



Welcome to the 2017-2018 School Year!

Dear Nora Families,

I hope that you and your family are off to a great start to a wonderful summer! Everyone at Nora is looking forward to an outstanding 2017-2018 school year.

The 2017-2018 school year officially begins Wednesday, August 2nd at 8:30 a.m. with dismissal at 3:30 p.m.

Prior to the start of school, I would like to invite Nora families to attend the annual Ice Cream Social on Monday, July 31st, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. This is a wonderful time to meet the teachers and visit the school. The Parent Teacher Association will provide complimentary frozen treats to all Nora students. Additionally, there will be informational tables in the gymnasium where families can learn more about the many activities and organizations available at Nora. Transportation information will also be available at the Ice Cream Social, as well as via Skyward online.

We have many exciting events planned for the 2017-2018 school year. It is truly going to be an outstanding year. I hope that you enjoy your summer with friends and family. I can't wait to see each of you in August!

Sincerely,
Amber K. Walters
Principal



Kindergarten
Meet the Teacher
July 28 5:30-6:30



You're Invited
Grades 1-5
Please join us for our
Back-to-School
Ice Cream Social
Monday, July 31st
4:00-6:00 pm

First Day of School
August 2, 2017



Help make a difference for our kids!
Help out the Dad's Club
and our PTA!

we need your help!

Please reach out to our PTA co-presidents,
Robbie Lopez-Shue at r0bbiel0pez@yahoo.com
Bonnie Kandel at bonniekandel@hotmail.com

VERY IMPORTANT Information regarding the **NEW BACK TO SCHOOL PROCESS:**

As we try to streamline our "Back to School" process, please take advantage of the MSDWT's new links to help parents stay informed and prepare for the first day of school.

Before school starts, please go to:

www.msdtw.k12.in.us/backtoschool

Next, find **NORA** from the list and follow the link to:

- Update your information in Skyward,
- Find your student's bus stop in Skyward
- Download any necessary forms to prepare and bring on the first day of school.

If you do not have access to a computer before school starts, Nora will have computers available for families to log into Skyward to update information, along with any necessary paper forms between the hours of 9am and 3pm starting July 13th. Computers will also be available during our Ice Cream Social on August 1st from 4-6pm.

Daily Schedule 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

- If you are dropping your child off in the morning, please be mindful of the usually lengthy morning traffic and drop off lines.
- Parents can begin dropping off students at 8:20 a.m. at Door 16.
- Students must be in their classrooms by 8:30 a.m. Should your child be late/tardy or returning from an appointment, you must park and escort them into the building to sign them in at the front office.
- In an effort to keep our children and our school safe, you will be required to show a valid picture ID any time you pick up a student from school.

Cafeteria Information

The cafeteria serves breakfast and lunch. If your student has any food allergies, please provide a doctor's note to your student's teacher and to the nurse.

	Lunch	Milk
Full Price	\$2.35	\$.50
Reduced Price	\$0.40	\$.50

Financial Assistance: Applications for meal and textbook assistance are available in English and Spanish at the district website - <http://www.msdtw.k12.in.us> **Click on:** Quick Links, Child Nutrition, Apply Online
Paper applications are also available at the school office.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Volunteer Background Checks

In an effort to keep our children and our school safe, all classroom and general field trip volunteers are required to complete a Limited Background Check prior to volunteering in the classroom or attending any field trips.

Forms can be requested from your teacher or from the office. You can also access them on our website at:

www.msdt.k12.in.us.

Click on:

For Families

For Parents

Volunteer Requirements

Limited Volunteer Limited Background checks are free of charge to anyone interested in volunteering. Volunteer opportunities vary by teacher.

First time applicants are responsible for the completion of the bullying education and training provided by MSDWT. <https://msdt-in.safeschools.com/register/84afcb3f>

Birthday Celebrations

Birthday treats are welcome and will be served at lunchtime ONLY. Please notify your child's teacher to make arrangements and check for any allergies. It is a health department regulation that all treats be purchased, and in individual packaging. Some suggestions are Rice Krispy treats or fruit snacks.

Classroom Visitors

Nora welcomes parents to visit the classroom. We ask that you please make an appointment with your child's teacher prior to your visit.

Visits should be limited to 30 minutes.

If a parent pops into the classroom in the middle of instruction, it is difficult to get students back on task. If you arrive at the beginning of the lesson, you can sit through the lesson without interrupting the class.

All classroom visitors must have completed a Limited Background Check.

SKYWARD

Skyward Family Access allows you to access student grades, attendance, email teachers and school officials, pay fees and much more. Skyward Family Access will be available from your home, office or anywhere you have access to the internet. You can access Skyward by visiting our website at:

www.msdt.k12.in.us.

Click on:

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Skyward Family Access

Forgot your Login or Password? Click the link and follow the prompts.

If you encounter difficulty logging in, please email:

AYS

After School Care

At Your School Child Services, AYS, provides childcare at Allisonville from 6:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. and from 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. You may register your student at the AYS central office all summer long. They are located at 4755 Kingsway Drive, Suite 300, 46205 or you can phone them at 283-3817. The AYS program does reach capacity quickly, so we encourage you to register as soon as possible. You can also sign-up online at: <http://www.ayskids.org/registration.html>.

Transportation

You will need to access your child's SKYWARD account to find out your bus information.

All students should board their bus at their assigned stop each day. If you move during the school year, please contact the office to make permanent changes to your transportation.

Limited Choice/Non-Resident students' transportation is the parent responsibility. Please make sure that your student(s) arrive at school on time in the morning and picked-up on time in the afternoon.

Car pick-up students will be stationed at the East exit of the building. Please do not park and come into the building at dismissal.

All students must be picked-up by 3:40 p.m. or arrangements need to be made with AYS.

All changes in transportation need to be provided to the office no later than 2:30pm. We will not be able to honor any requests received after 2:30pm.