

## Lakewood Elementary



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### Welcome Back!

This year's theme - "Welcome Home" has a very special meaning this year. COVID simply made us realize how lucky we are to work with Norwalk kids and parents! This building has been empty for too long and we have worked very hard this summer to create plans that will create a balance of normalcy as well as safety for your child. We are excited to work with you in a collaborative nature to create another year of excellence no matter the educational format. We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our students can achieve the highest potential in every way.

Some things of "normalcy" will have to be refined this year. We will NOT be doing a Regular Open House this year. We will send out virtual tours and your child will be receiving a message from their team. If you want to schedule an appointment, please email Mrs. Jensen at [jjensen@norwalk.k12.ia.us](mailto:jjensen@norwalk.k12.ia.us). There will be differences in daily routines and as time becomes closer, I will communicate those with you.

If you have an incoming 4th Grader, the teams have created a content specialist for each teaching team. In other words, your child will have an opportunity to work with teaching teams instead of one teacher. The purpose is twofold:

- 1.) To gain content expertise for a rigid, viable implementation of curriculum
- 2.) Help them in transition to Middle School

### New Teachers:

We really didn't get to say Good Bye to some of the LW teachers who were leaving, so here is an update:

Clint Driftmier- Assistant Elementary Principal at Winterset

Shaun Lehman- Elementary Principal at Gladbrook Reinbeck

Ashley Traver- Heartland AEA

Marissa Friesen- Family and Consumer Science at Dallas Center Grimes

Nicole Linderman- Elementary Curriculum and Assessment Facilitator

Andy Sullivan- Private Sector

I'm very excited to announce the changes for the LW staff for the upcoming year.

- Jordan Schmitt- Elementary PE

**Myranda Johnson:**

Myranda will be joining the 4th Grade team. She is a graduate of Iowa State University and did her student teaching at Lakewood. She grew up in West Des Moines and got her Bachelor Degree in Elementary Education at Iowa State University. She has her endorsements in reading, math and coaching. She has experience with Girls on the Run as she was the coach for a school in Ames. She loves crafts, watching movies and anything outdoors.

**Brooke Trautsch:**

Brooke will also be joining the 4th Grade team. She is a graduate of Grand View University and was an All Conference performer on the Women's Basketball team. She is originally from Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. She has her endorsements in both reading and language arts. She loves to read and find new books and anything outside.

**Emilee Anderson:**

Emilee will be joining the 5th Grade team. She is a graduate of Central in Pella. She is originally from Waukee. She has a reading endorsement and will be taking Andy Sullivan's spot on the team. She loves to play game night with her family, the Hawkeyes and Bears and riding bikes.



**Congratulations Mrs. Menke as Norwalk's Nominee for Teacher of the Year:**

From Monday Music to Driveway Duets during the COVID period at Lakewood, our students were active in music. Mrs. Menke pushes her innovation into normalcy at Lakewood. She is a shining example of what a growth mindset should look like for both adults and students. Her participation in band is over 85% of the 5th Grade students and she constantly puts them in situations where they succeed. Her music ensemble last year was selected to present at the Leader in Me Symposium last year. Her students perform anywhere and anytime! She even has the staff committed to her crazy holiday music skit! She is a great representation of what is good in Norwalk. Congratulations Mrs. Menke

**Important Events:**

August 14th- Class Placements Announced in Infinite Campus

New Student Orientation by Appointment- Email: [jjensen@norwalk.k12.ia.us](mailto:jjensen@norwalk.k12.ia.us)

August 24th- First Day of School-

**Important Links:**

Registration: <https://www.norwalkschools.org/registration/>

Student Fees: <https://www.norwalkschools.org/parents-and-students-2/parents/student-fees/>

Nutrition: <https://www.norwalkschools.org/district/departments/nutrition/>

Transportation Change/Request Form:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeV541-YBbu\\_Ywuh8OCXHI8JCmCPJ8kzmKAwSbp86SubfmsXg/vi  
ewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeV541-YBbu_Ywuh8OCXHI8JCmCPJ8kzmKAwSbp86SubfmsXg/vi<br/>ewform)

Parent Portal Help: <https://goo.gl/HnHVRL>

School Supply Lists:

<https://www.norwalkschools.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Preschool-through-5th-Supply-List-2018.2019.pdf>

**Goals for the Upcoming Year:**

We feel that there is an importance to be transparent about both our building goal and action plan with our parents and students. We work hard to develop a focus and vision to excellence and both the goals and the plan allow that for our teachers. We report our with the data boards in the building throughout the year.

<b>Lakewood Building Goals-</b>
<p><b>Academic Goal: aReading</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 90% of the Lakewood students will be proficient on the aReading Spring 2021 FastBridge Benchmark</li><li>● 90% of Lakewood students will be at typical or aggressive growth on the aReading Spring 2021 FastBridge Benchmark.</li></ul>
<p><b>Growth Goal: Fluency</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 90% of the Lakewood students will be proficient on the Fluency Spring 2021 FastBridge Benchmark.</li><li>● 90% of Lakewood students will be at typical or aggressive growth on the Fluency Spring 2021 Benchmark.</li></ul>
<p><b>Academic Goal: Math</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 90% of the Lakewood students will be proficient on the aMath Spring 2021 FastBridge Benchmark.</li><li>● 90% of Lakewood students will be at typical or aggressive growth on the aMath Spring 2021 FastBridge Benchmark</li></ul>

**Leadership Goal: WIGS**

- 100% of students will create and monitor an individual goal based on their FastBridge Benchmark in both reading and math

**Action Plan for Lakewood Staff:**

- Implement EL Education Module lessons with integrity and fidelity
- Use the Marzano Instructional Framework as a tool to study and grow in the classroom
  - 100% of the teachers will be able to write an intentional thinking map independently
  - 100% of the teachers will receive/give feedback based on the framework
- Individualized personal learning plans for the teachers.
- Utilizing data and growth in classrooms, PLC's and grade levels
  - Interpretation and learning various data protocols will be the focus of PLC's
  - Grade Level, Classroom and Individual WIGS will be the focus for the students
- Building awareness of Habit Five- Seek to Understand, then to be Understood
  - Diversity and Equity Awareness
  - Trauma and Social Emotional Learning Awareness
- Build Capacity in Technology
  - Staff will learn new technology proficiency skills in the area of Google and SeeSaw