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*Mission: Each student is highly educated, prepared for leadership and service, and empowered for success as a citizen in a global community.*

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August 5, 2022

Welcome Back Linden Families,

I am honored to serve my second year as Principal of Linden S.T.E.M. Academy. We are so excited to start the new school year and looking forward to collaborating with you to help accelerate our students' learning, strengthen our partnerships, and increase our S.T.E.M. program.



**EVERY STUDENT WILL NEED A SCHOOL UNIFORM:**

**OUR UNIFORMS ARE:**

- Tops: solid color shirts with collars (no designs): **GREEN** (preferred) white, blue, light blue, or black or Linden S.T.E.M. t-shirts.
- Bottoms: black, navy blue, or khaki. (no tights, no leggings or no jeggings)
- All pants or shorts must be proper waist size, length, and leg size (no sagging: no oversized clothes)
- NO flip-flops, slides, or open toe shoes.

\*\*If you need assistance with getting uniforms for your children, please contact Charity Newsies <http://charitynewsies.org> Online Clothing Applications open late July/early August.

**LINDEN S.T.E.M. ACADEMY BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT:**

Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> 4:30pm – 6:30pm

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR GRADES 1-6:**

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

**KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS:**

Three-day staggered start for appointment-based assessments (8/24, 8/25, 8/26)

First Day All Kindergarten Students: Monday, August 29, 2022

## **PRE-K STUDENTS:**

September 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> – Orientation

September 8<sup>th</sup> – First Day of School

## **CCS BACK-TO-SCHOOL FREE FAMILY RESOURCE FAIR**

The Back-to-School Free Family Resource Fair will be held on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, on the Fort Hayes campus from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All CCS families will be invited to join us. Imagine the Fort Hayes campus filled with tents and booths from all our community partners who want to share resources with our students and families to get them ready for a successful school year. Key district departments will also be on hand to address last-minute needs.



## **STUDENT ARRIVAL:**

For safety reasons, students **CANNOT** arrive at school prior to 8:30 a.m. **There is NO supervision on the playground.** Students should not play on the equipment. For your child's protection, please do not allow your children to come to school before there is supervision available.

**THERE WILL BE NO ONE TO LET STUDENTS INTO THE BUILDING OR SUPERVISE THEM PRIOR TO 8:30 a.m.**

## **STUDENT DISMISSAL:**

**Due to the interruptions to the academic program and safety concerns for all students** in a classroom associated with multiple early dismissals, **no student will be dismissed between 3:00 and 3:30 p.m.** If your child has a medical appointment requiring them to be picked up early, please make arrangements to have them picked up prior to 3:00 p.m. **Office personnel** will be completing student records for the day, and **will not be available to buzz you into the office between 3:00-3:30 p.m.**

## **CHANGE IN TRANSPORTATION:**

A note **MUST** be sent to the school when you are changing how your child will be going home.

## **PICKING UP A STUDENT:**

**YOU MUST HAVE YOUR ID** to show when picking up any student.

## **ATTENDANCE:**

It is important for children to attend school EVERYDAY.

## **ABSENCES:**

The school will need to be notified when your child will be absent from school. Please call the attendance line to report their absence at (380)997-6796 or send an email to [lindenstem@columbus.k12.oh.us](mailto:lindenstem@columbus.k12.oh.us)

**\*\*WHEN YOUR STUDENT RETURNS TO SCHOOL THEY MUST HAVE A WRITTEN EXCUSE WITH THEM FROM THE DOCTOR OR PARENT.**

## **TRANSPORTATION:**

If your child will be riding a school bus, you should receive a letter from transportation. If you have not received a Transportation Letter prior to the school start date, please call 614-365-5074.

**BICYCLES:**

**Students riding bicycles to school must purchase their own lock and chain.** Bicycles must be chained to the bicycle rack located outside of the Breakfast Room door. **NO bicycles will be brought into the school. The school assumes no responsibility for bicycles chained to the Bicycle Rack.** Students must walk their bicycles to and from the bicycle rack when students or adults are on school grounds.

**TITLE I PARENT NOTIFICATION:**

Linden STEM Academy is a Title I School which receives Title I Funds. As a Title I School, we must meet federal rules related to teacher qualifications as required by the Every Student Succeeds Act. At the beginning of each year, we must inform parents of their Rights To Know regarding the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teachers and paraprofessionals. A school which receives Title I Funds must inform parents if their child has been assigned or taught for 4 or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified. You have the right to receive information on the level of achievement your child has made on all state assessments. If requested, this information will be provided in a timely manner. Additional information will be provided during Linden's Title I Meeting held during Open House in September. More information can be obtained from the ODE Website – [www.education.ohio.gov](http://www.education.ohio.gov).

Our office will open August 8, 2022. Feel free to contact the school at 614-365-6537 or email [lindenes@columbus.k12.oh.us](mailto:lindenes@columbus.k12.oh.us) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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