



LOWER TOWNSHIP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Sandman Families,

As summer quickly comes to an end, we are excited to welcome everyone back for the 2026–2027 school year! I couldn't be more excited to begin another wonderful year with our students, families, and staff. This year is especially meaningful to me as I have the opportunity to reunite with many former students from my time as principal at Memorial School.

Throughout the summer, our teachers, custodians, and staff have worked hard to prepare our classrooms and building for a successful school year. Our theme this year is "Learn Together! Lead Together! Grow Together!" It reflects our commitment to collaboration, growth, and creating an engaging learning environment where every student can thrive.

Our first day of school will be held on **Tuesday, September 8, 2026**. A letter with your child's placement along with busing information will be mailed on August 27th.

Back to School Night will be held on **Thursday, September 17, 2026**. More information about this event will be sent home the first week of school. You will have the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to learn about the curriculum, programs and some of the amazing events that we have planned this year. Please make every effort to attend this important event.

Parent Drop-Off for all students will be behind Sandman beginning at 7:45 AM. You will enter the driveway (Townbank Road) for Maud Abrams School and then loop around the parking lot before pulling up at Sandman doors. Students that are being dropped off will be accepted until 7:55 AM. Any students arriving after this time will need to go to the front entrance of Sandman (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 begins once buses have departed 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 ID available when picking up. A form will be sent home for any students who will be picked up on a regular basis.

The **Tdap booster and Meningitis vaccine** are 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 8, 2026 to avoid exclusion from school. You can fax these records to (609) 884 - 9412 or email to ldowe@lowertwpschools.com.

We look forward to partnering with you this school year, and encourage you to get involved. Parent involvement and open communication are essential to creating the best possible learning environment for every child. Our teachers use a variety of communication platforms to keep families informed. Please be sure to sign up for the communication platform used by your child's teacher, read messages regularly, and reach out whenever you have questions or concerns. Be sure to visit our district website and follow the Sandman Facebook page for important announcements, upcoming events, and highlights from throughout the school year.

This year, we will place a strong emphasis on attendance. Regular attendance and punctuality are key factors in a student's academic success. Research consistently shows that students who attend school every day are more likely to achieve at higher levels. Please make every effort to ensure your child arrives at school on time each day. Consistent attendance provides students with uninterrupted learning opportunities, meaningful classroom participation, and the chance to build strong relationships with their classmates and teachers.

Be sure to reach out to the school nurse to report any absences 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 when possible.

We are looking forward to an amazing year. Do not hesitate to reach out with any questions you may have. We are here to support and assist you and once again look forward to working together. We can't wait to see the amazing things your child will accomplish this upcoming school year as we all work together. Let's make this a positive and memorable year!

Sincerely,

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