

C.W. Morey School Family Orientation

August 2021





Welcome!!!

***We can't wait to welcome
your children to the Morey
School!***





We are so happy that ALL students will be in person 5 days a week this school year.

Together Again!

24 classrooms

PreK-4

~500 students

~70 staff





School Colors and Mascot

- Our school mascot is the tiger.
- We tend to order clothing in black and orange colors.
- Order gear online starting Sept. 12th and pick it up at Open House on Sept. 29
- Wear on Tiger Tuesdays





Supplies & Wish Lists

What does my child need for school?

[Check out our school website.](#)

We have lots of school materials already.
Just think about these:

- Backpack
- Lunchbox (if needed)
- Headphones or earbuds
- Masks
- Water bottle
- Change of clothes (PreK-K)

Wish lists are also on the website or identified by the teacher.





**Thank you for
Partnering With
Us This Year!**

How can I help as a parent?

- Maintain typical routines for school days, such as early bedtimes and wake up times to be at school on time.
- Make sure that we have accurate phone numbers and email addresses for you and anyone allowed to pick up your child from school. Connect with the school using Class Dojo.
- Come to In-Person Open House on Sept. 28 at 5:00 to meet staff and learn about our goals for this year.
- Consider joining our PTO
- Consider joining our School Site Council
- Reach out to us with any questions. We are here to help you!



Communication



Teachers will communicate through the **Classdojo** app, their email and by school phone. Administrators will also send newsletters via SMORE. Please don't opt out of our messages.

Our school website:

<https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/Domain/23>

Devices (with the cord), hotspots (with the cord) and supplies should be packed up and come back to school with your child on the first day of school.

Your child will usually keep their devices at school unless the teacher deems they are needed at home that night or if we need to close the building.



Safety Measures in Place

Safety has always been our primary concern.

- All students and adults will wear masks
- Air purifiers in every room used by children
- Ventilation system has been inspected and is running correctly and have the high grade (MERV 13) filters
- PPE: hand sanitizer, disinfectant in each classroom, alcohol wipes, nightly disinfectant fogging, gloves, masks and face shields are in full supply and available to students or staff as needed



Covid Safety Checks



Families, YOU are our first line of defense!

- If your student is showing symptoms they should remain home and get tested
- COVID Testing: We will share the link to give your permission for your child this year.
 - **Symptomatic Testing** (to be completed by the nurse if a student has symptoms)
 - **Test and Stay Protocol** (for asymptomatic / close contacts 5 days or more)
 - **Routine COVID Safety Checks** (formerly Pooled testing) Dual testing (One as a group, one individual to be run if the group is positive)



Procedures & Expectations

- All bathrooms and common areas will be disinfected regularly.
- All classrooms will be “fogged” every night to thoroughly disinfect everything.
- Students will have time to play outside and enjoy a mask break as weather permits.
- We will still have access to Zoom for parent meetings and conferences as a convenience, but we can also meet in person if you prefer. All people must be masked inside the school regardless of vaccination status.



Lunch Protocols



- All LPS Students can receive free breakfast and lunch. (No forms to fill out, no online meal accounts; just eat at NO charge!)
- Breakfasts are served on carts and eaten in the classroom.
- Morey School's Fresh Fruits & Vegetables Program twice/week
- Lunches are served directly from the line in our kitchen and eaten in the cafeteria.
- Students will be distanced appropriately. When the weather is nice, students may also eat outside on the grass.
- If your child has a food allergy, please make sure that you speak with our school nurse and let your child's teacher know.



Recess Protocols



- Recess is an important more social, less structured part of the school day for children.
- Faculty will bring students outside for recess (weather permitting) daily.
- Children can remove their masks.
- Students will be able to use recess toys.
- Children will wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before and after recess.
“Wash, Play, Wash!”



Masks



- All children and adults will wear masks at all times during the school day.
- Please make sure your child has a mask that fully covers his or her nose and mouth, is secured behind his or her ears, and does NOT have a vent.
- Pack an extra mask if your child won't want to wear a child-size surgical mask.
- Wash masks daily please.
- As part of the daily schedule, all children will have regular mask breaks.



Arrival and Dismissal Procedures



- Arrival: 7:15-7:45 Dismissal: 1:40-1:50
- Arrival and Dismissal Rules:
 - Wear a mask
 - Don't leave the car until a Morey adult is there.
 - Use only the sidewalk next to the school. Don't drop off on the other side of Wilder Street.

- Mrs. Woodlock will open the Wilder St. Door at 7:15 and students may enter the building and wait in the gym with Mr. Crowley.

- Arrival and dismissal may take longer because of traffic or weather. We appreciate your patience as we keep everyone safe.



Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

- Only children can enter the building
- Must have a mask on

ARRIVAL: 7:15-7:40

PreK: Morey Street Front Loop

LEAP Students (On foot/no car): FRONT DOOR



Car Drop-Offs: Wilder Street Door



Buses: Morey Street--Back Door



Arrival and Dismissal Procedures



DISMISSAL 1:40-1:50

PreK: Morey Street--Back Door

Kindergarten: “Art Door” on Wilder Street

Grade 1: “Grade 1” Door on Wilder Street

Grades 2-4: Front of building

Buses: Morey Street--Back Door

- Must have a mask on while riding the school bus



Attendance

- Attendance is important.
- All tardy students must be brought to the office by an adult.
- Please call your child's absence in--you can leave a message on the absentee line. If you don't call, please expect us to call.
- Please send in a note when your child returns. If you brought your child to the doctor, please send in the doctor's note.
- If your child has a physical, you may bring the child in late or dismiss them early for the appointment. You do not need to take the whole day off.



Contact Information

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Thank you so much!

We look forward to welcoming your children!!

- ***Tuesday, August 31*** for students in grades 1-4
- ***Tuesday, September 7th*** for Kindergarten and Preschool students
- ***Open House*** for K and Pre-K on ***Sept. 1.***
Please RSVP in the newsletter
 - *K (9:00)*
 - *Pre-K (8:00 AM and 12:30 PM)*

Questions? Please add to the chat.