



L.B. Clarke Middle School Chronicle

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Welcome Back! We're Ready for a Great Year!

I hope you all have had a great summer with your families, but now it's almost time to get back to work! The staff has been busy preparing for the arrival of 2016-17 school year.

In the first Friday news, I'll introduce you our new staff this year, as well as some new things we are doing as a school. Please pay special attention to the remainder of the newsletter this week. It contains important information about

upcoming events and about our new pick-up/drop-off spots in the front and back of the school.

I am very excited to welcome our kids back into the building and get the new school year started. If you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to call or email. We have a lot to be excited for this year. See you soon!

Mr. Wester

L.B. Clarke Back to School Night: August 30th, from 6-7 p.m.

On August 30th, L.B. Clarke will host back to school night from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

On back to school night, you will have a chance to meet your middle schooler's advisor, teachers and find his or her locker. Students may bring supplies and keep them in their locker for the first day. The 2016-2017 LBC school supply list can be found on the L.B. Clarke web-site.

See you at back to school night!



5th Grade Kick-Off to Clarke: August 25th 4-7pm

On August 25th, from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. we will welcome all of our incoming 5th graders for a shortened day filled with fun called "Kick-off to Clarke." Parents may drop students off at the cafeteria entrance of L.B. Clarke beginning at 3:50pm (no earlier please).

The purpose of "Kick-off to Clarke" is to give students the opportunity to learn how middle school works, meet teachers and staff, and get comfortable with the building, lockers, expectations and procedures. We also want to give students the opportunity to ask any questions they may have. By taking care of these things before the first day of school, we can all be comfortable and ready to have fun on the first day.

We also want parents to feel comfortable with the beginning of the school year. If this is your first middle schooler, we know you probably have plenty of questions. We would like you to rejoin us for dinner at 6:20 p.m. so you can get acquainted with Clarke as well. Please bring siblings along... this is a family event!

We will have information and an opportunity to meet the staff at that time. See you there!

Upcoming Events

REGISTRATION

Students may be registered any time between 8am-4pm Monday-Friday at L.B. Clarke or online through Skyward Family Access. If you do not have login information for your Family Access account, you may come to school where we have staff available to help you get started.

The \$20 materials fee, sports fees and lunch account deposits can be paid online (no extra fees) or with cash or check in the office.

August 25th

5th Grade Kick-off to Clarke 4-7pm:

- Student drop-off- 3:50-4pm
- Dinner with parents- 6:20pm

August 30th

Back to School Night 6-7pm

September 6th

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

September 23rd

Picture Day

September 28th

8th Grade Washington D.C. Parent Meeting (A parent must attend if student wants to go on the trip)

L.B. Clarke

Middle School

**Take care of yourself,
take care of each other,
take care of this place.**

ATTENTION PARENTS: WE WANT YOU!

PTO Is a Vital Part of L.B. Clarke and Your Child's Education

As children grow older and attempt to become more independent, we want to allow them to be responsible for small parts of their lives. The middle school years present a difficult mix of feelings, emotions and challenges for both parents and children. Please know:

Middle schoolers need love, support, encouragement, boundaries, consequences and most of all guidance. This is **NOT** the time to become less involved. Middle schoolers seek approval and acceptance and if they don't find it in positive places they may seek it in the negative.

part of the school community. Being part of the PTO also means you are at LBC and are an active participant in your child's school life. The first meeting of the year is on September 21st, at 6:30 p.m. in the L.B. Clarke LMC. See you there!

Your child needs you to be involved more in middle school than any other time in his or her life.

Please consider joining the L.B. Clarke PTO and continue to be a part of your child's education. Our PTO is a vital



Safety for Pick-Up and Drop-Off at LBC

Due to heavily increasing car traffic over the past two years, we have established **TWO drop-off/pick-up areas** for this school year.

- **Students with last names A-K will use the front circle drive**
- **Students with last names that begin with L-Z will use the circle drive on the back side of the school.**
- **These are the only areas designated for pick-up/drop-off.**
- **Please remind your child that they should NOT walk between cars. Children should only cross at the corners or crosswalks.**

FRONT CIRCLE DRIVE (LAST NAME A-K):

- Please pull as far forward as possible.
- You may be asked to drive back around if your child takes too long to exit school.
- There will be ONE lane of traffic through the circle drive.

There is nothing so important we can forget safe driving and risk the safety of a child. Be a kind and thoughtful driver. Together, we will keep our children safe.

BACK CIRCLE DRIVE (LAST NAME L-Z):

- Please pull as far forward as possible up to the STOP line.
- DO NOT drive over the center hashed are in the circle drive.
- You may be asked to drive back around if your child takes too long to exit school.
- You may pull out into the bypass lane and leave once you have picked up your child, but please drive slowly and do not double park.
- Students may only be in the hashed areas near the school or tennis courts.
- Only bus traffic is allowed in the parking lot next to the gym and the bus only lane



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