WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Lynn Crest Families,

The fall season is upon us and Lynn Crest Elementary School is experiencing another exciting academic year. Our staff and students continue to work together to make social, emotional and intellectual gains each and every day. Furthermore, our Bucket Fillers program consistently supports positive character in our school. As stakeholders, we thank you for reinforcing these character traits at home and thank you for your continued support and cooperation. Please take a moment to review the important information below.

Important Dates

- October 5-9, 2026 – Week of Respect & Inclusion (*see below*)
- October 5-9, 2026 – Fire Prevention Week
- October 12, 2026 – No School (Students)
- October 19-23, 2026 – School Violence Awareness Week (*see below*)
- October 22, 2026 – School Spirit Day
- October 23, 2026 – Trunk or Treat @ 6:00pm
- October 30, 2026 – Halloween Parade at 1:45pm (*see below*)
- November 2-6, 2026 – Fall Recess

Arrival and Dismissal Reminders

- Arrival will begin at 8:45am at Door 1.
    - Parents must stay back/to the side to provide a clear path for students to enter.
    - Prior to 8:45, it is the responsibility of guardians to supervise their children on school grounds.
    - *Students arriving after 9:00 must report to the main office with their parent/guardian*.
- Dismissal will begin at 3:25pm at Door 1.
    - Walkers will be escorted by their teachers and dismissed to parents outside.
    - Use the crosswalk and sidewalks to exit our campus on either end. Do not cut across the parking lot, as that creates a safety concern with our bus traffic.
    - *Parents not present by 3:30pm must report to the main office to pick up their child.*
- To help ensure the safety of all, dogs and other pet animals are not permitted on school grounds.

Playground/Recess

- Students will be outside for recess unless there is inclement weather. Children must wear safe footwear and have jackets when necessary.
- Students should leave their toys, games, trading cards, electronics and sports equipment at home. The school provides everything students need for the classroom, physical education and recess.
- Students are reminded to play safely at all times, follow the directions of the adults on duty and show self-control (keep hands and feet to self, use kind words to one another and include peers in activities and games). Please help to reinforce our Bucket Filler philosophy at home.

Volunteer Passes

- Anyone wishing to volunteer inside our school building must obtain a volunteer pass.
- *Security badges must be renewed every year*.
- The WTSD Security Office (School St, Woodbridge) will be issuing badges between hours of 8am-4pm, M-F, with *late hours* (4pm-7pm) on 10/1, 10/6 and 10/8. Bring a valid driver's license or passport.

Week of Respect (October 5-9, 2026)
New Jersey designates the first full week of October each year as the "Week of Respect". Lynn Crest School #22 will provide our students with age-appropriate activities that focus on character building and bullying prevention throughout the week.

In addition to classroom activities, the "Week of Respect" will include special dress up days:

- Monday, October 5 "World Day of Bullying Prevention" – *Wear blue*.
- Tuesday, October 6 "Give Peace a Chance" – *Wear tie-dye*.
- Wednesday, October 7 "Better Together" – *Wear favorite team's apparel*.
- Thursday, October 8 "Put a Cap on Bullying" – *Wear a hat*.
- Friday, October 9 "School Unity" – *Wear school colors or spirit wear*.

Please take time throughout the week to speak with your child about being inclusive, as well as respecting themselves and others. Thank you in advance for your participation and support!

School Violence Awareness Week (October 19-23, 2026)
New Jersey designates the third full week of October each year as "School Violence Awareness Week". Lynn Crest School #22 will provide our students with age-appropriate activities that focus on preventing school violence and promoting peace and safety throughout the week.

Halloween – Costumes & Snacks

- Please have your child (Preschool through Grade 5) wear their costumes to school on day of the parade.
  - Please ensure your child wears safe footwear.
  - Please apply any specialized character make-up at home.
  - Toy weapons or inappropriate costumes *will not be permitted*.
- Food items for class parties must be dropped off by 12:00pm, unless otherwise noted by your class parents. Tables will be set up in the lobby by grade level; please be sure to mark items with the teacher's name and your child's name.

Halloween – Visitors

- You are welcome to join us outside for the Halloween parade from 1:45pm – 2:15pm.
  There will be a separate parade for our Half-Day AM Preschool students and our Full-Day Preschool students at 10:30am on the basketball court.
- Parents planning to attend should lineup on the sidewalk on Ira Avenue. The parade route will extend up Ira Avenue from our school campus to Carson Drive and back.
- Parking will be unavailable in the school parking lot; please park in the neighborhood and gather around the parade route for optimal viewing. Reminder – no dogs or pets allowed.
- Following the parade, children will return to their classrooms for their respective "class parties". For security reasons, we will not be allowing parents into the building after the parade. The only parents permitted are our "class parents". *All "class parents" must have their district-issued Volunteer Pass (see above) and report to Door 1 to sign in after the parade*.
- As always, please adhere to safe driving practices on roads nearest the school building and obey posted speed limits. Additionally, avoid blocking driveways and fire hydrants when parking in the residential areas surrounding our campus.
- In case of inclement weather, there will not be a rain date for this event.

We look forward to seeing you along our parade route on Friday, October 30.

Regards,

Mr. Connelly