

Linford Lion Lowdown

August, 2020
Volume 1

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

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

Important Dates:

August 25th –
Teacher Meet
and Greet – See
Schedule on
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August 26th –
First Day of
School (1/2 day
– Dismissal at
11:35)

August 27th – 1/2
day – Dismissal
at 11:35

August 28th – 1/2
day – Dismissal
at 11:35

September 7th –
NO SCHOOL –
Labor Day

September 28th -
NO SCHOOL –
Professional
Development

October 16th –
Early Release –
Dismissal at
11:35

October 21st –
Early Release
Dismiss 11:35 –
Parent/Teacher
Conferences –
3:30 – 7:30

October 22nd –
Parent/Teacher
Conferences –
8:00am –
7:00pm

October 23rd –
No School

Linford Elementary School

120 S. Johnson

307-721-4439

School Start Time – 8:00

School Dismissal Time – 3:05

From Mr. Hardesty

I truly hope that you enjoyed a wonderful summer and that you are healthy and doing well!

As we prepare to start the school year, I want to let everyone know it will not be “normal”. Due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, ACSD1 has been required to implement many safety measures and protocols for your child(ren) and our staff members. Due to these protocols, our school day will look

different and operate different. I ask for your support, flexibility, and grace as we all work together to implement new school procedures during this unprecedented time.

Throughout this newsletter, I have attempted to capture various portions of our re-opening plan. My hope is to provide you with information regarding the beginning of the school year. I anticipate more of these newsletters or even updates being sent out over the coming weeks. Please,

make sure to check your email regularly.

I am excited to get the year started! If you have questions or concerns, please either email (dhardesty@acsd1.org) or call Linford (721-4439).

Sincerely,

Dave Hardesty –
Principal

**Welcome Back
Lions!!**

Soft Opening and Ending

Soft Opening:

Due to the global COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing protocols, our playground will be closed before school begins.

That being said, we ask that if you bring your child(ren) to school, please drop them off as closely to 8:00 am as possible. Students will enter through their classrooms outside door ONLY starting at 8:00. All academics will begin as closely to 8:20 as possible.

Within this 20 minute time frame students will be able to eat breakfast (in their classroom), participate in social/emotional learning, and work to establish a strong relationships with their peers and teacher.

Soft Ending:

We will begin dismissing bus students a little before 3:05. We will dismiss them by bus number to assist with social distancing requirements. All students who are walking will be released next and then

followed by all students riding home with family at 3:05.

8:00 AM

Did You Know?

Class Assignment

**Your child(ren)'s
2020-2021
classroom teacher
assignment will be
shared with you
over Linford
Communications
(email) on
Wednesday,
August 19.**

Face Coverings and Visitors

Face Coverings:

Face coverings must be worn in ACSD1 buildings and at ACSD1 events (unless medically or IEP exempt), at recess, and other school affiliated activities, unless properly socially distanced for a mask break.

When eating and properly socially distanced, face coverings can be removed.

Teachers may permit "mask breaks" in the classroom or

during outside activities when a 6 ft social distance can be maintained.

ACSD1 will provide your child(ren) with five cloth face masks. If you would prefer to purchase your own, please feel welcome to do so.

Visitors:

At this time, we will be unable to accept visitors at Linford. Only ACSD1 personnel and students are allowed inside Linford.

If you need to drop something off, please use the front entry way. Ring the office buzzer and someone will meet you at the front door.



Cohort Model

For the foreseeable future, we will be adopting a cohort model at Linford.

This means your child(ren) will spend their school day (academics, specials, recesses, lunch, etc) with their grade level peers. Our staff is preparing to transition to and from

classrooms, limiting the movement of students.

This is one way of limiting the amount of contact our staff and students have on a daily/weekly basis.

That being said, your child(ren) will still get daily specials, recess, and

lunch. However, each of these will look differently because specialists will travel to classrooms and recess and lunches will be together as a grade level only.

Meet and Greet

We will provide a Meet and Greet opportunity on **Tuesday, August 25th**. This will look different than in years past.

In an attempt to provide social distancing and adhere to local protocols, please do the following.

- Please be prepared to wear a face covering.
- You must remain outside of the classroom. No building entry will be allowed.

- You may meet your teacher(s) outside their classroom door and drop off school supplies.
- Please adhere to the following schedule based on your child(ren)'s last name.

Meet and Greet Schedule

**Last name begins
with A-E**

1:00 – 1:30

**Last name begins
with F-J**

1:30 – 2:00

**Last name begins
with K-O**

2:00 – 2:30

**Last name begins
with P-Z**

2:30 – 3:00