

## Lake Taylor School – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

During the 2018-2019 school year, the school division approved a plan to move grades 3-5 from Fairlawn Elementary School to Lake Taylor Middle School to create a new 3-8 school. Additionally, it was decided that Poplar Halls Elementary School would close and those grades would move into Fairlawn Elementary School, making it a PK-2 school. These changes are in alignment with the educational planning process that the district is undergoing.

This FAQ has been created to address a number of questions that parents, students, and the community may have about the new **Lake Taylor School**.

- **How will I know if my child will go to the new Lake Taylor School for 2019-2020 school year?**
  - If your child would have attended Fairlawn Elementary School in the fall, they will now attend Lake Taylor School.
- **What is the address and telephone number of the school?**
  - The school is located at 1380 Kempsville Road, Norfolk, VA 23502. The telephone number is (757) 892-3230.
- **My child participates in the severe and profound disabled program, will this change?**
  - No, your child will continue to attend at this location. Contact the school for more information.
- **Who will be my child's principal?**
  - This school will have a co-principal model, which means Mrs. T. Michele Logan (grades 3-5) and Dr. Melanie Patterson (grades 6-8) will both be principals. For more information on the principals and assistant principal, visit the school's website at <https://www.npsk12.com/lts>.
- **What time will school start?**
  - This school will operate on the second stagger, which is **8:15 a.m.-2:45 p.m.** This is in line with the other K-8 schools in the school division.
- **When will I get information on transportation?**
  - The Department of Transportation will send information during the week of August 26, for those children who ride the bus. ***ALL students will have bus transportation regardless of home address.***
  - The school will send information on drop-off and pickup locations in the coming weeks.
- **If my child attended Fairlawn Recreation Center for before and after school care, what will my option be now?**
  - There are a variety of before and after care programs that are available, however, if you choose for your child to attend a program at Fairlawn Recreation Center, you may do so. Transportation will be provided to Fairlawn Recreation Center for before and after care.
- **Do I need to do anything special to receive free/reduced lunch?**
  - All students at this school are entitled to receive breakfast (take and go) and lunch.
- **Will my child have to wear a uniform?**
  - Yes, students in grades 3-5 will be required to wear uniforms.
    - Grades 3-5 will wear orange collared polo shirts and khaki/tan bottoms.
  - It is **OPTIONAL** for Grade 6 students to wear uniforms.
    - Grade 6 colors are maroon collared polo shirts and khaki/tan bottoms.
  - Children in grades 7-8 **DO NOT** have to wear uniforms.
  - The school does have some shirts available for purchase.
- **How will I receive important information?**
  - The school division uses a system called Blackboard Connect to send robocalls and/or emails to parents.

- **How can I update my contact information?**
  - It is very important that we have accurate contact information. You may contact the school's student data specialist (SDS) to ensure that your email, telephone number and physical address are up-to-date.
  - If your information changes throughout the year, don't forget to update it with the school.
- **What updates are taking place?**
  - At the conclusion of the 2018-2019 school year, upgrades and renovations began to take place throughout the building to include: flooring and carpet, fresh paint, new wheelchair ramp, art room and computer lab renovations, a new playground, parking lot repairs, and designated drop-off areas for special education, grades 3-5 and 6-8.
- **When can my family participate in a tour of the school?**
  - On **August 12 and 13** the school hosted its Sixth Grade Transition Program. If you have a sixth grader who was unable to attend, please contact the school.
  - On **August 29**, the school will host a Meet and Greet for parents, students and the community from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Postcards and/or letters with more details will be sent to families in the coming weeks.
- **What about extracurricular activities and athletics?**
  - For grades 3-6 intramural sports may be offered. For students who are members of clubs and organizations, the faculty lead will communicate pertinent information to that group. After care programs will remain at Fairlawn Recreation Center for grades 3-6. There is no change for students in grades 6-8 who wish to participate in athletics. Academy of International Studies at Rosemont (AOIS) and Young Scholars will continue to be paired with Lake Taylor School. Transportation will be provided.

