Superhero shirt, or outfit **no masks**.

Winter Weather Outdoor Recess....

During the colder months, our policy is that the children will have recess outside as long as the temperature is 25 degrees (including the wind chill) or above and the weather is not inclement. The decision to go outside or stay in for recess is made on a daily basis. Because of this, all students should be prepared to go outside for recess every day. Please make sure that your child has appropriate clothing (jacket/hat/gloves/scarf/etc.) to play outside. It is recommended that you put your child's name or initials somewhere on these articles of clothing as they can be easily misplaced. If the decision is made to have outdoor recess, all students will have to go outside. Not having the appropriate clothing is not a reason to stay inside. Please make sure your child understands this rule if they insist on wearing non-traditional winter clothing to school. Also if you send in the appropriate clothing and your child refuses to wear it outside we will not force them to put it on due to sensory needs, however if you want them to wear all their winter items, please let us know so that the recess teachers can make sure that they do have it on. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Ewers.

Rules for playing in the snow:

Students must wear boots, gloves, hat, and their coat. If they do not have the right clothing on they will not be allowed to play in the snow.



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COUNTDOWN TO LINDEN GROVE'S AUCTION...

Everyone's Participation is Needed...

We need everyone to participate in this year's fundraising event in order to continue to provide quality services and programs to our amazing children.

Sponsorship and Solicitation letters were emailed to all families. If you need extras, let Mrs. Ewers know.

The "Basket Theme" signup sheet is posted on the parent info board. Please mark next to your family's name the theme of your basket. All family basket themes need to be listed on the sign-up sheet by January 22nd. Don't forget to talk up our fundraising event during your family gatherings.

More information on the raffle tickets coming soon. There are some great trips!

Fundraising Here We Come!

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 TKD	12 Bricks 4 Kidz	13 Afterschool Bowling	14 2pm Dismissal Calm Child	15 Pizza/Spirit Day Box Tops Collection	16
17	18 No School	19 Bricks 4 Kidz	20 Afterschool Bowling	21 2pm Dismissal Calm Child	22 Box Tops Collection Auction Baskets Theme due	23
24/31	25 TKD	26 Bricks 4 Kidz	27 Afterschool Bowling	28 2pm Dismissal Calm Child	29 Box Tops Collection	30