

Linford Elementary School



Mission Statement: We are a supportive community committed to high levels of learning for all students.

Vision Statement: Linford is a school that is valued and recognized for academic excellence.

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Hello and Welcome incoming Linford Kindergarten Families:

My name is Dave Hardesty and I am the principal here at Linford Elementary School. I am excited to welcome you to Linford and provide some information to help your family plan for the upcoming school year.

Our main forms of communication to families are the Linford Communications, which are sent to your email address, the Linford School website (<https://www.acsd1.org/les/>), the Linford Elementary Facebook page, and you can also call the main office at 721-4439, and Mrs. Blake, Mrs. Walrath, or I will be happy to answer questions.

In this communication, I want to share with you some "Big Rocks" about this upcoming year. I like the phrase "Big Rocks" because, when filling a container, the big rocks have to go in first before the smaller, more detailed rocks can be added to build a solid foundation. We are diligently working on many of the finer details about re-opening the school this year which will be communicated to all of our families the week of August 10th.

That being said, I share these with you to help you have a vision for what to expect these next couple of weeks, as well as hopefully address your concerns and questions.

- Big Rock #1 - While many of you registered with us last year, you will be receiving information over the next few weeks on how to update and register through our Student Information System, PowerSchool. It is crucial that you complete the information in PowerSchool so we have current contact information for each child. You will have the ability to check grades, lunch balances, and update contact information using the PowerSchool app throughout the year.
- Big Rock #2 - We are not offering our Kindergarten Kick Start program this year. This is a one-year change. The first day of school for your student will be August 26th, which is a half day. Dismissal is 11:35 am.
- Big Rock #3 - Supply Lists are located on our website, <https://www.acsd1.org/les/>. Click on the kindergarten link to access the list.



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- Big Rock #4 - Class Placement - We will be posting class lists as soon as possible. This year is unique as we are unsure of how many parents will be electing to have their child(ren) attend school in person to start the year. We will adjust our lists based on that incoming information.
- Big Rock #5 - Meeting your classroom teacher. We have done this in the past through a "Meet and Greet" the day before school starts. We are currently working on plans to have smaller, more personal times for families to come to the school to accomplish this goal. More information will be sent out in the following weeks.
- Finally, Big Rock #6 - School will look different this year. At least, it will look different to you and me. Your child may not know because this will be their first time in our school. That being said, I ask that you take the time to process the changes, and ask questions. We want to support our community in every way that we can and we will need the support from our community to do so.

I realize that this is a long letter. Please feel free to reach back out to me through my email (dhardesty@acsd1.org) or by calling the school office. I hope you are healthy, safe, and able to enjoy the warm days of August.

Respectfully,

Dave Hardesty, Principal



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