Welcome to The Lane School!

Below, you will find some useful information as you join our great school community. Throughout the year, we encourage you to visit **The Lane School website** (www.thelanepto.org) weekly, for up-to-date information on school events and updates. If you have additional questions, do not hesitate to contact our New Family Reps, Beth and Ana. We look forward to meeting you!

New Family Welcome

A New Family Welcome will be held the week before school starts. New families, as well as families with Kindergartners, will be invited for a tour of the school and a Q & A session to answer all your questions. Invitations will be sent the second week of August.

1st day of School

The first day of school is a half day starting at **8:30AM** and ending at **11:40AM**. Students assemble in the back of the school where volunteers will be holding signs indicating the different teachers. Students line up and are led into the school by these volunteers. Parents **do not enter** the school with the students. Parents are invited that morning to the Welcome Back Coffee from 8:30-10:00AM. This is a great place to meet other parents and sign up for volunteer opportunities for the PTO and in the classroom.

Regular School Hours

Grades 1-5	Morning	Afternoon
Student arrival	8:30AM	12:15PM
Tardy bell	8:40AM	12:20PM
Lunch / Dismissal	11:25AM	3:05PM

Kindergarten	Morning	Afternoon
School hours	8:25AM – 11:20AM	12:10PM-3:00PM

When your child will be absent, please call The Lane School attendance number **630-887-1430, extension 3,** at any time 24 hours a day, but no later than 9AM the morning of the day your child will be absent or 12:30PM , if they will only be absent during the afternoon session.

Getting to School

Many parents and students walk and bike to The Lane. This alleviates congestion and reinforces our green initiative. Crossing guards are stationed at some key intersections including The Lane and Elm.

Biking

Children in grades 3, 4 and 5 may ride their bicycles to school after having participated in a Bike Rodeo (promoting bike safety), which will be held in early September. Wear those helmets! Students must also lock their bikes once they are on school grounds.

Scooters, Skateboards and Pets

Scooters and skateboards should not be on school property during school hours. This applies to preschool age siblings as well. Due to health and safety concerns, pets should not be brought into school or on school grounds before, during, or after school. In addition, dogs should not be walked on school grounds at any time when students are present.

Driving

The Drop-off and pick up line is located in front of the school. Children should be dropped off and picked up in front of the school property along the white painted curb area ONLY.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC PROCEDURES:

DROP-OFF: Drive up, drop off and depart immediately. Do not wait for the bell.
PICK UP: Line up, move up, pick up and depart immediately.
NO PARKING anywhere on Elm St. during morning, lunch and afternoon pick up and drop off periods.
DO NOT leave your car for any reason. Stay in it. Move on!
DO NOT park in the bus lane.
CELL PHONE use while in the drop off and pick up line is PROHIBITED.
INFORM grandparents and all caregivers of these procedures. They are responsible to know them.
DO NOT turn left from Minneola to cut into the carpool line.
DO NOT block or make u-turns in the teachers' parking lot.
DO NOT double park. Children should not jump into vehicle in the middle of the street. This is unlawful.

Lunch program

There is lunchroom supervision provided for students in grades 1-5 who must stay for lunch. Students who stay will sign up each day in their classrooms. Bring a bag lunch, a non-soda drink, or $0.30 to purchase milk. There is no food for purchase. Prepaid milk cards are available once school starts.
Six times a year for a fee, The Lane PTO offers Special Lunch days serving pizza, beverage and dessert. Sign-up for Special Lunch is usually held mid-September.

Curriculum Night

Curriculum Night is an informational evening, which takes place in the fall for PARENTS ONLY. The Lane faculty is available to discuss with you the curriculum and programs that impact your child.

The Lane School PTO

The Lane School PTO's mission is to enhance the educational experience of our students by fostering a positive relationship between our school, home and community. Through fundraising and volunteer efforts, the PTO provides resources and staff that complement those provided by the school district.

Once the school year begins, we encourage you to attend the first PTO meeting and check the website for opportunities and contacts. You will get to know the school, forge friendships and contribute to the continued success of our students.

Lastly… have you subscribed to The Lane PTO Newsletter and Announcement email list?

As a new family, you must subscribe in order to be placed on The Lane PTO Announcement email list. This list is used to send out announcements relating to the PTO, usually 2-3 times a month. Click on this link in order to subscribe.