

Lakewood Elementary School
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Office of the Principal

August 2011

Dear Lakewood Parents:

Summer greetings! I hope that this letter finds you and your family well and anxiously awaiting for the start of the new school year. Our first day of school is on **Monday, August 29, 2011!**

The following information will update you on Lakewood's policies, procedures and events in preparation for a smooth start to a great year!

[Our August Mailer is now ON LINE: Due to budget cuts and our financial challenges at this time, Lakewood Elementary School will be putting the August Mailer online. We will also notify our parents of this information through our PTA E-Blast and a Connect Ed reminder message.](#)

Easy Access to Lakewood Home Page: Go to Montgomery County Public Schools Web site: Click ES Schools, find Lakewood ES and click on link or type:
<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/lakewoodes/> Add to your favorites!

Communication and information from the Principal's office throughout the year will be posted on our web site and maintained in a timely manner so that our Lakewood families and friends may stay current with important information. Please spend time exploring our website for all our useful information and please check our website on a daily basis as new information will arrive.

[The main office will have hard copies of our August mailer available for families who do not have access to the web. Please stop by and get a copy !](#)

From The Office of School Performance: As these tight budget times continue, we appreciate the funding and support the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) has received from the County Council. We recognize that it is imperative to use our resources in the most efficient and effective manner. MCPS staffing allocations are based on projected enrollment. *In some cases*, it may become necessary for staffing changes to occur in schools if enrollment comes in below projection and doesn't justify the staffing that was allocated. If there is a need to make an adjustment in staffing based on actual enrollment, we will do our best to minimize the impact of these necessary adjustments. We will keep you informed and alert you of any changes that may occur at our school.

Attention New Families!

Welcome to Lakewood! ☺ We will be holding:

- **New Kindergarten Parent Meeting on Wednesday, August 24th, at 6:00 PM in the All Purpose Room (APR)/Cafeteria** where Mrs. Barnett, Mrs. Johnson, Ms. Zuckerman, our kindergarten teachers, will inform parents of some pertinent information they need to know for the start of school.
- **New Lakewood Parents Meeting**, which will include information pertaining to our school for families that are new to the Lakewood family, will be held immediately following the new Kindergarten meeting approximately around 7:15 PM in the All Purpose Room (APR)/Cafeteria.

Mark Your Calendars!!

Our **Back-to-School Night** is scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

- **Grades K-2 ONLY**

6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

7:00 - 7:15 p.m.

7:20 - 8:30 p.m.

Principal EIC Presentation

PTA Welcome

Classroom Visits

Wednesday, September 14, 2011

- Grades 3-5 ONLY

7:00 - 7:15 p.m.

Principal & PTA Welcome

7:20 - 8:30 p.m.

Classroom Visits

The PTA will be set up in our main hallway starting at 5:30 PM to meet/greet new parents to encourage membership and share information regarding the many fun, exciting events they are sponsoring for the new school year. All meetings are for adults only.

Bar-T's Before and After School Care Program will also be attending. Please see Mr. Tim France, our Lakewood BAR-T site director. Bar-T Kindergarten Enrichment (program for 4 year-olds) and Kiddie Club (program for 3 year-olds) site director is Ms. Neisha Malhotra. To enroll your child in any of Bar-T's programs, please call (301) 948-3172.

Class Lists: Due to the excessive cost of postage, we will not be sending post cards this year. All 2011-2012 classroom assignments will be posted on our school website no later than Tuesday, August 23, 2011. A Connect-Ed message will be sent to all registered families.

Please welcome Our New Staff:

Ms. Becky Seay-Katz, Grade 2 Teacher

Ms. Tracey Gault, Grade 4 Teacher

Ms. Stacey Podber, Media Assistant

Ms. Susan Silversmith, Grade 5 Teacher

Ms. Carrie Stasio, Grade 5 Teacher

Mr. Jason Levine, Grade 5 Teacher

Let's give a friendly welcome to our new Lakewood staff!!

Open House is scheduled for Friday, August 26. The time will be 2:00 to 3:00 pm. Students are invited to meet their new teacher and see their new classroom. We are looking forward to having a wonderful year working with you and your child(ren). We are all excited about this new school year and we know that we will work together to ensure that our environment promotes the love of learning!

Our school hours are from 8:50 AM to 3:05 PM. Students can arrive between 8:30 AM to 8:50 AM. Adult supervision provided by Lakewood staff does not start until 8:30 a.m. **Please do not send or drop off your child to school earlier than 8:30 AM.** Students will need to be unpacked and ready to start school by 8:50 AM. Students who arrive **after 8:50 AM** will be considered **tardy** and **will need to be signed in by a parent or guardian in the main office.**

During the first week of school, all teachers will greet their students by holding signs designating their name and the grade they teach. Students in grades K, 1, and 2, should report to the gym. Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 should report directly to the hallways outside of their classrooms. During the first week of school teachers will lead students to their class at 8:45 a.m. Lakewood staff will let students know what procedures to follow daily.

Several informational links pertinent to the opening of the school:

[Transportation Information \(Bus Schedules\)](#)

[Pupil Rights Amendment Information](#)

[2011-2012 MCPS School Calendars](#)

[Lakewood Eagle Expectations](#)

[School Meals and Cafeteria Information](#)

[Directory Withholding Information](#)

[Lakewood PTA Informational Website](#)

[Course Related Fees](#)

Sincerely

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Principal

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