

# New York Knightly News

August 2019



## Calendar

### No Important August Dates

Sept. 2nd  
No School—Labor Day

Reminder—Every  
Wednesday school is out at  
1:35pm

## Please Take Note Of the New Lunch Schedule

K	11:25-11:50
3rd	11:30-11:55
4th	11:45-12:10
1st	11:50-12:15
2nd	12:05-12:30
5th	12:10-12:35

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## Emergency Safety Interventions

Kansas regulations require that districts develop and implement written policies to govern the use of Emergency Safety Interventions in all schools. Emergency Safety Intervention (ESI) is defined as seclusion and restraint that is used when the student presents an immediate danger to self or others. Lawrence Public School's Board of Education adopted an ESI policy on October 28, 2013. This policy is available in the following places:

- BOE policy manual
- Building website
- Building student handbook

If you need a hard copy of the ESI policy, please contact your building principal.



*Please make sure you let the office know if your student is going to be late or absent.* We have an automated call system that calls parents when students are late or absent. If you are not receiving these calls and believe you should be, please contact the office to make sure we have a correct phone number.

## No Child Left Behind HR 1

The "No Child Left Behind" legislation was signed into law by President Bush in January 2002. Contained within this legislation are regulations regarding highly qualified teachers in class-rooms. You have the right to request information on the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teachers. If you want this information, please contact David Cunningham, Division Director of Human Resources for Lawrence Public Schools (785-832-5000).

## Boys & Girls Club

Please call or email Anthony Foster with questions or change of plans.



Cell phone: 785-813-6867  
NY BGC phone: 785-865-6177  
Main phone: 785-841-5672  
Email: [afoster@bgclk.org](mailto:afoster@bgclk.org)



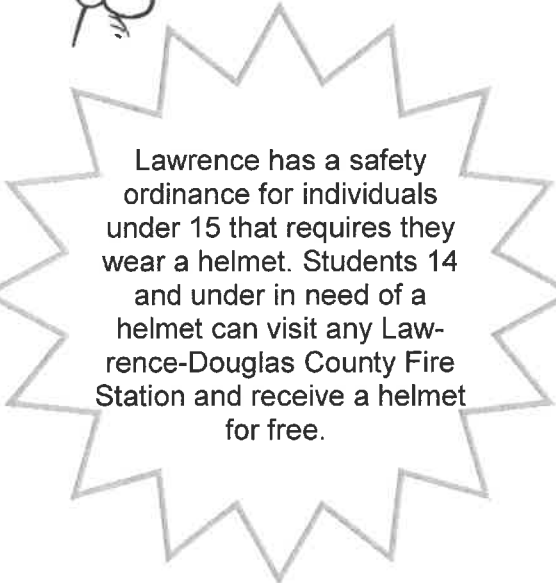
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## Fun Changes to the Morning Schedule

We have several changes happening this school year!

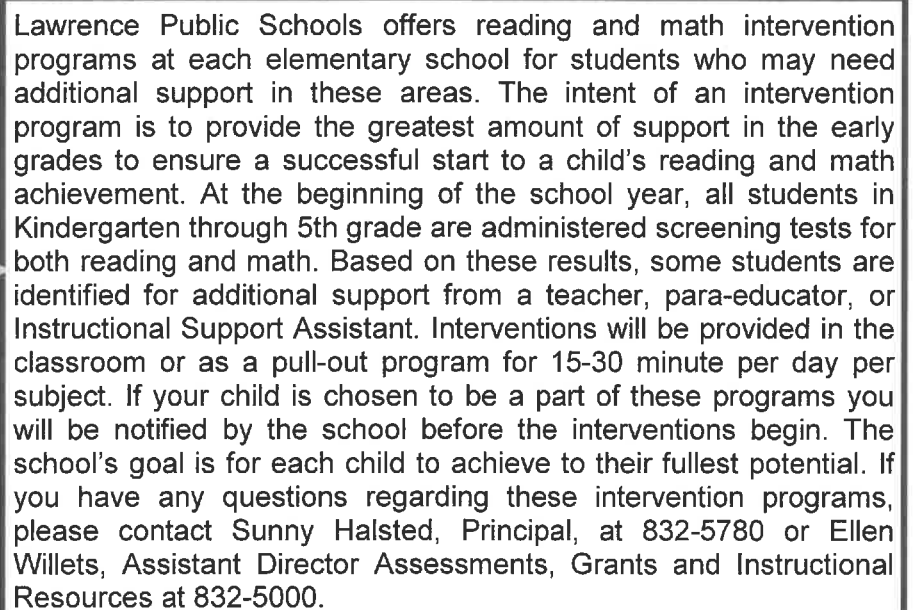
- 1.) ALL students may enter the building at 7:30am.
- 2.) Students may eat breakfast between 7:30 and 7:45am. Any students who miss breakfast during this time will get "second chance" breakfast at 8:30am.
- 3.) All students present at 7:45 (and those arriving between 7:45 and 8:00) should be in the gym for Morning Meeting.
- 4.) Students who arrive between 7:30 and 7:45 and are NOT eating breakfast have the option to participate in yoga in the gym or some fun reading activities in the library. Then, at 7:45 they will head to the gym to attend Morning Meeting.

This may seem a bit overwhelming at first, but with some time and practice this new schedule will run smoothly!



Lawrence has a safety ordinance for individuals under 15 that requires they wear a helmet. Students 14 and under in need of a helmet can visit any Lawrence-Douglas County Fire Station and receive a helmet for free.

## Reading & Math Interventions



Lawrence Public Schools offers reading and math intervention programs at each elementary school for students who may need additional support in these areas. The intent of an intervention program is to provide the greatest amount of support in the early grades to ensure a successful start to a child's reading and math achievement. At the beginning of the school year, all students in Kindergarten through 5th grade are administered screening tests for both reading and math. Based on these results, some students are identified for additional support from a teacher, para-educator, or Instructional Support Assistant. Interventions will be provided in the classroom or as a pull-out program for 15-30 minute per day per subject. If your child is chosen to be a part of these programs you will be notified by the school before the interventions begin. The school's goal is for each child to achieve to their fullest potential. If you have any questions regarding these intervention programs, please contact Sunny Halsted, Principal, at 832-5780 or Ellen Willets, Assistant Director Assessments, Grants and Instructional Resources at 832-5000.



## Immunization Requirements

The Kansas State Department of Health and Environment immunization requirements for the 2019-2020 school year (Kansas Statute 72-5209)

**DTap:** Five doses required.

**Tdap:** Booster dose of Tdap is required for students in grades 7-12, if no history of Tdap vaccination. If pertussis contraindicated, KCI Form B Medical Exemption should be completed by a physician.

**Polio:** Four doses required, three doses acceptable.

**MMR:** Two doses required.

**Varicella (Chickenpox):** TWO doses required for students in K-10. ONE dose required for grades 11-12. Or documentation of varicella (chickenpox) by a licensed healthcare provider.

**Hepatitis B:** Three doses for students grades K-12.

To access the complete immunization schedule, please visit [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules) or <http://www.kdheks.gov/immunize/schedule.htm>

# WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

Dear New York Families,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year!

It is my pleasure to welcome our students and parents to New York Elementary for the upcoming school year. We look forward to seeing each and every one of you on Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> for our first day together. All students, Kindergarten thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade, will attend the first day, which is a Wednesday. School hours on every Wednesday are 8:00am-1:35pm. There is Boys & Girls Club on this day.

New York Elementary will continue to focus on safe learning environment for all students through our themes of Respect, Responsibility and Ready to Learn. We have many opportunities for parents/guardians to support in these efforts. Site Council and PTA are always looking for voices! We also love having volunteers in our building. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please do not hesitate to contact me for more information. I can be reached at [shalsted@usd497.org](mailto:shalsted@usd497.org) or (785)832-5780.

Throughout the school year, we have many ways that we communication information to you. It is also very important that our nurses are able to contact you during the day if your child should get sick. Please make sure that your contact information is correct in PowerSchool. If you need assistance with this, please stop by the office and speak with April Levings.

At any time that you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. I am looking forward to seeing you all and having an incredible school year!

Warm regards,  
Sunny Halsted  
Principal, New York Elementary



**Parents Right-To-Know  
Title I Annual Notification  
New York Elementary School  
2019 - 2020**

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was signed into law by President Obama in December 10, 2015. Contained within this legislation are regulations regarding highly qualified teachers in classrooms. Parents may request information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's/children's classroom teachers and paraprofessionals.

Professional qualifications include:

- Whether or not the teacher has met Kansas licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas being taught;
- The baccalaureate degree and any other graduate certification or degree and the field of discipline of both;
- If services are provided by paraprofessionals, their qualifications;
- If the teacher is teaching under an emergency or professional waiver.

All teachers at New York Elementary meet the above criteria. Each one is licensed for the grade levels and subject areas being taught. Each one has a baccalaureate degree and none are teaching under an emergency or provisional waiver. The paraprofessional(s), who work under the direction of the Title I and classroom teachers, meet required qualifications for the position.

If you want this information for your child's/children's classroom teachers and paraprofessionals, please contact Samrie Devin, Director Human Resources for Lawrence Public Schools (785-832-5000).

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