

Oriole News

Lennox Elementary
605-647-2203 option 3
<http://www.lennox.k12.sd.us>



1/19/2021

Our school hours are:
8:20 AM - 3:30 PM.

***Students will be counted Tardy if they enter their classroom after the 8:25 tardy bell.

***Students should not arrive at school before 8am.

2nd Quarter Report Cards are in Tuesday folders today.

Parent/Teacher Conferences- February 11th-

- SIGN UP will open tomorrow, January 13th at 8am and close January 27th at 4pm. We are using Sign-up Genius to schedule conferences.
- Please follow this link: [Conference Sign up genius](#) (link will also be emailed out) **PLEASE BE SURE YOU CHOOSE YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER'S TAB BEFORE YOU PICK A TIME SLOT.** If you are using your phone you will need to choose the teacher from the drop down menu, click "done" then "go" before you pick a time slot for your student.
- You will have the option to choose a phone conference or an in person conference.
- **For all in person conferences masks WILL be required while in the building.**
- Parents are encouraged to attend conferences without students.
- There will not be a book fair this year.

The PACE Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser is happening now! Return all orders to school by January 26th.

Please return the Coins for Kids containers by January 22nd.

The University of South Dakota Dental Hygiene Department will be visiting your child's school during the month of January. They will be seeing students during school hours in their portable dental office. They will provide free dental screenings, fluoride treatments, and sealants. They also offer teeth cleanings and x-rays for a fee. Parent consent is required. If you would like your child to receive any of these services, please fill out the parent permission form enclosed in the Tuesday folder today and return it to the school office by Friday, January 15th. If you have questions about the services the USD Dental Hygiene Outreach Program provides, please call Tasha Wendel at 605-658-5967 or email Tasha.Wendel@usd.edu with questions.

Kindergarten screening (for next school year's incoming kindergarteners*) will be held March 4th at Lennox Elementary. We will be using Sign-up Genius to schedule screening appointments and get basic family information- use the following link (which is also posted on our school website) for more information and to choose a time that will work for you. Contact the Elementary office with questions. *Current JrK students do not need to attend.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A4DAC92CAAF58-lennox2>



Please help your child to remember a mask and a water bottle each day.



Looking Ahead:

Wednesday, January 27th– 12:30 Dismissal– Teacher Common Planning

Thursday, February 11th– 12:30 Dismissal– Parent/ Teacher Conferences 1–9pm

Friday, February 12th– No School– Teacher Comp Day

Monday, February 15th– No School– President's Day

Sunshine Preschool is currently taking registrations for the 2021-2022 school year. If your child is 3 years old and potty trained they are welcome to come to preschool. Three year olds and four year olds who are NOT going on to Jr. K or Kindergarten in the fall of 2022 will be in the morning class. 4 year olds and 5 year olds who ARE going onto Jr. K or Kindergarten in the fall of 2022 will be in the afternoon.

We do not hold spots, it is a first come, first spot. We will take 24 kids in each group. If you are interested, please go to Lennox.k12.sd.us.... then to parents.... then to Sunshine Preschool for a registration form to be printed out and mailed to the following address.

Sheryl Ledeboer
Sheryl.ledeboer@k12.sd.us
PO BOX 38
Lennox, SD 57039

If your child has been exposed to someone with a pending or positive covid-19 test please let the school know as soon as possible so that we can have them follow in school quarantine procedures as a precaution. Thank you for helping us to do all we can to stay open and healthy!

Please continue to communicate with us if you know your child was exposed to a positive case of Covid-19 outside of school. Students JrK and older will be allowed to attend if they are symptom free, can stay masked at all times and are able to take additional precautions during the 14 days after the last time they were in contact with the person who has tested positive.

If your student is waiting for results from a COVID-19 test, DO NOT send them to school until you receive confirmation that they tested negative. They may return with a negative test result depending on your instructions from the department of health or your doctor or once symptoms meet the return guidelines of our illness policy stated below.

If your student tests positive, please notify us immediately so that we can gather important information from you and begin contact tracing in order to send out close contact letters to families of students who have been in contact with an ill student. Identities of covid positive students will not be shared with students or families.

Due to high community spread and multiple cases of covid-19 with in our school district ANY student with symptoms must exclude until test result is negative or if untested, student must self-isolate for 10 days since symptom onset, be fever free without Tylenol or Ibuprofen for 24 hours, and have improvement of all symptoms in order to return to school.

Please call (605-647-2203 option 3) or email (angela.smit@k12.sd.us) the elementary if your student will be absent for the day. Please specify the reason they are gone (out of town, appointment, family event, etc.) If your student is not feeling well and you call them in sick we will need to know the following things, if you email or leave a voicemail please leave these details on the message or we will need to call you back:

- 1. What are their specific symptoms?**
- 2. Are they running a fever?**
- 3. Do they have any known exposure to covid-19?**



Activities restrictions:

We have moved to Level 2 in Phase 2: Level 2 (minimal cases in our school buildings)

Limited to high school students with valid school ID and 2 - 6 ticket holders provided by rostered player (this includes parents) (one per family)

- This applies to paid events only (All high school basketball and wrestling).
- Junior High Basketball will be limited to 4 guests per player due to limited capacity within this venue
- Free Streaming at: <https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/schools/Lennox-high-school-Lennox-sd>
- Please social distance and be respectful of others
- **Inside: Mask are required**
- Students in 5th Grade and Under must be accompanied by an adult at all times (concessions, restroom, etc.) and must remain seated in stands during the game.
- Doors open up at 20 minutes before the start of the 1st game; please socially distance while in line
- Tier/precautions are subject to change-check website prior to game
- Concessions will be offered but lines will be socially distanced, thus, much slower
- Fans must exit right after game. No student tunnels, fan-athlete meetings, etc. Players will be expected to return to locker room immediately after the game.

Please follow our illness policy when determining when your child can return to school:

Temperature of 100 F (37.8 C) or greater (with no other symptoms) within the past 24 hours. Child should remain at home until their temperature has returned to normal for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications such as acetaminophen (Tylenol) or ibuprofen (Motrin).

COVID-19 positive diagnosis- (symptoms include new cough, difficulty breathing, fever of 100 degrees or higher, sore throat, new onset of headache, chills, muscle pains, loss of taste/smell, gastrointestinal symptoms of nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea). Current recommendations from the South Dakota Department of Health are students may return to school if they have been fever-free for **24 hours** without the use of fever reducing medication and there is **improvement of all symptoms** and **10 days** have passed since symptoms first appeared. **If your child is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, please keep your child home from school and call your health care provider for guidance.**

If your child becomes ill during the school day with COVID-19 symptoms **and** they have had **close contact (within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes)** with a person confirmed with COVID-19 **or** they have traveled to an area that is reporting a large number of COVID19 cases, please call your doctor and ask that they be tested for COVID-19. If your child tests **negative** for COVID-19, they may return to school when they have been **fever-free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication** and they have **improvement** in their symptoms. If your child has a **pending COVID-19 test**, please keep them home from school **until** you receive the results.

Students who have a potential exposure to Covid- 19 or are identified as a close contact who develop any symptom within the 14 days after exposure date must exclude until test result is negative or if untested, student must self-isolate for 10 days since symptom onset, be fever free without Tylenol or Ibuprofen for 24 hours, and have improvement of all symptoms in order to return to school.

Flu like symptoms – a fever accompanied by any one of the following: cough, runny nose, headache or sore throat. Current recommendations from the CDC are a student diagnosed with H1N1 or Seasonal Influenza may return to school when they have been temperature free for 24 hours without the use of a fever reducing medication. A normal temperature is below 99 F.

Strep Throat – child may return to school after being on antibiotic medication for 24 hours.

Vomiting or Diarrhea- child may return to school 24 hours after the last episode.

Undiagnosed Rash that may be suspicious of infectious disease. The child should be examined by a doctor before coming to school.

Head lice – The child may return to school 24 hours after treatment. The Lennox School District has a NO NIT POLICY and the child will not be allowed back into the classroom until all the nits have been removed. If you find head lice on your child at any time during the school year, please notify the school so their classmates can be checked as well.

Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye), Ringworm or Impetigo – either suspected or diagnosed. Must be treated with medication for 24 hours before returning to school. If your child has been diagnosed with viral pink eye, they may return to school when they no longer experience excessive tearing or matted eyes.

Scabies- the child may return to school after treatment has been given.

Chickenpox-exclude until rash or lesions have crusted over (usually 7 days).

Shingles- Exclude if rash cannot be covered. If rash cannot be covered, exclude until lesions or rash have crusted over.

Pertussis (Whooping Cough) - exclude until completion of five days of appropriate antibiotic treatment. If appropriate antibiotic treatment is not received, exclude until 21 days after onset of symptoms.

Mononucleosis (Mono)- exclude until fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications.

Please remember it is an extremely long day for a child who is sent to school ill. Remaining at home will help minimize the spread of the infections and viruses in the classroom. Thank you for doing your part in keeping our school a healthy environment.