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2017-2018

TECHNOLOGY FEES

Grades K-8

\$30.00 per student

Three or more children
\$75.00 cap

First Day of School is
Wednesday, August 23



*Thank you Lansing
Senior Citizens for your
support of our schools!
Join us for our 5th An-
nual Senior Citizen
Brunch at Memorial
Junior High School on
May 3, 2018*

*"Education is the most
powerful weapon which
you can use to change
the world."*

Nelson Mandela

Chalkboard

Cultivate the unique potential of each student by providing a challenging, supportive, and inclusive environment.

Summer/Fall 2017

Message from the Superintendent

Dr. Cecilia Heiberger

What an exciting time of year as staff, students and families get ready to return to school! We are moving into our 2nd year of our 3-year Strategic Plan which addresses curriculum, student needs, staff professional development, community partnerships, and school construction. As you read our newsletter, you will note the curriculum updates and many programs highlighted are in alignment with our Strategic Plan. I am pleased to share that our Phase I renovation/expansion project of Coolidge School is on schedule. We plan to have our students relocate to the new building upon completion of Phase I in August 2018.



Please join me in welcoming our newest board members, Dr. Sara Wallace and Mr. Michael Vann. Dr. Wallace was elected to serve a 4-year term in April 2016. Mr. Vann was recently appointed to fill the remaining two year term of board member Philip Schumaker who resigned in June 2017. I extend my thanks to both Mr. Kiester and Mr. Schumaker for their service on the Board of Education.

I wish to express my sincerest thanks to newly retired teachers Mrs. Carol Schapp, Ms. Janice Sausman and Mrs. Monica Schumaker who taught Music/Choir, Art, and Reading, respectively. Their commitment to education was demonstrated each day as they served to meet the needs of their students.

Springfield's politics continue to impact the lives of school children across the State regarding an equitable school funding model. Our District is fortunate to be able to open our doors on time and stay open. Together we will continue working to meet the needs of our students as we *cultivate the unique potential of each student by providing a challenging, supportive and inclusive environment.*

SUPPORT STUDENT SAFETY!

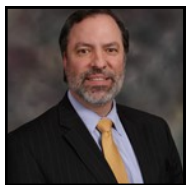


District 158 Administration, PTA's, Lansing Village Officials, Lansing Chamber, and Lansing residents come together in support of student safety!

Please help bring attention for drivers to slow down anywhere children are walking/biking throughout the community.

Lawn signs "Drive Like Your Kid Lives Here" may be purchased at any District 158 school for \$5.

BOARD OF EDUCATION



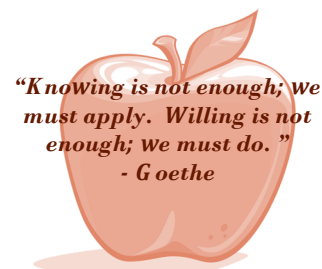
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Memorial Junior High School "Home of the Mighty Mustangs"

Greetings from the Memorial Administrative Team and Staff! We hope everyone had a fun and restful summer. We welcome Mr. Jon Herron as our new Dean/Athletic Director and Mr. Jack Gaham as our 8th Grade Assistant Principal for Memorial Junior High School. The administrative team and staff have been preparing for the start of the 2017-2018 school year with many exciting events for our students.

Join us in our annual *Back to School Bash* on August 22 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. We plan to have a live DJ, dunk tank, outdoor inflatable bouncy gym, games, raffle prizes, and more. Our Open House is scheduled for August 30 at 5:30 p.m. Please join us as we share our future events, introduce staff, and invite you to visit your student's classrooms to learn about our curriculum.

We are proud of the academic gains made by our students this past school year and will continue to work towards increasing student achievement. Our STEM teachers have trained this summer on a new unit building and construction at the University of Illinois Chicago campus to prepare challenging and engaging lessons for our students. We are also looking to expand club opportunities in the areas of Music, Art, Spanish, and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics).

We recognize the importance of parental support in all school related matters and appreciate the time our PTA families give to our school. I extend a warm welcome to all our parents and extended families to continue to be an active part of your student's education.



SUMMER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Staff have been actively attending professional development throughout the summer. All Professional Development was carefully designed to be in alignment with our Strategic Plan and included: Crisis Prevention and Intervention; Measures of Academic Progress; Writing with Structure and Style; Guided Math; and Intro to Trauma, Compassion, and Resiliency.

In addition, our English Language Arts and Math committees have been updating district curriculum maps to ensure alignment with Common Core State Standards.

“Our best teachers do more than impart facts and figures — they inspire and encourage students and instill a true desire to learn. That is a fine art in itself.” - Sonny Perdue

OAK GLEN SCHOOL

We hope you had a fun and relaxing summer and are ready and excited for another engaging school year! This year will focus on how we are all Superheroes because all of us have greatness within ourselves! We will plan our activities to revolve around showcasing how staff, students, and parents are truly superheroes working together and sharing our “powers.”



New this year, our Extended Day Program has been expanded to include 2nd grade along with grades 3 to 5. This after school program will provide assistance to students in the areas of math and reading. Our weekly Grizzly Greetings has been expanded by adding an additional day to reach more students. We also plan to start this year with *The Good Vibe Tribe*!

Enjoy these next few weeks. We look forward to seeing your smiling faces at Open House Tuesday, August 22 from 5:30-7:00!

Mexico en el Corazon 2017

Mexico en el Corazon 2017 is a tour of a mariachi and folkloric dance group. This group tours across the United States and will be putting on events in fourteen cities. This cultural event is open to the public to showcase some of the traditional arts of Mexico such as dance and music.

Mexico en el Corazon 2017 will be presented Saturday, August 26 at Memorial Junior High School from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event is free to the public. Art will be on display and hand crafted items will be available for sale to the public. Please join us for this afternoon of exciting and colorful music and dance!



COOLIDGE SCHOOL



The staff at Coolidge has been spending the summer making Coolidge Elementary School an even better place! Construction is going well; seeing the walls go up has been very exciting! Classes in the new building are planned for August of 2018. The teachers have been busy taking professional development classes preparing for the school year. Coolidge Elementary School is fortunate to have a caring, dedicated and compassionate teaching staff.

Our schoolwide theme this year is “Make Good Choices”. All grade levels will be discussing how to make the right choices when learning, behaving, and interacting with others.

Our partnerships with the families in our community are extremely important to us! Our Coolidge Family Picnic is Friday, August 25th from 5:00 to 7:00. Bring your lawn chairs and join us for a picnic in our front yard on Adams Street. This is a great way to meet other families and see all of the students interacting together. Our PTA has organized games and activities for our students. Visit our Book Fair in the big gym. An excellent way to start the school year is with a good book! The Coolidge PTA organizes several family events throughout the year so please check our monthly school calendar. Events are also communicated to you through email. Please be sure our school office has your current email address.

The Coolidge Staff is excited to see you at Open House on Tuesday, August 22nd from 5:30 to 7:00. Teachers will discuss their classroom expectations at 5:30, 6:00 and 6:30. Bring your school supplies and meet your child’s teacher! We are looking forward to a fantastic school year! We are happy that you are a part of our school community!

Thank you to the Lansing Police Department for their support of our students through the DANGER program and Shop With a Cop program!

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SCHOOL BEGINS ON AUGUST 23, 2017

Wednesday, August 23 will be our first full day of school for all students. All elementary students in grades K-5 will attend school from 8:50 a.m.-3:05 p.m., Junior High students will attend from 8:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., Early Childhood students who attend the morning session will be in their classrooms from 8:50 a.m.-11:20 a.m., with the afternoon students attending 12:35 p.m.-3:05 p.m.

REAVIS SCHOOL

Reavis School would like to congratulate their Girls on the Run Team who completed their 2017 program by running a 5K in Chicago in May. 27 girls participated in the 10 week program in which 8 staff members volunteered their time to train with them as well as facilitate social/emotional and healthy habit lessons. Each student had either a teacher or family member as their "running buddy". Reavis will again host a Girls on the Run Team for the 2017-18 school year in addition to various academic and activity based programs.



Programs that will be offered at Reavis this year include an Extended Day reading and math skill based program for students in grades 2-5 beginning in October, a Winter Holiday Class, the Reavis Reading Race that will take place from November 1st - March 2nd, Moments

with Mom, Donuts with Dad, Goodies with Grandparents, and various PTA events such as craft nights, movie nights, and fun nights. We encourage families to check their child's yellow home communication folder daily which they will receive on the first day of school. We hope to see all of our families at Open House on Tuesday, August 22nd from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.



LESTER CRAWL PRIMARY CENTER

Please welcome Dr. Kim Morley as Principal of Lester Crawl.

As a parent, you may wonder if your 3 to 5 year old is learning and growing appropriately.



Lester Crawl Primary Center offers a screening that will provide a quick look at how your child is learning and growing. The screening allows us to determine if your child's development is appropriate at this time; if a follow-up screening or further evaluation is needed; and if your child qualifies for a District 158 program or service. Every child grows and develops at his or her own pace. Still, child development tends to follow a fairly predictable path. Please contact **Lester Crawl Primary Center** at **(708) 474-4868** to schedule an appointment. If your child is **under the age of 3** and you would like a screening, please call the **Family Enrichment Program** at **(708) 841-5950**.

*"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."
Anne Frank*