

LAUREL ELEMENTARY

A Great School With Tomorrow Inside



Laurel is committed to creating a safe learning community where each and every student is actively engaged. We strive to be compassionate and responsible citizens with a focus on academic growth and individual excellence.

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Dear Families:

There is not a person that I talk to, teacher, parent or community member, that doesn't want to continue to help make our school better. Some want to focus on strengthening basic skills; others, critical thinking. Some want to promote citizenship or character; others want to enhance social and emotional well-being. Some emphasize core values; others, the need to respect diversity. All, however, recognize that schools need to be a safe place for our students, staff and community.

With that in mind, I am excited to announce that as part of the Junction City District's bond work this summer, Laurel Elementary is going to get safety and security updates to ensure that all entry points to the school are secured. Specifically, we are going to be installing a vestibule outside of the front entrance, which will serve as a secure "buffer" for gaining access to the front lobby.

The main doors will be unlocked and open to parents and students at arrival and dismissal times, and will be locked all other times of the day. The secretaries will have to "buzz you in" if you are visiting during the day, and if they do not recognize you, they might ask you to identify yourself and the purpose of your visit. While this might create some inconvenience to our visitors and our staff, it will provide a layer of added security to the building, which in turn will allow us to keep our students safe. Similar security improvements are taking place at all four of our district's schools this summer.

As a result of the construction of the security vestibule, parents and students should be aware that the covered area in the front of the school is going to be used up for the additional set of doors. This means that students will not have that covered area available as a shelter in the morning, especially on rainy, cold days. It is advised that students arrive to school as close to 8:00 am as possible so there is a minimum of wait time outside before the doors open at 8:00. In addition to the front entrance safety and security upgrades, all entrance points to the building will have ADA upgrades. The interior of our school will undergo energy and efficiency upgrades that include LED lighting and plumbing fixture upgrades for water conservation.

We are very excited for these upgrades and look forward to having a more secure and efficient facility.

If you have questions please feel free to contact me at 541-998-2386.

Have a great summer!

Nadira Rizkallah, Principal

Box Tops for Education!

Please remember to collect those box tops through the summer!
It is an easy way to earn money for our school!
Thank you!



Watch the Junction City School District Website for the most updated district calendar.

Our first day back to school will be on September 4th!

Have a great Summer Vacation!!

