



# LION PRIDE NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the Lone Tree School District! We are very proud of the district we have and want to continue the great traditions into the future. We are here to ensure a positive environment, a quality education, and a place for everyone to be active. As we get ready to kick off a new year, I wanted to say hello to everyone and give out some important dates and information coming at you this August.

I think we should all take the time to thank the previous superintendent, Mr. Reeves, for his 17 years of contributions to the Lone Tree community and school district. It is in great financial shape and he is one of the main reasons we will have a new Wellness Center in 2018. Not many superintendents stay in districts more than three years. To raise his family and support this community for so long is something to thank him for the next time you see him. His commitment to the people of Lone Tree is something that will be evident for generations to come.

I want to say thanks for the great welcome to Lone Tree! My wife, Dawn, and I moved to Lone Tree in early July. After 13 years as the Principal/AD in Wilton, we found out we had a lot of “stuff” to move. We have gotten most of the moving boxes empty and are getting into our new routines. We also have two sons. Our oldest son is 25 and he lives up in Minneapolis. Our youngest son, Cole, is 22 and a fifth-year senior down at Quincy University. My wife is from Traer and I am from Washington originally. So we love the Iowa City area and feel very lucky and fortunate to be located so close to everything we enjoy doing. Again, we would like to thank the residents of Lone Tree for the great welcome!

As I settled into the job July 1<sup>st</sup>, I have found a school that is very pleasant and very busy as everyone is working to get the school ready for business in August. The summer is a time to fix leaky ceilings but also a chance to improve our facilities. We have been putting in new lighting, improving the floors in some rooms, improving the gymnasium floor, painting a ton of walls, and in general, maintaining the facilities. We also will be receiving a new bus in August. And of course, the Wellness Center is under construction.

Here are some very important dates and information.

## **Registration**

Registration will open online Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. You may access registration materials by logging onto PowerSchool using the ‘Parent Login’ from the school’s website. If you have forgotten your password, please call the Elementary office (629-4213) or the High School office (629-4610) and they should be able to help you. Please mail in all student fees for materials. And please remember to send lunch money with a separate check. You may access the PowerSchool E-Registration Parent Guide through the school’s webpage.





## **School Starts**

Classes begin on Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. The first day for four year-old preschool is also Wednesday, the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Three year-old preschool will start the next day on Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>.

## **Early Dismissal**

We will get getting out every Wednesday at 2:00 for teacher professional development. This begins on Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> as well. And this will happen on just about every Wednesday of the school year. Please check your school calendar if you have questions.

## **Back to School Night**

We will hold our annual Back-to-School night on Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 until 7:00. This is a great opportunity to come in and meet your teacher(s) for the year, put some items into your locker, and see some of the changes we have done over the summer.

## **Communication**

We will be communicating a lot with our community through our website and through Twitter! We only have 198 followers on our Twitter account. We are asking everyone to follow us and we'll keep you updated on various activities and information about Lone Tree schools! Just go out to Twitter and look for @LTLions. Press the follow button and away we go!

## **Emergency Information**

If there is every a late start, early out, or a snow day - please check these outlets for information.

- 1) Website & Twitter account.
- 2) Radio: KCII, KHAK, WMT, and KCJJ.
- 3) TV: KGAN, KWVL, and KCRG.

## **Student Drop Off**

Supervision for students begin at 8:00 AM every day. Please do not drop off and leave your student unattended before 8:00 AM. It is not a great situation to have students in the school area unattended. This just helps stop anything weird from happening before adults can supervise. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Again, I am excited to begin the new year here in Lone Tree. I am sure most students are ready to come back and get started on a new year. I know the seniors are ready. And want the year to go quickly! But I am hoping for a smooth transition for the district and for the students. I just hope everyone takes advantage of all the activities and events the school has to offer. Schools work best when everyone is working in them and for them! Have a great year!

