**LENNOX ELEMENTARY**
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# ORIOLE NEWS

September 8, 2026

**School hours: 8:20 AM–3:30 PM • Doors open: 8:00 AM • Tardy bell: 8:25 AM**

**School Pictures Retakes are Thursday, Sept 17th**

**School Picture Retake Information Click Here**

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## ARRIVAL, DROP-OFF & DAILY ROUTINES

- **Doors open at 8:00 AM —** Unless your child is enrolled in the paid Totally Kids program, students may not enter before 8:00 AM. Please time walking, biking, scooter riding, and vehicle drop-off accordingly.
- **Main Elementary entrance —** The main entrance on 5th Avenue nearest the Elementary Office with the orange canapy that angles upward.
  - All Students, including those who eat breakfast, may enter beginning at 8:00 AM. All JrK- 4th grade students must use this door at drop off unless they ride a bus.
  - All 1st- 4th grade students who are parent pick-up or walk home exit from this door at dismissal.
  - PS and Kindergarten students are dismissed from door #3 (next door to the west) at dismissal time.
- **New drop-off and pick-up procedure —** NORTH side of the Elementary, WEST of the Elementary Main office- Park in the diagonal lines to for drop off and pick up if it takes you a little longer, pull up parallel to the sidewalk near the Elementary doors if your students can hop in or out quickly and you can stay with your vehicle the whole time. Traffic flow on 5th Ave should go from Elm to Cedar going east only- Traffic flow and blocked road will not change-→ **View procedures** Stop and have children unload, then merge back into road and turn left on Cedar Street to leave school zone.
- **Lunch Choice Option-** We wanted to make you aware of a change in how lunch will be served this year. We are moving from a served option to a choice option, giving students more flexibility in selecting the foods they would like on their trays.
  - Students may now choose not to take certain items, such as a vegetable or milk, as long as their meal still includes the required components under federal school meal guidelines. Students are still welcome to take the available items they would like, but they will no longer be required to take foods they do not intend to eat when those items are optional.
  - We hope that this gives students more choice while also helping reduce unnecessary food waste.
  - If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

## UPCOMING DATES & DEADLINES

- **Picture retakes — Thursday, September 17 —** Access code: Q36JW4. Online ordering is available September 4–17 through 11:59 PM. Paper forms are also available; contact Angela Smit to request one. **Order pictures**

- Homecoming — Friday, September 18th — The parade begins at 1:30 PM. We will NEW THIS YEAR: Students will be dismissed after the parade from their classroom. Buses will run normal routes but may arrive slightly earlier than usual.

We need the following Lennox Elementary Homecoming Parade Permission Form – Fill out form filled out for EACH student in grades JrK- 4th grade.







## SCHOOL VISITORS & STUDENT SAFETY

- **Hallways are closed to visitors —** For student safety, parents and visitors may not enter school hallways during the day unless a classroom visit has been scheduled with the teacher in advance.
- **All doors remain locked —** During the school day, enter through the Elementary Office. Students and staff have been instructed not to admit anyone through other doors.
- **Deliveries —** Leave treats and forgotten items in the Elementary Office. Angela will notify the student's teacher.

- **Late arrival —** Bring late students to the office. Students will say goodbye there and walk to class; staff will help them find their classroom if needed.
- **Kindergarten dismissal —** Kindergarten students are walked to the kindergarten pick-up doors west of the main entrance. Adults should pick up there. Teachers also escort bus students to their buses.
- **Students leaving early —** If you need to pick up your child before 3:30 PM, call the office in advance. We will have your child come to the office at the requested time and dismiss them when you arrive.

## FAMILY RESOURCES

- **Lunch menus —** Monthly breakfast and lunch menus are available on the district website. You may also use the Nutrislice app on a smartphone.
- **Student directory —**Watch for an email containing a Microsoft Form later this week! This directory comes in handy for setting up playdates or inviting friends to events. Families may choose what information to share. You must submit information to receive a directory.

INVITES SHOULD NOT BE SENT TO SCHOOL TO DISTRIBUTE  Contact Angela Smit with questions.

- **School calendar —** The district website includes the school-year calendar and a continuously updated events calendar. **View calendar**

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