



## Lakewood Elementary

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### Times for the 2022-23 School Year

7:55- START TIME

3:05- DISMISSAL TIME

### Welcome Back!

What a difference a couple of years makes! We feel that with the challenges of the last couple of years we are new and improved. The staff is ready to combine some of the procedures that were adopted during Covid with some of the procedures that we used prior to Covid. We learned a lot and feel like this could be our best year yet! We are excited to work with you in a collaborative nature to create another year of excellence. We have some lofty goals for both the students and the building as we move into the school year.

Some things of “normalcy” will have to be refined this year. We will be doing an Open House with sign up times again this year. The teachers felt that limiting the number of students gave them a chance to visit with their students more prior to the first day of school. Each student at Lakewood will have two teachers: ELA/Social Studies and Math/Science. Feel free to stop in both rooms during Open House. The homeroom on Infinite Campus signifies where the student will start for their day. If you want to schedule with Miss Sullivan (Counselor) [gsullivan@norwalk.k12.ia.us](mailto:gsullivan@norwalk.k12.ia.us) or Mrs. Neifert (School Nurse) [sneifert@norwalk.k12.ia.us](mailto:sneifert@norwalk.k12.ia.us) please feel free to contact them.

4th Grade Open House Sign up: [Link](#)

5th Grade Open House Sign up: [Link](#)

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 of two 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

**If you have a 5th Grader,** your child will have two teachers, but those teachers will not be teaming. The students have an opportunity to have a morning class with students, then in the afternoon, they will have another teacher with other students. The purpose is twofold:

- 1.) Increase the number of students in their classrooms so they will know more peers going to MS
- 2.) Help them transition to Middle School as 6th Grade is moving to student communities

If you have a student who is NEW to Norwalk, Miss Sullivan will be hosting a New Student Orientation on August 16th at 1:00. It will start in the Lakewood cafeteria. An adult can attend with their child if you wish.

#### **4th Grade New Teachers/Transfers:**

**Ginny Kraus-** Transferred into 4th Grade Math/Science (Anna Foley)

**Ben Vonheeder-** Ben is a new hire who previously taught in LeMars and is originally from Hinton. He will also be coaching soccer. (Brett Flander)

**Drew Fielder-** Drew is an Iowa State graduate, who last year served as a long term sub for both Anna Foley and Katie Naert. He is originally from Webster City. (Katie Naert)

**Gabby Menninga-** Gabby is a recent graduate of Central College and student taught in Pella. She is originally from Ottumwa. (New position)

#### **5th Grade New Teachers/Transfers:**

**Ashlynn Averhoff-** Ashlynn is a UNI graduate who last year taught at Alburnett Elementary School. She is originally from Cedar Rapids. She will be teaching EL/SS (Kori Clouse)

**Isabel Schminke-** Isabel is a recent graduate of Iowa State University and grew up in Cedar Rapids. She will be teaching EL/SS (New position)

**Skye Verhoste-** Skye has experience teaching in Marshalltown and is originally from Des Moines. She will be teaching Math/Science (Ginny Krause)

#### **Special Education:**

**Miranda Hansen-** Miranda will be working with the special education department this year. She has experience working at Waterloo East and is originally from Manning. (Kelly Cheng)

#### **Important Events:**

August 16th- 1:00- New to Norwalk Student Orientation

August 17th- Class Placements Announced in Infinite Campus

August 18th- Open House/Leader in Me Family Night- 4:00-7:00

August 23- First Day of School-Early out

August 24- Early Out

#### **Helpful Links and Information:**

[Registration](#)

[Supply Lists](#)

In order to see your child's teacher, you will have to be signed up for Infinite Campus and Parent Portal

We do have students with peanut allergies, so here is a list of some alternative snack options: [List](#)

Transportation routes and pick up/drop off times will not be handled by location of drop off and pick up. You must register your child by August 1st to guarantee them a spot on the route for the first day of school. You are welcome to register your child after August 1st, but they may not have a spot on the bus for up to two weeks. . Visit [NCSD Transportation](#)

**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 with the data boards in the building throughout the year.

**Growing Learning for 2022-23**

**Academic Goal:**

**Proficiency**

- By the end of the 2022-2023 school year, 85% or more of the students will achieve proficiency by improving the implementation and monitoring of priority standards in all classrooms.

**Academic Goal:**

**FastBridge Reading**

- By the end of the 2022-23 school year, 85% of 4th & 5th grade students will be proficient on the Spring 2023 FastBridge CBMreading benchmark.
- By the end of the 2022-23 school year, 85% of 4th & 5th grade students will be proficient on the Spring 2023 FastBridge aReading Benchmark

**Academic Goal :**

**Fastbridge Math**

- By the end of the 2022-23 school year, 85% of 4th & 5th grade students will be proficient on the Spring 2023 FastBridge aMath benchmark.

**Growing Learning for 2022-23**

**Leader in Me Goals (WIGS)**

- By the end of the 2022-23, 100% of staff will incorporate Leader in Me WIGS in the morning/afternoon classes

**Culture:**

- By the end of the 2022-23 school year, 100% of students will have a classroom or school-wide leadership role for the 21-22 school year (voice & choice)
- By the end of the 2022-23 school year, 100% of the staff will be on an action team for Leader in Me

**Academics:**

- By the end of the 2022-23 school year, 100% of students will be able to write their own WIGS and use their leadership notebooks

At Lakewood, we take deep pride in *Growing Leaders and Learners* as a district mission. Our building mission is *Every Child, Every Day*. The staff will continue to work hard to impact the children every day to become better both academically and socially.