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MSD of Lawrence Township to cancel classes November 19, 2019

INDIANAPOLIS – A revision to the 2019-2020 calendar was presented and approved by the Board of Education at the November 11, 2019 Board Meeting. With this revision, classes are canceled on November 19, 2019, making February 14, 2020 an eLearning Day where staff reports to work. The calendar change is a result of the Red for Ed Action Day.

According to MSD of Lawrence Township Superintendent, Dr. Shawn A. Smith, “We are a school district that values people above all else. We support the collective voice of our teachers.” He adds, “Having flexibility in our calendar will allow the district to make up this day.”

The large number of teacher absences, student safety, school operations, and quality instruction are additional considerations around the decision to make this calendar adjustment.

Childcare care will be available on November 19 for a fee through the YMCA for children K-6 at Mary Castle Elementary. Loving Care will provide preschool care at ELC Mary Castle.

About the Metropolitan School District of Lawrence Township:

The ninth largest and one of the fastest growing school districts in the state, the MSD of Lawrence Township serves over 16,000 students across four early learning centers, eleven elementary schools, two middle schools, two high schools, a center for innovation and technology, and an alternative setting high school. Lawrence Township strives to be the district of destination, a reputation built over the years based on the district’s award-winning staff, accomplished administrators, high-achieving students, supportive community, and innovative educational programs. Visit our website at www.LTschools.org.



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EARLY APPLICATION TWO-WAY DUAL LANGUAGE SPANISH IMMERSION

Application Process Early online applications will be accepted **November 1 - 29, 2019**. Student selection is determined through a random lottery process. Acceptance/Denial letters will be emailed on or before Wednesday, December 18, 2019. Deadline to accept placement will be Friday, January 17, 2020. Students not placed will remain on a randomly generated wait list. If a seat becomes available, it will be offered to the next student on the list.

You asked. We answered. The expansion of the Lawrence Township Dual-Immersion Program continues. Serving the district for twenty plus years, the Forest Glen Elementary Immersion program is a national leader in bilingual education. Its popularity “STEMmed” the expansion of the program to Skiles Test Elementary in 2018. While keeping the school’s STEM focus, Skiles Test has added Spanish Dual Language Immersion. Early application for BOTH Skiles Test and Forest Glen (incoming Preschool - incoming Kindergarten*), for the 2020-2021 school year will be open November 1 - 29, 2019. The application will be available on the [Enrollment Page](#) of our website. Unique to the Skiles Test expansion is the blending of the immersion program with the current state-accredited STEM program. Not only will students receive core instruction in Spanish, but they will continue existing programming in robotics, coding and environmental science. Grades 1 - 6 at Forest Glen and Grades 1 - 3 at Skiles Test may apply for admission in either Spanish Immersion program by submitting a CAP (Computerized Admittance Program) application, which will fill open seats through a lottery system. The CAP will be open Monday, April 6 - May 15, 2020. Acceptance to immersion for grades 2-6 will require an assessment to ensure the child has enough Spanish speaking ability to be successful in the immersion classroom.

LOOKING AHEAD

NOVEMBER 19/TUESDAY - NO SCHOOL

Nov 18 - 22 - Book Fair
Nov 22/Friday - Jolly Jamboree 6 –8 :30 PM
Nov 27 - 29 - NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break
Dec 13/Friday - PFO Movie Night 6—9 PM
Dec 18/Wednesday - ST Holiday Program
Dec 20- Jan 6, 2020 - NO SCHOOL - Winter Break

INTERNET ACCESS

If you do not have internet access at your home, you may qualify for service at a reduced rate.

<https://m.att.com/shopmobile/internet/access/> (we are in the 21 states)
<https://www.spectrum.com/browse/content/spectrum-internet-assist.html>
<https://www.xfinity.com/support/articles/comcast-broadband-opportunity-program>

ELearning Day

If a school closure occurs **before Saturday, February 1st**, all Lawrence Township schools will be participating in a planned eLearning Day on Friday, February 14th. Regardless, students will not attend school **on Friday, February 14th**. If an eLearning Day is necessary; however, staff and students will use SeeSaw (K-4th) and Canvas (5th-12th) to engage in meaningful teaching and learning. Please save the date and proactively make arrangements for childcare and internet access. Additional details and resources can be found at Itschools.org/elearning.

PFO NEWS

Please turn in any Boxtops or Coke tops/ codes you’ve collected this summer! This is free money for our school! You may also scan your own Coke caps at Coke.com. Select Skiles Test as your school. If you shop at Kroger, please link your Kroger Plus card to Skiles Test. Our code for this is BU741.

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