

Long Creek Elementary

Kindergarten
2024 - 2025



Long Creek Elementary

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Welcome Graduating
Class of 2037!!



Long Creek Elementary:

Our Mission and Vision

Mission

We, the Long Creek school community, are committed to promoting academic excellence while developing leaders of tomorrow through the creation of a nurturing, yet challenging and innovative learning environment.



Vision

Leading with Integrity, Innovation and Academic Excellence!



Long Creek Elementary:

Meet the Kindergarten Team



Mrs. Cynthia Black

Ms. Sabrina Davis

Dr. Beth Keller

Mrs. Michelle Ortiz



Long Creek Elementary:
Meet Administration



Kristal D. Tuck,
Principal



Anika Baker,
Assistant Principal



Ledell Maynor.
Dean of Students





School Counselors



School Counselors work alongside teachers and parents to help students develop socially and emotionally, and to help remove any barriers they have to learning!

- **Jennifer Masker**-- Grades K, 2, and 4
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- **Amyrose Rabess**-- Grades 1, 3, and 5
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Multilingual Learners (ML)



Multilingual learners may qualify for additional support in order to achieve English proficiency. ML and classroom teachers use assessment data to plan and deliver instruction based on student levels.

- Educators will foster language development integrated with content learning, not in isolation.
- Educators will increase accessibility to content topics and standards through the use of language supports.
- Educators will create a culturally responsive classroom environment to recognize student assets.
- Educators will build collaborative relationships with students' families and the community to meet students' needs



Terri Lockwood (ML Teacher-- terri.lockwood@cms.k12.nc.us)





Talent Development (TD)



Talent Development Teacher Role: The classroom teacher and the TD Teacher share the responsibility for the education of gifted and advanced learners and provide appropriate learning experiences in classrooms.

TD services are provided for students K-5. This can be small group, push in or pull out. TD provides support with:

- Social-emotional learning (SEL)
- Literacy alignment
- Math alignment



Meredith Thompson (TD Teacher) --meredith.thompson@cms.k12.nc.us





Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO)



Long Creek's PTO is a non-profit volunteer organization whose mission is to support a positive scholastic experience for Long Creek students and staff.

Membership includes all parents, legal guardians, teachers and staff of Long Creek.

What does PTO do?

- Provides assistance to teachers in classroom setting
- Holds fund-raisers for supplemental educational materials and experiences
- Supports school and family social interaction
- Provides a forum for sharing information

School-wide Events: Family Fun Nights, Family Dance, Community Spirit Nights at local restaurants and sporting events, and more

Fundraising: School Spirit Sales, Book Fair, Spirit Nights, Spirit Rock, and more





How can you help?

- Volunteer (school and classroom needs)
- Spirit Nights
- Fundraisers
- School Improvement Team (SIT)/PTO monthly meetings



Please join us for a

SIT & PTO Meeting

Thursday, May 9th
6:00-7:00 p.m.

Date changed
There will also be a virtual Parent Meet and Greet with Ms. Tuck.



Meeting ID:
939 7558 2286

Passcode: 322582





Communication and Social Media



ParentSquare

ParentSquare is our school's main communication hub.

- Weekly Community Updates (Friday)
- School/Classroom events
- Teacher Newsletters
- Two-way messaging



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School Safety



- All visitors must use the front entrance by the main office and be buzzed in.
- All school visitors must sign-in via Lobby Guard in the main office.
 - Includes volunteering, school events, conference with teacher, etc.
 - Expedite sign-in process by registering to be a CMS Volunteer
 - Field Trip chaperones must also be registered CMS volunteers
- Doors remained locked (interior and exterior doors)
- Cameras are monitored (interior and exterior)
- Students and staff wear ID badges
- Safety Drills
 - Fire Drill (required monthly)
 - Lockdown Drill



Long Creek Elementary Mighty Mustangs!

Long Creek Elementary School is a community and creative arts magnet school located in northern Mecklenburg County. It has a rich history that dates back to 1923. When the school was built in 1923, it housed first through eleventh grades and became an elementary school during the 1950's. The school then grew to five older buildings as well as our new state-of-the-art facility which opened in August 2009.

Currently, Long Creek has approximately 520 students enrolled in kindergarten through fifth grade. There are 29 classroom teachers and several support staff members (Encore, English Learner, Exceptional Children, and Talent Development Teachers as well as Instructional Assistants. In 2018 Long Creek became a Creative Arts Magnet school in partnership with A+ Schools. As a Creative Arts Magnet, students are exposed to the arts in their Encore classes and classroom teachers use the arts to teach core curriculum.





Our Academic Areas



Literacy

EL Curriculum:

The program involves a **module** lesson to establish reading comprehension, **skills block** to practice foundational skills and **labs** to provide time to explore content knowledge.



Science

We learn basic science skills; how to handle living things; use science equipment; conduct experiments and observe the weather daily.

Math

Pearson EnVision Math:

The math curriculum combines problem-based learning and visual learning to deepen students' conceptual understanding.



Social Studies

We will learn to participate in a group setting; our role in society; cultures; geography and economics.



Long Creek Elementary: Creative Arts Magnet

- Every student will have the opportunity to participate in Theater, Band, Dance, Music, Media, Art and PE.
- This occurs during their Encore time in the school day.
- Arts elements are also included to enhance the overall standards to meet curriculum goals within literacy, math, science and social studies.



Kindergarten Registration

Documents Needed to Enroll:

- o **Birth Certificate** (no hospital, souvenir or Mother copies)
- o Two **Proofs of Mecklenburg County Residency**
- o Current **Immunization Records**
(Complete record required by 1st day of school entry)
- o **Health Assessment**
(Required for new kindergarten students by 1st day of school entry)



Age Requirements:

In compliance with North Carolina law students must be 5 years of age on or before August 31st to be considered for Kindergarten.



Immunizations and Health Assessment Requirements

- In compliance with North Carolina law, all students entering kindergarten must present a health assessment (physical exam report) by the first day of school entry.
- The assessment must have been completed within 12 months of school entry.
- In addition, North Carolina law requires parents/guardian to present certification of immunizations on the first day of school entry.
- If documentation is not presented, parents and/or guardians have 30 calendar days to provide documentation or the student shall be excluded from school until proof is provided.





Medication



If medications are needed at school:

- A medication authorization form must be filled out by the doctor and parent. This requirement includes all over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol, cough syrups, and ointments.
- The parent is to provide medications and refills. All medications must be in their **original containers**.
- If your child requires medications or procedures at school, please notify the school nurse or staff now so planning can begin.

Examples: Diabetes, Asthma, Severe Allergies, Seizures, or Dietary restrictions.





Bus Transportation



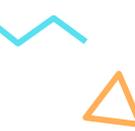
- Bus transportation is provided for all registered students.
- Bus stops are assigned by the transportation department.
- You will notified of your child's bus stop when you receive the back-to-school packet in early August.
- Kindergarten students are closely monitored as they transition to and from the bus lot.





Carpool



- The morning carpool line begins at 7:30 a.m.
 - Staff members monitor the carpool line.
 - Students are dismissed at 3:00 p.m. for afternoon carpool.
 - Each family that utilizes personal transportation in the afternoon receives a carpool name display. In early August you will receive more information to help us prepare for dismissal.
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Kindergarten: Early Learning Inventory

- During the first week of school, your child will participate in whole group activities as well as take a brief skills assessment.
- During this time your child will have a one-on-one session to get to know the teacher and complete a brief assessment.
- The assessment results will help us to serve your child's individual needs throughout the school year.

Each student will complete a brief assessment:

- Writing Skills: Writing their Name
- Letter and Sound Recognition
- Counting Skills: Rote counting and counting objects
- Shape and Color Identification
- Sight Word Recognition



Kindergarten Staggered Entry

Staggered Entry helps kindergarten students get acclimated to their new school in a small group. Each child will be assigned ONE of the following days: August 26th; August 27th; or August 28th. All kindergarten students attend August 30th.



Your Child's Teacher

During Staggered Entry your child will participate in many activities as well as assessments with one of the kindergarten teachers. On Thursday, August 29th your child's teacher will notify you of their class placement for the school year.



Kindergarten Schedule

Morning Meeting
Literacy
Math
Science/ Social Studies
Recess: Physical Activity
Lunch
Encore: Band; Orchestra; Theater; Dance; Art; Music; P.E; and Media
Small Group Activities: Literacy and Math

What can you do to help your child get ready for kindergarten?



These basic skills can help children move easily into kindergarten. Please practice these skills with your child.

- **Print Motivation:** Read books of interest to your child
- **Vocabulary:** Know the names of things
- **Narrative Skills:** Describe objects and events; tell stories
- **Print Awareness:** Hold a book correctly, follow words on a page
- **Writing Skills:** Grasp a pencil; write name and familiar words
- **Letter Knowledge:** Know letter names and sounds
- **Math Skills:** Practice rote counting; count objects
- **Social /Emotional Skills:** Sharing; listening to others
- **Routine:** Practice a routine or schedule



Preparing For Kindergarten

Social

- Opportunities for social interaction with same age peers
- Practice taking turns
- Build social independence
- Follow Multi-Step Directions
- Cleaning up
- Being respectful to others

Emotional

- Opportunities to problem solve
- Build a love of learning and confidence in approaching new tasks
- Perseverance with tasks
- Working through our emotions in an age-appropriate manner



Kindergarten Sight Words

the	was	is	a	on	and	to	for	go	I
like	of	will	get	no	want	with	said	you	in
put	see	stop	from	off	he	has	have	me	his
as	my	into	now	new	give	or	by	went	do
are	they	any	red	blue	yellow	green	purple	orange	pink
black	brown	white	gray	zero	one	two	three	four	come
who	what	where	why	five	six	seven	eight	nine	ten
she	her	like	were	does	some	good	there	done	her
here	under	down	onto	people	saw	both	should	could	would
over	love	live	out	day	too	eye			



Kindergarten Supply List

Individual Student Use:

- Backpack 16.75" h x 13" w x 8.5" d (NO WHEELS PLEASE) (Labeled with your child's name)
- 5 plain plastic folders with brads fasteners (One of each color: Blue, red, yellow, green, purple)
- 2 spiral notebooks (Wide Ruled: One of each color: Blue, purple)
- 2 Mead K-2 Primary Writing Notebook (1/2 page for drawing, 1/2 page for writing)
- 1 pair of headphones (Please no ear bud style) (Labeled with your child's name)
- Please send a seasonally appropriate change of clothes. (Labeled with your child's name)
- 2 packs of #2 pencils: Pre-sharpened Dixon or Mega brand
- 2 packs of crayons: Crayola: 24 count
- 4 dry erase markers (Black- Fine Point)

Shared By The Class

- 2 boxes of tissues
- 1 box of gallon, quart, sandwich or snack bags
- 1 box of baby wipes
- 2 containers of Lysol wipes / Clorox wipes
- 1 Hand Sanitizer

Additional Supplies:

- Crayola markers; pencil box/ pouch; (Labeled with your child's name); additional spiral notebooks; printer paper; water bottle





Kindergarten is fun!



Thank You!

Do you have any questions?

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