DISTRICT 186
SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

August 17, 2025

Lee Lions,

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year! We cannot wait to see everyone tomorrow. This letter contains important information to ensure a successful start to your year.

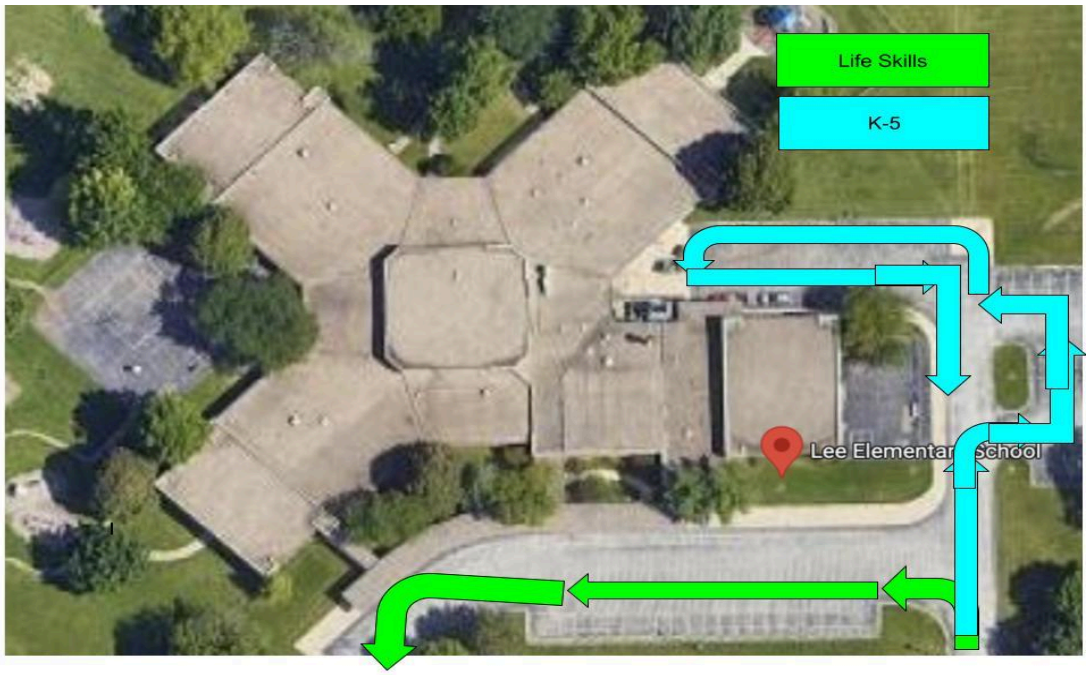
First Day of School Arrival & Dismissal

The first day of school is Monday, August 18th. K-5 Students may begin entering the building at 8:40 and Life Skills students may enter beginning at 9:00 AM. For our K-5 students, any student arriving after 9:00 AM is considered tardy and must be signed in at the main office and receive a pass from Ms. Bell.

Kindergarten families, on the first day, you are welcome to walk your child into the cafeteria to find their assigned table. To maintain the safety and security of our building and ease congestion of our hallways, first through fifth grade families will not be permitted to walk their children in.

Dismissal begins at 3:00 for Life Skills and 3:25 for K-5 students, with the exception of Wednesday early dismissals at 2:00 and 2:25. To ensure we are getting all students to their correct locations, please contact the office no later than 2:30 PM with any transportation changes.

The safety of your child is our top priority. Thank you for your prompt communication with transportation changes and noting our dismissal traffic patterns. We want to ensure as smooth a dismissal process as possible. As a reminder-here is our map of traffic flow for dismissal time:



What to Bring/Not To Bring

Send your child each day with a backpack labeled with their names. Please make sure all additional items they may need (school supplies, spare clothing, etc.) are also clearly labeled with your child's name. *Leave all other personal belongings at home.* Cell phones must remain off and in backpacks if brought.

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Other Information to Know:

Registration: Your child must have a completed registration in order to start school for the 25-26 school year. Please note that once registration is complete, **teachers require 24 hours notice to get your student's information processed.** Registrations completed over the weekend will be processed Monday morning and the student may begin on Tuesday.

Communication: We strive for consistent and open two way communication. Please remember to join Rooms as soon as possible and call us should you need any assistance doing so. This is a great platform for us to communicate quickly with you, and for you also to have access to two-way messaging with your child's teacher.

1. Download the District 186 app
2. Tap Rooms in lower right corner (see Image 1)
3. Tap the phone icon in upper right corner (see Image 2)
4. Type in your cell phone and tap Send code
5. Type in the Verification code that you receive by text and tap Confirm.

Image 1

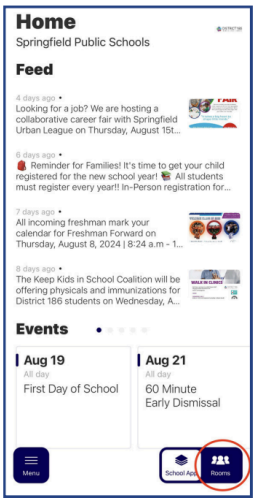
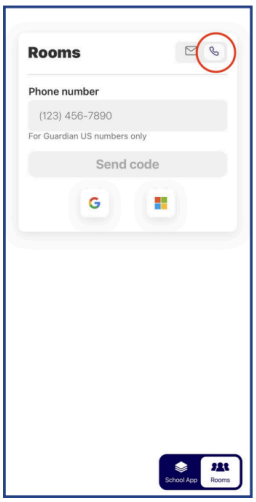


Image 2



We are looking forward to a great school year. Your child's safety and wellbeing are our top priority. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

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