



# LOWER TOWNSHIP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Sandman Families,

Don't look now but the 2025 - 2026 school year will begin in a few weeks. As the new principal of Sandman School, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our returning families and any new families who are joining us for the first time. Our teachers and staff are eagerly awaiting your child's arrival and look forward to meeting their new students and getting to know them. This year will be one filled with excitement, growth and achievement.

Our first day of school will be held on Tuesday, September 2, 2025. **Please note, September 2 - 5 are early dismissal days due to teacher in-service and training. Dismissal will be at 12:35 PM.**

**Back to School Night** will be held on **Thursday, September 11, 2025**. More information about this event will be sent home in Thursday folders on September 4th. You will have the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to learn all about our programs, curriculum and some of the amazing events that we have planned. Please make every effort to attend this important event.

**Parent Drop-Off** for all students will be behind Sandman (via Townbank Road) beginning at 7:45 AM. You will enter the driveway leading to Maud Abrams, but will loop around the parking lot to pull up to Sandman doors. Parent drop-off students will only be accepted until 7:55 AM at the back doors. Any students arriving after this time will need to go to the front entrance (via Seashore Road) and will be considered late to school.

**Parent Pick-Up** - 5th grade students should be picked up behind Sandman (via Townbank Road) and 6th grade students should be picked up in front of Sandman (via Seashore Road). Parent pick-up will begin once buses depart around 1:55 PM. Students will need a note to get picked up from school. Please send notes to your child's teacher and be sure to have an ID ready when picking up. A form will be sent home for any students who will be picked up on a consistent basis.

The **Tdap booster and Meningitis vaccine** is required by the state of New Jersey for all students entering 6th grade. We will need the appointment card or proof of immunization before September 2, 2025 to avoid exclusion from school. You can fax these records to (609) 884 - 9412 or email to [ldowe@lowertwpschools.com](mailto:ldowe@lowertwpschools.com).

Communication and parent involvement are imperative to create the most effective learning environment for your child. Teachers use a variety of different methods to communicate and share important information with families. Please participate in whatever communication platform your child's teacher uses and be diligent about reading announcements and communicating back. We also encourage families to explore the district website and

frequently visit our Sandman Facebook page for important announcements, upcoming events and exciting highlights throughout the year.

Attendance is another key factor to ensuring academic success. Research shows a direct correlation between academic success and students who attend school regularly and punctually. Please make every effort to have your child to school on time each and every day. Students who attend school regularly benefit from the continuity of instruction, the opportunity to engage in classroom activities and the ability to build strong relationships with their peers and teachers.

Be sure to reach out to our school nurse when absences occur and communicate with your child's teacher regarding make-up work and missed assignments. We understand that illnesses and other unforeseen circumstances are unavoidable, but please make every effort to schedule appointments and family vacations outside of school hours whenever possible.

Please know we are here to support you and your child, so please do not hesitate to reach out at any time. We can't wait to get started and see the amazing things your child will accomplish. Let's make this a positive and memorable year!

Sincerely,

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