

Open House, 2026-27



Lynn Crest School #22
September 9, 2026

Tonight's Schedule

6:00 – 6:25

Grades PK - 2 Parents in Classrooms
Grades 3 - 5 Parents in All Purpose Room

6:30 – 6:55

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7:00 – 7:30

- *Parents with one child can visit our Special Areas teachers and/or additional faculty during this time.*
- *Parents with more than one child can visit the second classroom teacher during this time.*

Parents will be able to visit their students' classrooms and learn about our school programs, classroom procedures, and grade-level curriculum.



1. WHAT IS NEW FOR THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR?
 - a. TALK ABOUT OUR SCHOOL...Lynn Crest continually ranks as one of the top elementary schools in the WTSD and in Middlesex County
 - b. THIS IS DUE TO...
 - i. Exceptional teachers
 - ii. Supportive and engaged parents
 - iii. Well-rounded and "living" curriculum
 - c. Hired six (6) new teachers, who are all off to a great start here at Lynn Crest School #22
 - d. 17 teachers moved into a classroom they weren't in last year - thank you to our teachers AND custodians!



Please review the Woodbridge Township School District's new Goals, Mission, Vision & Core Beliefs:

1. District Goals, 2026-27
 - a. Review and update the District's Strategic Plan with input from relevant entities.
 - b. Develop and implement policies and regulations that appropriately govern student use of internet-enabled devices during the school day in accordance with P.L.2025, c.195.
 - c. Expand opportunities for student community service and civic engagement through school and neighborhood-based projects.

Core Beliefs

These building-based core beliefs will drive our school processes:

- All children can learn, just in different ways on different days.
- Learning should consistently include knowledge, skills and values.
- We are here to serve the children; every decision we make must be in their best interests.



1. Motto - "Work Hard and Be Kind" - sticking with this for our theme because it narrows the focus of what we need our students (and staff) to do.



1. Lynn Crest School #22 Focus for 2026-2027 - *Building and Maintaining a Positive School Culture*
 - a. **Build strong relationships** with students and show genuine care and respect.
 - b. **Create an inclusive classroom** where every student feels valued, heard and safe.
 - c. **Model positive behavior** such as kindness, patience, responsibility and professionalism.
 - d. **Set clear and consistent expectations** while treating students fairly.
 - e. **Encourage collaboration** among students and promote teamwork rather than competition.
 - f. **Celebrate student successes**, both academic and personal, and recognize effort and growth.
 - g. **Communicate positively with families and colleagues** and work together to support students.
 - h. **Address conflict constructively**, teaching students how to communicate, resolve disagreements, and show empathy.
 - i. **Contribute to the larger school community** by participating in activities, supporting colleagues, and helping create a welcoming environment.
2. **In short:** A teacher helps create a positive school culture by making students feel **respected, supported, included, and motivated to succeed**, while modeling the values they want students to demonstrate.

Student Population, 2026-27



1. Current Population – 293 Students
 - a. GE – 197 students (67%)
 - b. SE – 96 students (33%)
 - c. Birdseye View
 - i. 2 sections per grade-level, K-5
 - ii. ICR in Grades 1 and 3; LD in Grade 1
 - iii. Added new AUT classroom for a total of five
2. Class Sizes
 - a. Most Grades K-5 classrooms have 15-20 students
 - b. All Preschool and Autism classrooms currently have 6 or fewer students



The following components make up our academic program. These areas will be addressed using age-appropriate techniques:

- Language Arts (Reading, Writing, Phonics): *Benchmark Advance + UFLI (new for 2025 in grades K-2)*
- Mathematics: *i-Ready Classroom Mathematics*
- Additional Content Areas
 - Science: *Savvas*
 - Social Studies: *Young Citizens*
 - Health
- Special Areas
 - Physical Education
 - Art
 - Music
- Centers
- Play

Additional information can be found in the Elementary Program of Studies found in the “For Parents” section of our school website.



1. Curriculum and Instruction Updates

- a. **No new curricula or programs at the elementary level for 2026-27!**
- b. Last year we introduced UFLI in our K-2 classrooms. After our first full year of Tier 1 UFLI instruction:
 - i. Significantly more students performing at or above grade level across K-2 (e.g. 45% point improvement in Grade 2 from EOY 2025-2026)
 - ii. These results reflect the impact of aligned Tier 1 instruction and targeted intervention strategies.
- c. Improving and expanding our standards-based report cards in K-2
- d. Continued focus on using district assessments / diagnostic testing within our programs as a way to evaluate student progress and personalize instruction and drill down on areas of need.



1. Data-driven instruction - focus on using district assessments / diagnostic testing within our programs as a way to evaluate student progress, personalize instruction, and provide additional supports
 - a. DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) will be administered for ELA in grades K-5 at BOY, MOY and EOY
 - b. LinkIt! will be administered 4 times/year for ELA in grades 3-5
 - c. i-Ready Diagnostic Assessments will be administered for Math in grades K-5
2. State Testing Program for 2026-27:
 - a. **04/05 - 04/16:** DLM (Grades 3-5, Autism)
 - b. **04/19 - 04/23:** NJSLA-Adaptive in Language Arts and Mathematics (Grades 3-5)
 - c. **04/26 - 04/30:** NJSLA-S (Grade 5 only)
3. Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) - given to all students in Grades 1 and 5 for entry into the district's Gifted and Talented program
4. Grade 5 Honors Testing - given to all students in Grade 5 for entry into the middle school honors classes



1. Technology
 - a. Chromebook carts in all Grades K-5 GE, ICR and LD classrooms
 - b. iPads in Grades K, 1 and Autism classrooms
 - c. ViewSonic Boards in all classrooms
 - d. Transition to Gmail - teachers' email addresses are now first.last@wtsdnj.com
 - e. Key fob Access - all staff will have key fob access to doors (no more punch codes)



1. Arrival/Dismissal Procedures
 - a. RED - Grade 5
 - b. ORANGE - Grade 4
 - c. YELLOW - Grade 3
 - d. GREEN - Grade 2
 - e. BLUE - Grade 1
 - f. PURPLE - Grade K
2. Arrival - **ALL students ENTER through Door 1 (Front Door)**
 - a. Door 1 will open at 8:45am. Prior to 8:45, it is the responsibility of parents/guardians to supervise their children on school grounds.
 - b. Upon entry, students will report to their classrooms.
 - c. Bus students will be escorted to the APR by their assigned "Safety Patrol".
 - d. *Students arriving after 8:55 MUST report to the main office with their parent/guardian.*
3. Dismissal - **ALL students EXIT through Door 1 (Front Door)**
 - a. Students will be escorted by their teachers and dismissed to parents at Door 1 beginning at 3:30pm.
 - b. Bus students will be escorted to the All Purpose Room by their assigned "Safety Patrol".
 - c. *Parents not present at 3:30pm must report to the main office to pick up their child.*



1. Security
 - a. New Door Access (see “Technology Updates” above)
 - b. Limited visitor access - all visitors to Door 1
 - c. Security Guards / School Patrols
 - d. Emergency Codes and Evacuation Routes – posted in room / review with students
 - e. School Emergency Response Plan
 - f. Door Alarms



We have limited parking spaces that cannot accommodate our existing staff.

If possible, please park on adjacent streets and walk up to campus.

PARENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE LOT DURING THE BUS ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL WINDOWS:

- AM - 8:30AM-9:00AM
- PM - 3:15PM-3:45PM



1. Lunch
 - a. Students should come to school with a snack, lunch and water (refillable bottle)
 - b. Parents must complete Pomptonian application for free/reduced lunch.
 - c. All students eating lunch in APR (12:00-12:25: Grades K-2 and AUT, 12:30-12:55: Grades 3-5)
 - d. Direct parents with questions to the “Dining” tab on our school website - includes...
 - i. Online payment option using PaySchools Central;
 - ii. Interactive lunch menus;
 - iii. Meal prices;
 - iv. Free- or Reduced-Lunch Application



1. Attendance
 - a. Stay home if you're sick (see nurse's presentation)
 - b. Be here if you're not - you can't learn if you're not here!



SCHOOL NURSE: Ms. Christine Tineo

1. Provides first aid and emergency care
2. Manages care of students with chronic or acute health conditions
3. Administers medication
4. Provides staff education and training
5. Conducts health screenings
6. Promotes a healthy school environment

HOW CAN PARENTS HELP?

- Notify the school nurse of any changes to your child's health.
- Provide emergency medication along with the necessary paperwork.
- Provide updated and accurate emergency contact information
- Keep your child home for any signs of illness.



SCHOOL COUNSELOR: Ms. Kelsey Toner

1. She is a full-time counselor who will support students through whole-class lessons, small group and individual counseling
2. Our school is not only committed to our students' academic success and their safety, but also their **social and emotional well-being**.
 - a. Ms. Toner is trained to assist our students and support their mental health and well-being.
 - b. Our teachers will work closely throughout the year with Ms. Toner to ensure we are doing our best to support our student population

MAIN OFFICE

CHIEF SECRETARY - Ms. Jenene Sirc

- School/District Information
 - Genesis Parent Portal - **parent.woodbridge.k12.nj.us**
 - Woodbridge Township Website - **woodbridge.k12.nj.us**
 - Lynn Crest School #22 Website - **woodbridge.k12.nj.us/o/lc22**
- Call Main Office (732-499-6558) to...
 - Report a student absence
 - Update personal information (e.g. contact) with school.
 - Request an early pick-up
 - Call no later than 2:30pm *or* send a note to the teacher
 - Come to Door 1 (front entrance) for pickup
 - If your child is not taking bus home or not going to aftercare.
 - Ask *any* other questions!

BIRTHDAY AND HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

In compliance with the Woodbridge Township School District nutrition policy (Regulation 3542.1) the following foods are prohibited:

- All forms of candy;
- All food and beverage items listing sugar, in any form, as the first ingredient.

Additionally, to ensure the health and safety of our students, only commercially prepared foods, with labeled ingredients, are permissible for classroom celebrations. Please remember that our school is “allergy aware”; all foods brought to school for birthday and holiday celebrations must be peanut- and treenut-free.

Parents are strongly encouraged to provide food and beverages that are low in fat, low in sugar, and consistent with the dietary standards described in the policy.

All food coming into the school must be dropped off at the main office to be checked by the nurse before being allowed in the classroom.

NO DECORATIONS OR GOODY BAGS WILL BE PERMITTED.

The practice is in place to ensure the safety of our students.

Please consult the handout in full on our website for recommendations on what to bring in.



Character education reinforced in classroom lessons, daily procedures, and school programs.

- Bucket Filling
- Bucket Dipping
- Lid (helps us cope with bucketdipping remarks or actions)

Schoolwide Initiative

- Teachers will begin school year with lesson; use consistent language and reinforcement throughout year.
- First school day of each month is "Bucketfiller Day".
- Classrooms given inventory of rewards for students exhibiting "bucket filling" behaviors.

Upcoming Events - Sept and Oct

- 09/11 - "Patriot Day" - wear Red, White and Blue
- 09/16 - PTO Meeting @ 6:00PM
- 09/21 - Fall Picture Day
- 09/22 - School Spirit Day / School Store / Walk-a-Thon
- 10/01 - Bucketfiller Day
- 10/05-10/09 - Week of Respect
- 10/05-10/09 - Fire Prevention Week
- 10/12 - No School
- 10/22 - School Spirit Day / School Store
- 10/23 - Trunk-or-Treat
- 10/30 - Halloween Parade / Class Parties

School Contact Information



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First Meeting:
September 16, 2026 @ 6:00PM

The Lynn Crest PTO is a group of dedicated parents and teachers focused on providing an enriching educational environment for the students of our school.

Membership dues finds its way back to our students through programs.

Information on joining our PTO has been sent home, however our PTO has some tables setup in the back for you to explore.

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Special Areas and Additional Staff

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| ● Art (Ms. Crilley) | Room 23A |
| ● Vocal Music (Ms. Williams) | Room 24 |
| ● PE (Ms. Doherty) | APR |
| ● Band (Mr. Cracchiolo) | Room 6 |
| ● Nurse (Ms. Tineo) | Nurse's Office |
| ● Counselor (Ms. Tonery) | Main Office |
| ● Speech Therapists | Room 5 |
| ● Academic Coach (Mr. Sawczak) | Room 15 |
| ● Academic Coach (Ms. Weitz) | Room 15 |