



Lansingburgh Central School District

Turnpike Elementary School

55 New Turnpike Rd • Troy, NY 12182

September 11, 2020

Dear Turnpike Families:

Welcome back to the 2020-2021 school year! We are so excited to welcome you and your children back to Turnpike Elementary. Turnpike Elementary is a place where our youngest students can learn, grow and prepare for success in the future. Although, as a district, we are facing financial hardships because of the reduction in state aid, we feel fortunate to be able to offer both in-person and remote options for your child's education.

We are experiencing a lot of change in the way education looks this year, but many of the most important things will remain the same. Students will still be given the opportunity to learn social skills through our Second Step program, explore new and exciting topics in math, science, writing and reading and have the chance to socialize with friends at recess and lunch in safe ways. These foundational skills are so important for our young children to have when starting out in school, and we are pleased we are able to offer them.

As we start the school year, we also ask for your patience during arrival and dismissal. We need to prioritize safety when having kids enter or exit the building and have planned very carefully to ensure all students are safe. Please be understanding as everyone gets used to our new routines. We hope that with the extra security staff and our School Resource Officer in place, things will run smoothly.

We look forward to seeing everyone at Turnpike on Monday, September 14, 2020.

Here's to a great school year!

Mr. Knox

*****Please see the next page for important information
pertaining to your child's school day*****



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New Routines for the start of the 2020-2021 school year:

Arrival: Drop off will happen in the side parking lot. You will be directed to pull into the parking lot, snake around, and come towards the entrance where you will be met by a staff member who will either check that your attestation has been completed or take your child's temperature. At that point, if that app is complete and/or there is no detectable temperature, your child can exit the vehicle and our staff members will insure they get into the building safely.

****PreK Drop off arrival will now take place at 9am for the first week of school.**

Please pull into the side parking lot, park your car and walk to the front of the building where your child's attestation will be completed and they can enter the building. Unfortunately, you will not be able to come into the building at that time.

Breakfast: Breakfast will be provided daily in the classrooms.

Masks: Masks must be worn at all times, even when they are seated at their desks. Teachers will be providing students with "mask breaks" where they can have some time to not wear their masks while also being appropriately socially distant.

Lunch/Snack: Lunch will be provided in the classroom everyday. To start the year, the choices will be limited but we are hoping to expand our choices once the school year gets underway. You can pack a lunch for your child and also pack a snack. Please inquire with your child's classroom teacher about any allergies.

Dismissal: Dismissal will now take place earlier than in years past.

- a. Pick up - Parent pick up for **PreK and Kindergarten** will begin at **2:00pm**. Your teacher should have communicated with you in regards to where they will meet you. Parking is provided on the side parking lot.
- b. Pick up - Parent pick up for **1st and 2nd** grade will begin at **2:10pm**. Your teacher should have communicated with you in regards to where they will meet you. Parking is provided on the side parking lot.
- c. Bussing - We will start loading busses at **2:20pm**. We are anticipating that your child's drop off time will be similar to your postcards time. Please try and get to your child's bus stop 10 minutes before the designated time.

2020/2021 Arrival/Dismissal Plan

As we approach the start of in-person learning on September 14, 2020 there are few changes for arrival and dismissal.

Arrival

1. PreK drop off for the first week of school will begin at 9am. You can pull to the side parking lot, park your car and bring your child to the front of the building.
2. All K-2 (and PreK after the first week) parents dropping off their children will not be able to exit their vehicles. We will check if their attestation has been complete upon arrival and students will be escorted to the building by a staff member.

Dismissal

(see page 2 for schedule)

1. Pick up dismissal for PreK and Kindergarten will now start at 2:00pm. Your child's teacher should have coordinated a location where they will be waiting for you to pick your child up.
2. Pick up dismissal for First and Second graders will now start at 2:10pm. Your child's teacher should have coordinated a location where they will be waiting for you to pick your child up.

Parent Drop Off		
Grade Level/Class	Arrival Time	Location
PreK	9:00am (First week of school only)	Park on the side of the building and bring your child to the courtyard
PreK	8:30am	Side parking lot (parents will not exit their cars)
Kindergarten	8:30am	Side parking lot (parents will not exit their cars)
First Grade	8:30am	Side parking lot (parents will not exit their cars)
Second Grade	8:30am	Side parking lot (parents will not exit their cars)

*See page 2 for Parent Pickup

Parent Pick-Up		
Grade Level/Class	Dismissal Time	Location
PreK - Mooney/McLaughlin/Ravalli	2:00pm	Side of building - PreK Playground
PreK - Weiss/Paolino/Mahoney	2:00pm	Front of building
Kindergarten - Covello/Miles	2:00pm	Back of building
Kindergarten - Burke, Hammonds, Higgins	2:00pm	Side of building - Soccer field doors (next to PreK playground)
First Grade - Cataldo/Alberino	2:10pm	Front of the building
First Grade - Heritage/Van Sickle	2:10pm	Cafeteria Doors - Playground
First Grade - Herba	2:10pm	Side of building - PreK Playground
Second Grade Squires, Rock, Reyes	2:10pm	Front of building (Pre-K door)
Second Grade Dusenberry, Brown/Mahoney	2:10pm	Back of building