

New York Elementary

December 2022

Calendar of Events

- Dec. 2 & 16 - Student Leaders Club
- Dec. 6, 13, 20 - Chess Club
- Dec. 15th - Site Council Meeting 5:30-6:30p.m.
- Dec. 15 - PTA Meeting 6:30-7:30p.m.
- Dec. 20 - End of the 2nd Quarter
- Dec. 21-31 - No School, Winter Break

Upcoming Events

- Jan. 2-4 - No School, Winter Break
- Jan. 5 - Regular Schedule
- Jan. 5 - PTA Meeting 6:30-7:30p.m.
- Jan. 11 - Spelling Bee (3rd-5th grades)
- Jan. 16 - No School, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan. 17 - MLK Chili Feed 5-7p.m.



Food Donation for the Clinic

The clinic here at New York Elementary is asking for donations of saltine crackers. You may contact our Nurse Margret Wiebe for any questions you may have at margaret.wiebe@usd497.org.

MLK Chili Feed

Save the Date to your calendars! January 17th will be the annual MLK Chili Feed hosted by New York Elementary. We will be providing more information in the upcoming weeks about food donations and volunteers.

Attendance and Pick-Up

Please contact the office if your child(ren) will not be present for the day or will be in late. You may contact by email at alevings@usd497.org or by phone 785-832.5780. The beginning of the school day is extremely busy so you may leave a voicemail with your child(ren)'s names and the reason for the absence.

If your child(ren) need to leave for an appointment please contact the office **AT LEAST 30 minutes** ahead of the pick-up time. If you have a change of plans for your child(ren) please contact the office **NO LATER than 2:30p.m. (or 1p.m. for Wednesdays early dismissal)**. The office staff will not be able to deliver messages after those times **UNLESS** it is in case of an emergency.

Please make sure that if your child(ren) are being picked up before dismissal it is done before 2:45 (1:15 on Wednesdays). Anything after this time will need to

A Letter from our Nurse

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

There have been reported cases of flu/influenza in our school building. The flu is very contagious and can spread from person to person by breathing in the droplets from a cough or sneeze that contain the flu virus. People with the flu are most contagious in the first 3-4 days after their illness begins.

Signs and Symptoms of the flu may include:

- Fever (100.0 or higher) or feeling feverish/chills
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Muscle or body aches
- Fatigue (tiredness)
- Vomiting or diarrhea

If your child has any of these symptoms, they need to stay home and you should contact your doctor for further evaluation as soon as possible.

Prevention:

- CDC recommends flu vaccination for everyone 6 months and older
- Hand washing with soap and water, especially before meals; alcohol based hand sanitizers will work
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw tissue in trash and wash hands
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick

When can my child return to school after having the flu?

The KDHE recommends that each person with a case of flu shall remain in home isolation for **five days** following the onset of illness or until **fever free for 24 hours without the aid of fever reducing medication, whichever is longer**. In addition, your child needs to feel well enough to participate in class activity.

If you have any questions please contact the school nurse.

Margaret Wiebe, RN

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When to Keep Your Child Home from School

FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE!

It's that time of year! Is your child sick? Is it Covid? Is it the flu?

How do you know if they are...

TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?

Please help decrease the spread of illness by following these guidelines!

How do you decide to keep your child home from school?

Stay home, consider testing, call the doctor...

****A temperature over 100.0 F.** Remember that medications like Tylenol and Advil can mask the effects of a fever. Try to take your child's temperature before you give fever-reducing medicine. Consult your doctor for a high fever or a fever that lasts a long time, get tested.

****Persistent vomiting and/or diarrhea.** Consult your doctor for persistent symptoms. GI symptoms may also be a Covid symptom.

****A severe cold with fever, sneezing, and thickened nasal discharge, especially for younger children, who do not remember to cover their mouth or wash hands.** Consult your doctor, get tested. ****A frequent or persistent cough.** Does the cough keep your child awake at night, does it worsen with increased activity, or is it combined with other symptoms? Is there fever? Consult your doctor, get tested. ****A persistent red sore throat, especially if the tonsils are enlarged.** Consult your doctor. ****A severe and persistent earache.** Consult your doctor.

****Redness in the whites of the eyes, yellow eye discharge and matted lashes are symptoms of conjunctivitis (pinkeye).** A doctor should be consulted for treatment as this is highly contagious.

****DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE A RASH?** Rashes can be difficult to evaluate. If they are all over the body, spread over time, blistery, oozing, or painful, they could be a sign of a **contagious infection**, such as chicken pox or measles. **Consult your doctor and DO NOT SEND TO SCHOOL!**

PLEASE keep your child home if they are ill!

*Remember, these suggestions should be considered a guide, if you are still unsure whether to send your son/daughter to school, **please call your physician for further guidance.***

For more information about influenza go to the following link:

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/treatment/takingcare.htm#whatshould>

For information about COVID please visit the LPS website:

<https://www.usd497.org/Page/14886>



Parent Information to Help Your Student with the Spelling Bee

Follow the link for parents to help your child(ren) practice for the spelling bee.

<https://spellingbee.com/parents>

Future Planning Community Engagement Process

The Lawrence Board of Education on August 8, 2022, contracted with consultant RSP & Associates to provide school boundaries, community development, and housing analyses, as well as facility utilization and enrollment projections. RSP also will facilitate a Futures Planning Community Engagement process to develop recommendations to the board about aligning [student needs](#) with the board's [strategic plan](#) and available resources, including curricular and [financial resources](#).

Rob Schwarz, RSP founder and CEO, explained that this will be a community-oriented process, backed by data, for examining solutions that will improve students' academic experience. He outlined [a six-](#)

[month process](#) of committee meetings, school board updates, public input sessions, and a community survey. This Futures Planning Community Engagement process will begin in September and conclude by February 2023.

Lawrence Public Schools invited interested individuals to apply to serve on the Futures Planning Committee and selected students, parents/guardians, teachers/staff, and community members representing a broad cross-section of the school district and community.

For more information please follow this link <https://www.usd497.org/Domain/9584>



Winter Break for the Lawrence School District is December 21st thru January 4th. Students will return for their regular schedule on January 5th.

Upcoming Reading Event February 9th

Come and hear stories read by the some of our Best of Lawrence citizens. Enjoy as snack as you listen.

Special guest appearances by:

- KU Athletes
- Loving Paws Dogs
- Demetrius Kemp






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