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## Lillian Symmes Elementary

Welcome back, Shark families!

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer. Things have been very busy at Symmes. We have had an AC overhaul, new elevator and fire alarms installed, and received a beautiful new exterior paint job! New computers and textbooks have also arrived, so we are ready for an amazing school year! We also want to congratulate our students and families on our school grade of a **B!** We know our teachers, staff, students and parents worked so hard to show both proficiency and growth in all academic areas. We are so proud of this accomplishment!

This year's school theme is **"It's Great to be a Shark!"** We are once again focusing on character education. Sharks are determined, fearless and never stop moving forward! So put on your favorite shark shirt and join us for Open House on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-10:30 am. If you don't have a shirt don't worry, our PTA will be selling spirit shirts and memberships.

This year we will be opening up our campus to parent volunteers again following some guidelines. If you wish to volunteer, you must complete a volunteer application with the district. Please do this early as it can take several weeks to be approved. This must be done every year and has to be cleared before you are able to volunteer.

We look forward to welcoming all our Sharks back on campus on Wednesday, August 10, 2022. Remember school starts at 7:40 am and the car line gate will close at 7:35 am. Walkers will enter at the front gate. Parents may walk their student to class on the first day only. After that we will be a closed campus for security purposes. Parents may walk them to the gate and say goodbye. If you choose to walk your student to the gate you must park in the front lot. Car line will be located on the cafeteria side of the school, the same as last year. Parents will enter the lot drive all the way to the back then come up alongside the building where a patrol or adult will open the door for your student once you have come to a complete stop. We ask that there be no cell phone use in car line to ensure the safety of all students. The gate will open for car line to begin lining up at 1:40 pm each afternoon. Students in our full time ESE classes, I Peeps and VPK there will be paras along the car line to help escort your child. Free breakfast is available to all students here at Symmes and we encourage families to take advantage of it.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the front office or myself at 740-4182. Enjoy these last few days of summer and get ready for a **"JAWSOME"** school year!

Regards,

*AnnaMarie Rothenbush*

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Principal

# Open House Information

This year our staff voted to hold Open House on Saturday morning in the hopes of accommodating more working families. Due to construction and teachers not being able to move their things back into the building until August 2<sup>nd</sup> Open House will look a little different this year. We will be hosting the event in the cafeteria. Parents will park in the back lot and enter through the double doors. There you will be greeted and given further instructions. Students will be able to visit their grade level table and meet their teachers. You will also be able to see the campus. Individual classrooms will be closed at this time as teachers will still have preparations to complete. (Please do not bring supplies to open house). We are hoping to make this a fun and casual event! Staff will be in their school shirt so they are easy to identify and can answer any questions you may have!

PTA memberships and spirit shirts will be available for purchase!

