

Loveland Community Club

Welcome Booklet 2025-26



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<https://lovelandcommunityclub.membershiptoolkit.com/>

Facebook "Friends of Loveland Elementary":

<https://www.facebook.com/lovelandfriends>

Instagram: @lovelandfriends

Twitter: https://twitter.com/Loveland_School

District 66 Loveland Homepage: <https://www.westside66.org/Domain/12>

Spirit Wear: <https://lovelandspiritwear.square.site/>

LCC Venmo: @LovelandCommunityClub

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Welcome from the Principal



Dear Loveland Families,

Welcome to the 2025-26 school year! We are thrilled to embark on another year of learning, growth, and discovery at Loveland Elementary. Our dedicated staff members have spent the summer preparing diligently to provide the best educational experience for all students.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to our teachers for their commitment to professional development, attending classes, and engaging with new instructional strategies. Their dedication ensures that your children receive the highest quality education.

At Loveland, we believe in the power of collaboration between parents and teachers. Your enthusiasm, support, and involvement play a crucial role in inspiring our students to achieve their best. Together, we can accomplish remarkable things.

As we look ahead, there's a wealth of excitement awaiting us — from new books and friendships to mastering new skills. We are eager to share these moments of growth and achievement with you and your child throughout the school year.

Warm regards,

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[Loveland District 66 Website](#)

[Loveland Community Club Website](#)

Loveland Elementary School was one of three schools that originally collaborated to create Westside Community Schools. Today, its original Tudor facade fronts a modern elementary school serving approximately 300 students.

More than 50 certified and non-certified staff members have made learning the first priority with impressive results. Academic goals at Loveland are based on district outcomes, board adopted curriculum, research of best practices, and analysis of student data. Loveland's leadership fosters a learning community through participation in weekly Professional Learning Communities (PLC), MTSS meetings, behavior meetings, weekly grade level team collaboration, and accountability for quality lesson plans.

Goals for self-discipline are supported through a character education program helping children become more responsible, respectful, and caring human beings. The school maintains an active community club that supports a variety of academic, social, and fundraising activities. High attendance at school functions is further evidence that at Loveland Elementary everyone works together to educate the whole child in a caring environment.

Loveland Elementary FAQs

How do I drop off and pick up my child from school?

Morning drop off for all grade levels is on Ridgewood Avenue. Please do not use the parking lot as a drop off area. The doors available for students to enter in the morning are located on Ridgewood Avenue. The gates on Loveland Drive will remain locked until dismissal time, and no other doors will be unlocked for students to enter.

Students may NOT be dropped off before 8:10 am unless they are serving on safety patrol, working with a teacher, or having breakfast. Breakfast starts at 8:05 am. There will be supervision outside starting at 8:10 am, students may enter the building at 8:20 am, and our school day begins at 8:30 am. Students needing to be dropped off before 8:10 am must enroll in the morning Club 66 Program. We ask all parents please stay in their cars and use the drop-off lane in the morning. The 6th grade safety patrol, Mrs. Streff, and Ms. Hornung will be outside on Ridgewood Avenue helping children out of their cars and they will be keeping traffic moving safely. Please have your child get out on the passenger side of the car. Remember, we have these procedures in place to ensure the safety of all students.

ARRIVAL - Students may be dropped off on Ridgewood Avenue only. We have student valets and staff assigned on Ridgewood Avenue to help get students out of the cars and into the building. Cars should never be parked and left unattended. If arriving late, after 8:30 AM, please drop students off at the front door.

DISMISSAL

RIDGEWOOD AVE - ONE WAY SOUTH, 8:00 am-4:00 pm - GRADES 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th

There are two lanes of moving traffic. All students waiting for rides will wait at the far end of Ridgewood Avenue (near the storm shelter). Teachers will be there to help get students into cars and on their way. We will also have staff helping with the traffic. We ask for your help and support, please be patient as you slowly approach the area for student pick up.

LOVELAND DRIVE - ONE WAY NORTH, GRADES K - 1st & SIBLINGS

Teachers will accompany all kindergarten and first grade students to Loveland Drive. All siblings will join them on Loveland Drive. Parents are to drive through and wait for teachers to help students get into the cars. Parents, we ask that you do NOT park on both sides of Loveland Drive or in private driveways, and that you never leave your car unattended to walk down to the playground.

Drop Off/Pick Up Tips

- When dropping off your child in the morning, pull forward as much as you are able to allow more than one car to drop off at the same time. If you need to enter the building for any reason, you must find a space in the lot or neighborhood and walk your child into the building. Please do not accompany your child to the classroom at this time.
- Please DO NOT park in the handicap spaces unless you are entitled to do so by having a sticker or a placard visible.
- When picking up at the end of the day, stay in your car and pull forward as much as possible.

Your child will then be permitted to enter your car with a teacher escort. Once again, if you need to enter the building or get out of your car for any reason, you must find a place to park in the lot or neighborhood.

- Please do not enter the parking lot for drop off. At 8:20 am cones are put across the entrance to block traffic from entering. This allows staff to find a parking place and keeps the parking lot safe from moving traffic.
- Staff will be on duty before and after school to assist your child in any way.

Free/Reduced Applications - Applications for free/reduced meals must be completed every year regardless of whether you qualified in the past. Forms are available on-line now and anytime: [MySchoolApps](#)

Check out Westside Community Schools Online Lunch Menu:

<https://schools.mealviewer.com/school/LovelandElementarySchool>

How do I pay for my student's lunch at school?

There are two ways to deposit lunch money: (1) send a check or cash with your student's name clearly labeled to Mrs. Knight at the front desk or (2) visit www.myschoolbucks.com - Getting started is a simple three-step process!

1. Download the app or visit the MySchoolBucks homepage and click on "Sign Up Free".
2. Create a user profile with your email address, establish a password, and set up your security questions.
3. Add a Student to your account using the student's name, date of birth, and/or student ID number. (Some schools and districts may require either the student's date of birth or student ID number. If you need assistance with your student's ID, please contact their school.)

MySchoolBucks Parent Support

1-855-832-5226

support@myschoolbucks.com

If you give a check to Mrs. Knight and have more than one student, make sure you tell her how to divide the money among each account!

How will the school communicate with me?

Classroom teachers will email weekly updates about the specifics of classroom involvement, including curriculum covered and important dates. The school will also email a weekly newsletter with all the relevant information about Loveland happenings. Please be sure to update your contact information in PowerSchool and provide your email address to the front desk so you can be kept up-to-date on everything happening at the school.

What is Spirit Day?

Spirit Day is an opportunity for students and teachers to wear their Loveland shirts or Loveland colors (royal blue, gray/black and white). It's a chance for the students to celebrate the loyalty and commitment they all share to Loveland Elementary. Typically, each Friday is a Spirit Day. **Purchase your Loveland Spirit Wear here:** <https://lovelandspiritwear.square.site/>

What is Club 66?

Club 66 is Loveland's before and after school childcare program. Childcare is available before and after school from 6:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. There is a fee and paperwork that must be filled out before your child can attend. Ms. Jordan Harlow is our site director and can answer any additional questions you may have. Please email her at Harlow.Jordan@westside66.net

How can I participate in classroom parties?

Classroom parties are a fun way to participate in your child's class. We will need a room parent and a few additional parents for each class to make certain that everything is organized for the Halloween, Winter, and Valentine's parties. For each party, volunteers will organize and help students with crafts and games – there are so many inexpensive and easy ideas online, but please don't hesitate to ask for help. Registration for classroom parties is located on the [Loveland Website](#). All parents who volunteer will need to have completed a background check.

What snacks can I bring?

Whether for consumption in the classroom or at school-sponsored meetings or activities, all foods must be safe for all students to eat. When deciding what to send, please choose from the District Snack List <https://www.westside66.org/Page/577> and remember the following guidelines:

- **No homemade foods** are allowed for sharing or distributing for student consumption.
- Send items to school **in their original, sealed packaging bearing the ingredient label.**
- Double-check ingredient labels at the time of purchase to verify that there are no peanuts or tree nuts (e.g. almonds and walnuts) or cross-contamination statements. **Manufacturers' ingredients can change without warning.**

****As always, please coordinate with teachers and administrators before bringing snacks into K-6 classrooms****

Loveland Community Club FAQs

What is the Loveland Elementary Community Club?

The Loveland Community Club is a network of parents and families of Loveland Elementary students. The Club provides opportunities for families to connect and build community, improve communication with the school, and enhance the Loveland learning experience.

Each parent, step-parent, and guardian of a Loveland student(s) is automatically a member of the Loveland Community Club, and is entitled to all the benefits of such membership.

Loveland Community Club meetings are usually held on the first Monday evening of each month in the Loveland Library from 6:30-7:30pm. All parents and caregivers are welcome and encouraged to attend our meetings. It is a great way to get connected in the Loveland Community and we are always seeking more involvement. You can also participate in the LCC by joining or leading a committee.

Community Club Committees sign up: [Committee Sign Up](#)

Loveland Community Club website: <https://lovelandcommunityclub.membershiptoolkit.com/>

How can I get involved at Loveland?

There are many ways to get involved at Loveland. Loveland Elementary puts a tremendous amount of effort into making sure that the students' experience is a special blend of education AND community. This is accomplished historically with events like classroom parties, family nights out, special events, Field Day, the Ice Cream Social, and our annual fundraiser the Loveland Launch.

If you are available to assist with any of our Loveland activities, you can simply sign up on our [website](#), contact your Grade Representative, or reach out to the LCC. Consider joining a Loveland Community Club committee, attending LCC meetings, or signing up for volunteer opportunities like the Book Fair or the Ice Cream Social. Parents are also invited to start after school clubs if they have a special talent or interest and would like to provide an opportunity for students.

Who can help me navigate the school and its activities?

There are several ways to stay updated on all things Loveland. The [Loveland Website](#) (run through the membership toolkit) is the best source of updated Loveland Community Club information. Every parent/caregiver needs to create a Membership Toolkit account in order to join our site. The Loveland Website includes access to the school directory, volunteer sign ups, calendar, meeting minutes, helpful links, and much more.

Every Friday, our school principal sends out a newsletter with important information. Be sure to take the time each week to read her newsletter. You can also follow the LCC Facebook Page and Instagram in order to see LCC reminders and posts.

The LCC executive team includes one representative from each grade level. This will be your child's Grade Representative. They attend monthly Community Club meetings and communicate the happenings back to the families in that grade (often with a monthly email). The Grade Rep also communicates with Classroom Party volunteers before each holiday party to confirm involvement and finalize details. Your Grade Representative is a great person to answer any questions you have about Loveland.

What activities are happening at the school this year?

Loveland Activities are available on the calendar on the Loveland District 66 webpage and the Loveland Community Club website. Upcoming events are also included in the principal's newsletter each week and often in teacher's updates.

What you need to know about confidentiality...

Loveland Elementary parent volunteers are in a position of trust and may see personal information. Please know that all information is highly confidential. We take great pride in protecting the Loveland community and the privacy of all our students.

Background Checks Required....

We know it takes a village, and we appreciate the participation and support we receive from families and friends of our school. Starting last spring, our district has updated the requirements around volunteers to include completing a background check. This additional step seeks to ensure that we have taken careful steps to support the safety and well-being of our students, families, and staff.

If you have signed up or plan to sign up as a volunteer at our school, during events, in classroom holiday parties, or for class field trips, it's important to get a start on this process as it can take several weeks to receive results. We know parent schedules sometimes change at the last minute, so it is important to have any adults who will volunteer in your household complete this process.

Background Checks are **Required** for...

- Classroom Party volunteers
- Field Day, Fun Run (on-site volunteers only), and other school-day events
- School Club Sponsors and Volunteers
- Field Trip Volunteers
- Classroom Volunteers

What you need to know about safety...

Although it is recognized that parent volunteers will often be in the classroom, front office, or elsewhere in the school, all volunteers must sign in and out of the front office.

The Loveland Elementary staff must be aware of who is in the school at all times in case of emergency and to ensure the safety of our students.

How can I get involved in the Westside District?

The Westside school district has many ways for parents to be involved. Visit the following website for more information. <http://westside66.org/get-involved>

Loveland Community Club Committee Descriptions

Adult Night Out

This is a fun, social evening out for the parents/guardians of Loveland students. It is an opportunity for Loveland adults to meet each other, sans kids, in a laid-back social outing.

Art Smart

Held in the Spring, this enrichment activity draws out the artist in all Loveland students. Throughout the week, artists in residence or musicians come into the classroom to share their expertise with the children. The goal is to create a program each year that beautifies the school in a unique and personal way.

Book Fair

This event is held in conjunction with the October and March Parent-Teacher Conferences. Proceeds from this event go toward improvements/enhancements to the materials available in the Media Center.

Family Events

This committee is in charge of planning Loveland Community Club events such as Donuts With Grown Ups, Pancake Man, and Playground Gatherings.

Family Dinner Out

Coordinate with local restaurants to host a Loveland Family Night. A percentage of each meal purchased is paid back to the school. It's not only a great social gathering for our community, but also a great way to support a local business.

Homecoming Parade

Each year during the Westside High School Homecoming Parade, Loveland decorates a float, and our students participate in the parade. The Community Club provides candy for the students to hand out.

Hospitality/Teacher Appreciation

Help show the Loveland staff how much we appreciate them throughout the year. Coordinate conference dinners, teacher appreciation week, birth/wedding celebrations, and more!

Ice Cream Social

Held the first Friday in May, this is the largest community event. There are many opportunities to serve in this event, and parent involvement is strongly encouraged. The Ice Cream Social (which is a lot like a carnival or fair) is held at the Westside Middle School, and, in addition to ice cream, has fun games for the kids to enjoy!

Loveland Launch

The Loveland Launch is our primary fundraiser for the Community Club. This is a direct-give campaign where all donations go directly to the school. There are no items being sold—just a simple, straightforward fundraiser held each fall at Loveland Elementary.

Spirit Wear

This committee is solely responsible for taking and fulfilling orders for Loveland shirts and hats. Buy products online anytime, and they will be delivered to your student at school. <https://lovelandspiritwear.square.site/>

Wellness

Help coordinate various healthy activities for the children to participate in throughout the year. These activities include Field Day, Walk to School Day, and our Fun Run.

Website and Social Media

Assists in running Loveland Membership Toolkit website and updating our social media platforms

Westside Community Council

Westside Community Council is composed of two to three members from each of the 12 schools in the District. The members plan and implement district-wide volunteer activities for students in all grades. Each member serves on a minimum of two committees. Committees include Health Screenings, Westside Middle School Career Day, Battle of the Books, District Outreach/Advocacy, Clothes Closet, and Grade Level Assemblies. The Community Council meets the second Friday of the month from September through May at the ABC Building.

Yearbook

Create a yearbook given to all students at the end of each academic year. The LCC provides a yearbook for each student but encourages parents to donate towards the cost of their child's yearbook if they are able.

Loveland Community Club Leadership 2025-2026

LCC Leadership 2025-2026

President: Kate Porter

Vice President: Traci Davies

Treasurer: Stephanie & Brian Adams

Secretary: Jodi Packett

Grade Reps

Kindergarten - Ann Hadfield

First - Audrey Dobbe

Second - Kylie Warboys

Third - Kate Cooper

Fourth - Angie Hempel

Fifth - Jill Conway

Sixth - Meghan Manning

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[Loveland Community Club Website](#)

Donations Info

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