



# Smoke Signals

## Lenape Middle School

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Tim Donovan

Welcome to Lenape Middle School and the 2016-17 school year. **SmokeSignals** is the newsletter for our school. With the opening of school, there is a great deal of information to communicate to students and parents and so we ask that you take time to read this edition. We will send our newsletter via email frequently to communicate important events, notices and other information in a timely manner. Please be sure your email address is in your Parent Portal contact information. Our emails are sent to the addresses listed there. You can always visit our school website at <http://cbsd.schoolwires.net/lenapems> for information about Lenape which includes among many things, daily announcements and calendar of events. Other ways in which we communicate are by email blast; spotlight letters highlighting various accomplishments of students and staff and Twitter – you can follow us @CB LenapeMS.

The staff has done a great job this summer preparing our school for another successful year. We are dedicated to the success of your children and look forward to working with you to ensure their success. We look forward to building upon the tradition of excellence that Lenape has established. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 267-893-2800 or by email at [tdonovan@cbsd.org](mailto:tdonovan@cbsd.org).

Again, please take a few minutes to read through this newsletter and familiarize yourself with many of the school's day to day procedures. Please pay particular attention to the information about dropping off students in the morning and pick-up in the afternoon. Also, please review the guidelines for student dress on page six.

We look forward to seeing students on August 31st. Access to the school will begin at 7:00 A.M. Students arriving prior to 7:18 A.M. should report to their designated area 7<sup>th</sup> grade – Cafeteria, 8<sup>th</sup> grade – Gym and 9<sup>th</sup> grade Auditorium. At 7:18 A.M. all students will dismiss from their designated area to their lockers and homeroom – school starts at 7:30 A.M. Thank you for your support and for being Lenape Proud!

We welcome some new staff members to Lenape this year:

**Art** – Rebecca Panitch

**English** – Grace Connell\*, *welcome back* Jen Conver

**FCS** – Kim Hein\*, Mary McDonald\*

**Health/PE** – Kerri Rabberman\*, Carrie Tyburski

**Math** – *welcome back* Christyn Weber

**Social Studies** – Victoria Prendergast – *Long Term Sub* for Gabrielle Feliciani

**Special Education** – Nicole Brandecker, Angelo Menta

**Support Staff (EA/PCA)** Beverly Kelsey, Sheri-Lyn Melito, Susan Swanson

*\*Shared staff with other schools.*

**Lenape Pride Is...For Me...For Us...For Everyone**  
***Community, Respect, Grit, Responsibility, Caring***

Lenape will continue to emphasize the theme Random Acts of Kindness and acknowledge those who perform selfless acts to better our school community. We will also continue our partnership with the Anti-Defamation League and once again work to achieve the designation of No Place For Hate. Building off of the work of the school climate committee, we will have Pride Advisory meetings once a week. We look forward to many student led initiatives that will help us continue our efforts to foster a school community which all students feel safe and respected. Please join us at home in supporting our themes and goals this year. Thank you for being Lenape Proud.

**Volunteers Needed**

I urge you to become involved in some way here at Lenape. We are always in need of chaperones for dances, field trips and other events. Volunteer Clearances can be found at <http://www.cbsd.org/volunteers>. Also, become involved in the Parent Advisory Council. You are already a member of Parent Council – because you have a child here at Lenape. Our first Lenape Parent Council meeting is Thursday, September 15th. A schedule of meetings for the remainder of the year is listed on the next page.

**Parent Portal**

Through this secure online tool, parents have access to information about their student(s). Parents are able to view their student's attendance record, schedule, assessment data, interim progress reports, report cards, immunization records and family demographic information like address and phone numbers. The parent portal has proven to be very popular and helpful. Go to the Lenape or any district website and click on the portal icon near the top of the page.



You can also keep up to date by going to each teacher's website for classroom information. Just go to the Teacher Websites link on the Lenape website <http://cbsd.schoolwires.net/lenapems>.

If you do not have access to a computer for this information, please contact the teacher. Phone numbers and email addresses are also available on our Staff page.

***SmokeSignals***

**from Lenape Middle School**

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**Geanine N. Saullo - Assistant Principal**  
**Ann Kuntzmann – Counselor**  
**Jodi Schmon – Counselor**



**VERY IMPORTANT:** If you want to receive updated and recent information about Lenape – be sure to add your email address into your Parent Portal information. **(Our weekly emails will go to the addresses found in your contact information in the portal.)**

## Parent Council Meeting Dates

Plan on attending the Lenape Parent Advisory Council meetings. Every parent is automatically a member of parent council. No one is “elected” – the only requirement is a desire to help the Lenape Learning Community and to become more informed. The first meeting of the year is September 15<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 A.M. in the Library.

The schedule of meeting dates for Parent Council is:

- Thursday, Sept. 15, 2016 – 9:00 A.M. Library
- Thursday, Oct. 20, 2016 – 9:00 A.M. Library
- Thursday, Nov. 17, 2016 – 9:00 A.M. Library
- Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 A.M. Library
- Thursday, Jan. 19, 2017 – 9:00 A.M. Library
- Thursday, March 16, 2017 – 9:00 A.M. Library
- Thursday, April 20, 2017 – 9:00 A.M. Library
- Thursday, May 4, 2017 – No Meeting-Staff Appreciation Day

## Back to School Night

**Thursday, September 8, 2016**

**Begins in HOMEROOM at 6:45 P.M.**

This is a great opportunity to meet your child’s teachers for this school year and to find out about the courses they will be taking this year.

All parents should report to their child’s homeroom by 6:45 P.M. At that time there will be a brief presentation via the TV, distribution of your child’s schedule/s and other important announcements.

Parking at Lenape may be difficult on Back to School Night. We have made arrangements with the Baptist Church, C.B. West and Doyle Elementary School to accommodate “overflow” parking needs.

## Operation Items for Parents

- **Calling school when your child is absent**

When your child is home from school due to illness, we would appreciate a telephone call letting us know. That way, when the attendance absence telephone calls are made, the school will not need to call you. Please call the attendance office at 267-893-2820.

- **Picking up – signing out students for appointments**

For safety considerations, we require you to come into the building during the school day to pick up your child. We do not want children waiting outside of the building for you to pick them up. Depending on the situation, you should report to the main office or the nurse’s office for pickup. Ideally, if you are picking up your child for an appointment – please have him/her bring a note to the main office first thing upon arrival at school and they can be issued a dismissal pass from class.

For safety and security purposes, Lenape has a buzz in system at the main office entrance. Please use this system in order to be granted access the building by one of our staff members. Instructions on how to use the buzz in system are displayed in the lobby. You will be required to show identification when picking up your son/daughter. Thank you for helping us ensure a safe learning environment for our students. **STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO LEAVE LENAPE AND WALK TO THEIR SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT. A PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST BE PRESENT TO “SIGN OUT” THEIR STUDENT.**

*Students are not allowed to call (or text message) home directly to be picked up for illness. In cases when a student becomes ill during the school day, the school nurse will contact the parent and coordinate this dismissal.*

- **Getting messages to students**

Many times parents will call during the school day and want us to get a message immediately to their child. We do not interrupt classes for student messages – unless it is considered a major emergency.

- **Forgotten materials and lunches**

Forgotten lunches and other materials may be dropped off at the office. If your child has called home to ask you to bring something in, remind him/her to check at the office. **Please be sure the student's name is on the item.**

- **Student use of telephones**

Students needing to contact home should utilize the phones in the main or guidance office. We request that you do not call or text message your child during the school day. Students may only use cell phones or other electronic devices for educational purposes and with staff approval.

- **Leaving campus once students have arrived**

Once the students have arrived to the Lenape campus, by either school district bus, private automobile, or by walking, **they may not leave the campus** to go into town or onto property adjoining the school. At the end of the school day, students cannot leave the campus and then return to take the bus home or to come back into school. Students who walk to Lenape tend to gather on the property of the church next door. The church and the school have asked the borough police to patrol this area. We would like you to instruct your children to not “hang-out” on neighboring properties.

- **Students staying after school**

Often students stay after school for help from teachers or for activities and meetings. Students should not just stay at school to “hang out”. This is considered a “school safety” and supervision concern. **Students not involved in activities are expected to leave the building by 3:00 P.M.** Depending on the number of students, we may require students who have finished with meetings, activities, or help, to report to a specific room and wait to be picked up.

- **Health Room medications**

All medication, whether prescription or non-prescription, must be kept in the health office. **Medication will be administered to students during school hours, only when such administration is needed for the student to remain in school.** Medication must be sent to the school in the **original, properly labeled container, and must be accompanied by a Medication Dispensing form signed by both the physician (or dentist) and the parent.**



- **Approval for family trips and vacations**

If, during the school year, your family is planning a trip or vacation that will take your child out of school, we do have a form, which should be completed. These are available in the school office, and, if possible, completed at least 2 weeks before the anticipated absence. Please note that CBSD Board Policy #204, Attendance, states “Absences for approved reasons due to family travel shall be limited to two occurrences each year. Total number of approved days of absence shall not exceed five days in a given school year. Days exceeding these guidelines may be considered unlawful and/or unexcused.”



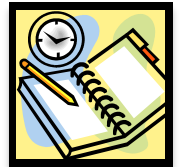
## School-wide Fundraiser

Lenape has only one school-wide fundraiser and that is a magazine campaign. Profits from this campaign offset some field trip costs, pay for the Agenda Plan Books, and provide other operating funds for the Parent Council and Student Government. The kick-off assembly for this fundraiser is Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Students will be given explicit instructions to not go into the neighborhood for door-to-door selling. This is a family, relatives, and friend's sale. Please support this important fundraising activity. The click on the link below to sign up for Magazine Drive. [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C054BAFAC2CA0F85-magazine1](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C054BAFAC2CA0F85-magazine1)

A few parent volunteers are needed to count money and process orders on our "collection days". No experience is necessary! It is actually fun. If you can help out, please call the school office at 267-893-2800. It is a quick and short-term way to volunteer your help to the school. We look forward to hearing from you!!

## Agenda Planning Books

Each student is provided an Agenda Calendar Planning Book. These will be distributed the first day of school. This planner is an excellent way for students to "stay organized". The first few pages of the planner explain the rules of the school – policies and procedures from A – Z. Parents may want to review these so that they have a better understanding of how the Lenape School Community operates. There will be a \$5.00 charge for replacing an agenda planning book.



## School Dances

The first dance for the school year will be held on Friday, October 28th. Dances start at 7:30 P.M. and **are over at 9:30 P.M.** (except for the Freshman Dance which ends at 10:00 PM.) Dances are held in the gym and admission is \$5. Students arriving after 8:00 P.M. must be "checked-in" by the parent/guardian. **Parents – please plan to pick up your child at the appropriate time. Often, parents will carpool for these events. It will ensure a safe departure for all students.**



**We need chaperones for the first dance.  
Please use our SignUpGenius if you can help out.**

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/8050845ADAC2BAB9-halloween1](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/8050845ADAC2BAB9-halloween1)

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/8050845ADAC2BAB9-valentines1](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/8050845ADAC2BAB9-valentines1)

**Please call the main office at 267-893-2800 if you need assistance.**

The dress expectations for school dances are the same as for school. Clothing that is not appropriate for school will not be appropriate for a dance. If children show up at a school dance dressed inappropriately, they will be asked to sit in a supervised classroom until a parent can be contacted to bring other clothes.

Many times students want to bring CD's from home for the DJ to play. We do not permit this, and in addition, we ask the DJ to not play songs by certain artists or songs that encourage unsafe dance behavior (moshing, etc).

Students may think some of these "rules" about dances are unreasonable, but we are starting to see behaviors at dances that are unacceptable. We want the dances to continue and to be safe – therefore we are going to be more aggressive at controlling these behaviors and the students who exhibit such behaviors.

### **Dates for dances for the year are:**

- October 28th – Halloween Costume Dance
- November 17th – Red, White & Black Activity Night
- February 3rd – Valentine's Day Dance
- June 9th – Freshman Day/Dance

## Student Dress Expectations

### ***What are some essential considerations relating to student dress?***

- The overwhelming numbers of Lenape students are always dressed appropriately for school.
- Lenape recognizes the individuality that students exercise in their clothing choices.
- Students are asked to show consideration of others; to display respect and responsibility; to dress in attire that is modest and tasteful; to help maintain the most productive academic atmosphere possible.

### ***Does Lenape have a dress code?***

- Lenape has a set of dress guidelines and we also follow the guidelines of CBSD Board Policy #218, which states “students are to dress and groom to meet community standards of safety, health and decency.”

### ***What are some examples of clothing that is not appropriate for school?***

- Clothing that exposes underwear or abdomen.
- Hats of any type (prohibited during the school day and must be kept in lockers).
- Jackets and coats (placed in lockers during the school day).
- Clothing with messages or pictures, which show drug or alcohol symbols/products, cigarette advertisement, sexual innuendo, violence or hate.
- Tops that are cut low and are revealing. (No spaghetti straps.)
- Muscle shirts – tube tops – backless shirts
- Shorts/skirts that are cut excessively high. Skirts and shorts should be at fingertips or longer when arms are held to side.
- Unsafe adornments (for example: spiked bracelets and spiked necklaces).

### ***Where does responsibility lie in upholding dress standards?***

- It is the mutual responsibility school and home working together to teach and monitor the values of dressing for success. The primary impetus, of course, comes from the home.

### ***Where are the standards of student dress applicable?***

- Acceptable standards of dress, grooming and modesty are adhered to on school grounds, on buses, at school dances and other school sponsored activities.

### ***What will occur if a student is not dressed appropriately?***


- The student will be directed to comply by using gym apparel, items in the student’s locker, or clothing borrowed from the school or another student. The parent will be notified of the situation by letter or by telephone. If the student is unable to find an appropriate change, the parent will be called to bring clothing to school.

*We hope this information about school dress guidelines is helpful in discussions with your child. Your understanding, assistance and support are appreciated.*

## **School Photographs are set for Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**

School photos will be taken on **Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>** by C & C Photography. Photo information will be sent home prior to that day. All students will receive a photo ID free of charge and you may purchase a photo package or individual photos. Photo retake day will be Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>.





**Lunch Prices for  
2016 – 2017**

Meal Deal - \$2.95  
Premium Meal - \$3.45  
Milk/Juice - \$.80

Breakfast is available  
for \$2.15



*The Market Fresh Bistro menu features delicious made-from-scratch entrées and new fruit and vegetable sides.*

## STUDENT ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

Between the hours of 7:00-7:30 A.M. and 2:30-3:00 P.M. all traffic should enter from Rt. 202 (W. State St.) and exit onto West Street. This traffic procedure was established for the protection of students. Please help us make this a safe procedure. The police help to enforce this traffic flow. ALL parents dropping off or picking up their student are to enter Lenape from Rt. 202 (W. State St). Students enter the building through the doors by the gymnasium.

We implement the "roller coaster" approach to dropping off which is that all cars pull up to the far cone (your designated first car) and then every car that is on that sidewalk area opens its doors and all kids disembark and then walk to the gym entrance. The goal is to have 12-15 cars empty at a time rather than 3-4. Once all students have exited, the next wave of cars fill in between the two cones and the process continues until all students have been dropped off.

Cars must then exit behind the school and on to West Street. **PLEASE NO-TURNS** through the parking areas! **PLEASE be aware of the ONE WAY SIGNS.** Buses will be entering from West Street and dropping off and picking students up on the bus lane that runs parallel to West State Street (Route 202). No cars may enter this lane during the aforementioned hours of bus usage. *We would encourage, whenever possible, that students walk (weather permitting) or ride the bus.*

## MORNING ARRIVAL PROCEDURE

**All students arriving prior to 7:18 A.M.** (parent drop-off, walkers, bikers, or bus students) **MUST enter the specific doors noted on the map** (see website) and report directly to a designated area until 7:18 AM. (This includes students with musical instruments and/or sports equipment.)

**CHORAL ROOM DOORS** – Bus students are dropped off at these doors. Walkers and bikers may enter here also.

**GYMNASIUM DOORS** – Students being dropped off by car must enter here. Walkers and bikes may enter here also.

At 7:18 A.M. all students will be dismissed from their designated area to their lockers and homeroom to get ready for the school day. Breakfast items are available for sale during this time as well at the food cart by the auditorium.

***We appreciate your help and cooperation to make this procedure work in a safe and efficient manner.***

***PLEASE DO NOT DROP YOUR CHILD OFF AT ANY OF THE ADJACENT LOCATIONS SUCH AS THE CHURCH, HOSPITAL OR DOCTOR'S OFFICE.***

## Boomerang Youth Recognition Award



The Boomerang Youth Recognition Award is a monthly program which recognizes and honors youth in our community for exemplifying and living by one of 9 chosen Developmental Assets (one asset for each month from Sept.-May). The ballot box is located in the main office at Lenape Middle School or you can go to the nomination link on the Lenape homepage.

Youth can be nominated for the award by any member of the community. In fact, students can nominate themselves or their friends. Each school submits one student who best represents the chosen quality. A rotating committee of community “judges” which includes representatives from CB CARES, Outback Steakhouse, law enforcement, community nonprofits, local and state government, and local businesses, chooses one student (elementary, middle and, high school) from amongst the nominations. These district-wide winners receive a letter and certificate of recognition and a gift certificate from Outback Steakhouse in Jamison. In addition, their name is engraved on a plaque at Outback and their picture appears in the Bucks County Herald. An end-of-the-year June luncheon, which includes all Boomerang Award recipients, their parents, and community judges, additionally serves as a celebration of this recognition. It should be noted that ALL students who have been nominated for this award receive a gift from CB CARES as an acknowledgement of this honor.

### **The Boomerang Asset for Fall is:**

**September: #2 Positive Family Communication.** Young person and his/her parents communicate positively, and young person is willing to seek advice and counsel from parents.

**October: #30 Responsibility.** Young person accepts and takes personal responsibility for his/her behavior. They take responsibility for their actions and decisions at home, and/or at school, and/or in the community.

**November: #26 Caring.** Young person cares about others. They place a high value on helping other people. He/she thinks about ways of helping others and is motivated to initiate kind and thoughtful acts.

### **\*\*\*\*\*SPECIAL ATTENTION TO SCHOOL SAFETY WHEN COMING TO LENAPE\*\*\*\*\***

**For the safety of students and staff, please be aware of our school policy concerning entering our building.**

**All exterior doors are locked and all visitors must enter through the main office doors. Please be prepared to buzz in - state your name, reason for visit and to show a picture ID.**

**We understand this may take a few extra minutes during your visit but we feel the time is important for the safety of all.**

**Thank you in advance for understanding.**



## Student Health News



Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year. I hope everyone had a great summer.

Central Bucks School District is state mandated to ensure that each student in certain grade levels has a dental and physical examination. **Physicals and dentals are required for all new students in all grades. Dental examinations are required for all students entering grade 7.** The forms for these examinations were sent home in the spring from your child's elementary school. If you need another blank form, you may download it from the district website: <http://www.cbsd.org/domain/403>

During an audit, Central Bucks can be cited by the state for non-compliance if all dental and physical examination records are not on file. More importantly, having up-to-date and accurate medical information about our students will better ensure that we can respond appropriately to any medical needs students present at school. For families where this would cause an economic hardship, the school district will provide these examinations at school, free of charge. Should you require this assistance, please contact your school nurse. Please understand that these examinations are important not only because they are state mandated, but also because they provide valuable information about the health of your child. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

### Immunization Requirements

The Pennsylvania Department of Health requires that students IN ALL GRADES in 2016/2017 must have documentation of following vaccinations:

- 2 doses of varicella (chicken pox) vaccine, history of disease or titer

IN ADDITION, all students in 7th grade must have:

- 1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap) - Adult dose
- 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV) - Menactra

Amanda Merrill, RN

Certified School Nurse

Lenape Middle School - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Warwick Elementary School – Thursday, Friday

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The Lenape Middle School Athletic Department now offers the convenience of online registration through partner company, FamilyID <https://www.familyid.com>.

FamilyID is a secure registration platform that provides you with an easy, user-friendly way to register for our programs, and helps us to be more administratively efficient and environmentally responsible. When you register through FamilyID, the system keeps track of your information in your FamilyID profile so you enter your information only once for multiple uses, multiple family members and multiple programs.

Lenape Middle School will be utilizing this system for the 2016-17 school year and all information can be found at <http://www.cbsd.org/domain/217>

Please follow the instructions below to register:

**A parent/guardian should register by clicking on this link:**

<https://www.familyid.com/organizations/lenape-middle-school>

**Please following these steps:**

1. Under the "Programs" title, click on the link for the sport you want to sign up for. Scroll to bottom of page to either **Sign Up as a Family or Individual** if this is your first time using FamilyID, or **Log In** if you already have a FamilyID account.
2. Sign Up for your secure FamilyID account by entering your family name, email address and password. You will receive an email with a link to confirm your new account. (If you don't see the email, check your spam or junk folders.)
3. Click on the link in your email confirmation, which will log you in to FamilyID, and then complete the information requested on the registration form. When you have completed the form, click the "Save & Continue" button.

Review your registration summary and click "Confirm Registration" to submit. Once completed, you will receive an email receipt from [registrations@familyid.com](mailto:registrations@familyid.com). You can also view your completed registration on your Dashboard. You can log into <https://www.familyid.com> at any time to update your information and to check your registration(s).

**FALL SPORTS: You will still be required to submit the CIPPE Form Section 5 & 6 dated after June 1, 2016 to the Guidance office. Please be sure all physicals are dated and signed and stamped by a doctor.**

**FOR WINTER AND SPRING SPORT ATHLETES: If you played a Fall Sport, please submit the CIPPE Recertification Section 7, signed by parent or guardian. If you were injured during the fall season, you should submit the CIPPE Form Section 8.**

### **SPECIFIC FALL SPORTS INFORMATION**

All sports informational meeting will be on Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> during Resource in the auditorium at 2:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Concussion make-up testing will be on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> from 2:40 – 3:30 in the Lenape Library.

#### **Football**

9/1 Football concussion testing from 2:40-3:30 in Lenape Library.

9/1 Football equipment distribution following concussion testing (3:00-5:00)

9/6 First day of practice

#### **Boys Soccer**

9/6 Boys soccer concussion testing from 2:40-3:30 in Lenape Library.

9/6 First day of practice for boys soccer (2:30-4:30)

#### **Field Hockey**

9/6 Field hockey concussion testing from 2:40-3:30 in Lenape Library.

9/6 First day of practice for field hockey (2:30-4:30)

#### **Boys/Girls Tennis**

9/6 First day of practice for all 8th Graders (2:30-5:15)

9/6 First day of practice for all 7th Graders (2:30-5:15)

9/6 Practice for both 7th and 8th Graders (2:30-4:30)

#### **Cheerleading**

9/1 Cheerleading concussion testing from 2:40-3:30 in Lenape Library.

For more information about cheerleading please check Lenape website under Athletics for updates.

- See more at: <http://www.cbsd.org/domain/217>

**For support, please contact:**

Contact Family ID for assistance: [Support@familyid.com](mailto:Support@familyid.com)

Thank you!

Jason Kriney

Lenape Middle School Athletic Director

