

August 30, 2013

Lakeview Families,

This is an exciting time of year! There is a feeling of back to school in the air! At my house there has been a lot of inventorying of new school supplies, organization of backpacks, sharpening of pencils, and the selection of the very important first day of school outfit! I'm sure you can relate.

We had two big events this week. On Wednesday, our new kindergarteners visited us for their orientation. They rode a school bus and had their first recess. They entertained us while their parents met with their teachers. Our meet and greet yesterday was well attended. It was fun to have students in the building again. Their presence creates an energy that makes a school feel like school! It was so fun for me to finally meet so many of them. They were polite, welcoming, and eager. I can't wait to get to know them better.

Your student will be receiving a packet of back to school information on the first day. Please take a moment to review all of the information.

We are ready and excited for the first day of school!

Enjoy the last weekend of summer break,

Rebekah Westra

**Housekeeping Items:**

**Important Dates and Times**

September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	First day of School	9:00 a.m.
	Parent Coffee	9:00-9:30 a.m.
September 5 <sup>th</sup>	Back to School PTSA BBQ	5:30-7:00 p.m.

## **Procedures**

The first day of school is September 3<sup>rd</sup>. As you returning parents know, our upper lot can get congested and busy. We encourage you to use the lower lot (enter from State Street), park near the school and walk your student, walk, or use the school bus if you are eligible.

Please direct your students to line up with their classes behind the school. Their places will be clearly marked. The first bell rings at 8:55. Students may begin arriving at 8:45. Kindergarten will be on a staggered start with students with a last name of A-L coming on Tuesday, M-Z coming on Wednesday, and all kindergartners coming on Thursday.

## **Thanks to:**

Our wonderful custodians who spent much of the summer deep cleaning our building and preparing it for this school year.

The Lakeview PTSA. They have been a tremendous help in preparing our back to school packets, creating beautiful bulletin boards in our school, and supporting us in so many other ways. Please check out their new (very impressive!) website at [lakeviewptsa.org](http://lakeviewptsa.org). Please consider joining PTSA and being part of a great organization.

## **Counselor's Corner**

From Mrs. Ben-Menacham:

Welcome back to Lakeview! It's going to be a great year and I'm so excited to see your children again and meet our new students! While it can be exciting to find out who their new teacher is, to see old friends, or meet new ones, it's natural for children to have some anxiety about returning to school or coming to school for the first time. If you have a kiddo who is nervous to return to school, check-out these tips on easing worries. See you soon!