

**ARKSPUR SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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Welcome to the 2008-09 school year! It is a pleasure to be starting up this fall with so many new faces (students, staff and parents), and I look forward to getting to know each of you! Our schools begin Monday, August 25. The calendars of school days and holidays are available for 2008-09 and 2009-10 on our website at [www.larkspurschools.org](http://www.larkspurschools.org).

As you and your children prepare for the first week of school, first and foremost is ensuring their safety. We hope some of the information below will assist you in a smooth and successful start to the school year!

#### School-Pool

With over 1,250 students arriving daily, our District has a considerable impact upon the community and the environment. As an act of good citizenship and stewardship, we encourage all families to be active "walk and rollers" by walking, biking, busing, and carpooling to school. This year finding "school-pooling" buddies will be made easier in our school directory. Watch for the "school-pool" forms in the September 2 backpack mail. You may also want to take advantage of the Marin Transit District buses that serve our community.

#### Marin Transit District Transportation

I am proud to share that the Larkspur School District is once again offering families a subsidy for Marin Transit District Youth Tickets and the Marin Youth Pass which serve all local Golden Gate Transit bus routes. This includes Route 117 serving Neil Cummins/Hall Middle/San Clemente Park, Route 22 serving Hillview/Larkspur/Corte Madera, and Route 221, the Twin Cities Shuttle. For more information and a link to related documents, please visit <http://www.larkspurschools.org/generalinformation/about/transp/index.htm> or use the Hall link: <http://www.hall-school.org/about/transportation.htm>. Please take advantage of public transportation!

#### Lunch Program

Remember to sign your children up for hot lunch at [www.organicsschoollunches.com](http://www.organicsschoollunches.com) by this Friday the 22nd. You will need to sign up online, print a confirmation, and mail or drop off a confirmation at the District Office.

#### Upcoming Dates

The New Family Welcome is scheduled for Thursday, August 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Neil Cummins Gym.

Lions Club Luau is scheduled for Saturday, September 6 and benefits the Corte Madera Larkspur Schools Foundation. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased through the Corte Madera Parks & Recreation Department – 927-5072. Thank you for supporting the Foundation

Fall Community Sing-A-Long is scheduled for Friday, September 12 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Hall Gym. Start off the year on a good note....Come to the Sing-A-Long. All ages and voices welcome. Sing folk and rock classics with the Larkspur School District Teachers and Staff. Lyrics provided. Questions? Please call Amy Friedrichs at 927-7273.

Corte Madera Larkspur Schools Foundation is having its first Golf Tournament on October 17.

Supporting our Business Partners

This year, the Village at Corte Madera is stepping up to support our schools. The Village is offering \$325 in matching funds for every 7th and 8th grade family that gives \$650 to the Corte Madera Larkspur Schools Foundation. Paradise Foods is matching kindergarten family donation funds. Thank you!