

Walsingham Wildcats News

Student Hours

M-F 7:35 am -1:45 pm

Walsingham Elementary School

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Rebecca Sullivan, Assistant Principal

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The Mission of Walsingham Elementary is to prepare our students to become independent learners with the desires, the skills, and the abilities necessary for lifelong learning.

Principal's News

Quinn Williams, Principal

Welcome back Walsingham families. It was wonderful to see so many of our Walsingham Families at our Meet the Teacher/Open House! To achieve our vision at Walsingham Elementary, we will prepare our students to become independent learners with the desires, the skills, and the abilities necessary for lifelong learning.

A huge THANK YOU to our amazing PTA for your collaboration and support! Please go on our PTA MemberHub to support our PTA as a PTA member. The link is on our school website and Facebook page. When you click the link that leads to the website. Click on "Memberships" on the left side of the page. After purchasing a membership, you will receive an email with confirmation and coupons. Thank you for supporting our school!

We were so excited to see all of our Wildcats for their first day of school. We have staff on duty outside starting at 7:10am The gates open at the same time. Please stay with your child until the bell rings at 7:10am and there is supervision from our staff.

Dismissal will begin at 1:45pm each day and you MUST have your car tag displayed in your windshield in order to keep our car line running fast. As part of our safety dismissal protocol, our students will only be released to family members with a car tag.

We are starting to schedule speakers for the Great American Teach In. Could you come in to present to your child's class (or more than one class)? Please contact Brooke Murch in our front office if you are able to talk about your job to our students. We can't wait to see all of our speakers!

Our business partners are LKQ Pick Your Part and FLIP Tune into Reading. We now have Moe's on Starkey as our newest business partner. On our Moe's Spirit Nights, between 5pm-8pm they are giving 25% of your order back to our school. Whether you are dining in or getting it to-go, please support our school on our Spirit Night dates. They are the second Tuesday of every month.

Our Fall Cookie Dough Fundraiser begins on September 28th. These cookies are out of this world! This is an awesome way you can support our teachers AND your child can win some really awesome prizes. Packets will be sent home on this date. All payments will be online only. Stay tuned for more information on our Walsingham Facebook page.

Thank you for your partnership as we work together to have an amazing 2021-2022 school year!

Proud to be your Principal,
Mrs. Williams

Assistant Principal's News

Rebecca Sullivan, Assistant Principal

Dreambox is a math computer program we use daily in school. Dreambox is an adaptive math program that personalizes instruction from intervention to enrichment. Dreambox helps students develop the skills to close the gaps and it integrates assessment through instruction to monitor their understanding. Dreambox is standards based. In grades K-3 the weekly expectation is for students to complete 5 or more lessons. In grades 4 and 5 the expectation is to complete 10 lessons. Data has proven that if students meet their weekly expectation, they will show 1 ½ years of math growth in just 1 year.

Istation

Istation is an adaptive reading program that like Dreambox also offers personalized instruction from intervention to enrichment. It covers the big 5 areas in reading phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary. At the beginning of each month students take the assessment called ISIP. Based on their results the program creates a personalized plan of instruction and activities to help the student grow. This process repeats monthly so we a continuously monitor and evaluating your child's progress. Students should be on Istation weekly for 30-60 minutes.

How Can You Help?

At home students can access these programs through Clever using their school laptop or any other computer or tablet. If it is not a school device, students can access Clever through the pcsb.org website. These programs are great educational tools that we encourage to be used at home as well. Also, now that you know the weekly expectations you can ask your child how they are progressing. Educating children is a team effort. We are *Better Together!* – Mrs. Sullivan, Assistant Principal



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Music Notzs

Erin Kaminsky, Music Teacher

Hello, Walsingham Wildcats! I am Mrs. Kaminsky, and I am the music teacher here. We have a fun musical year ahead of us with lots of musical learning! There will be singing, instruments, and dancing in our music classes. I am so excited to see our returning students and meet all of our new students. I'm looking forward to sharing music with all of one of our Wildcats this year!

Mrs. Kaminsky

"Where words fail, music speaks" Hans Christian Andersen

Music Teacher

Wellness Champion

Specialist Team Leader

PE News

Trish Burrows, PE Coach

Welcome back Wildcats! The P.E. Dept. is getting our students ready for the Fitnessgram Pre-Test which will be done in September. We sent home a letter explaining the components of the test.

All students will learn how to perform each section of the test. Sit-ups (curl-up), push-ups, Trunk Lift, Pacer, Height and Weight (BMI), Sit and Reach. The Post Test will be given in the spring.

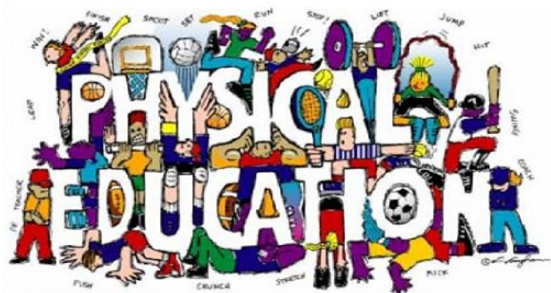
If your child has Asthma they will not do the running portion of the test.

Please send a water bottle with your child for PE since we don't have water fountain use.

Thank you and have a healthy year.

Walsingham Physical Education Department

You MUST acknowledge this email and confirm your appointment by December 15th. Failure to respond will remove you from the approved list.



Success in Art

Lisa Forero, Art Teacher

"Take a drive anywhere in Florida and your eyes take in a plethora of various license plate designs. Florida offers over 125 different designs for license tags, the second highest of any state in the nation."

Who is participating? Walsingham Wildcats 5th Graders are participating in this year's Kids Tag Art!

What is Kids Tag Art? An elementary curriculum that teaches children how art is used in commerce. Children create their own unique vanity tag that parents or anyone from the community can purchase for their cars from kidstagartpinellas.org. All funds raised directly support arts education in Pinellas County. One dollar from the sale for each tag will benefit the St. Petersburg College Foundation's "I AM 4 ART, U CAN B 2" Scholarship fund. Remaining proceeds from tag sales and community sponsorships will be given to the Pinellas County Schools Visual Arts Department to be used exclusively as supplement funding for art enrichment programs and supplies for participation schools.

I am excited to see all the different designs our Wildcats will come up with!

Media Center and Tech Updates

Elizabeth Bonfanti, Media Specialist

We are opening our media center for library orientations, book checkouts, and PreK - 2nd grade story times and reading lessons. Some featured books for September and October include topics on: back to school, Patriot Day, Grandparents' Day, autumn, Hispanic Heritage Month, and Halloween.

Please keep up-to-date with the districts PCS Connects 1-to-1 laptop initiative at <https://www.pcsb.org/domain/12742> and <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/33482>. Here you can view the parent

PowerPoint, access device sign out forms, and watch the PCS Connects orientation video. This applies to all 3rd-5th grade students.

Your child can obtain a Pinellas Public Library Cooperative card through the directions found here: <https://pplc.us/get-a-library-card/> and <https://pplc.us/3-for-me/>.

Toys for Tots

Maggie Brilliant, Guidance Counselor



Eligibility Criteria

1. Resident of and children living in Pinellas County
2. Children ages 12 and under as of 12/25/21
3. Financial need (i.e., receiving financial assistance of some type, homeless, or has recently had life changing event such as unemployment, fire, hurricane damage, etc.)

How to Request Toys from Toys for Tots

1. Go to <https://t4tpinellas.ptaptsa.org/pre-registration> before November 10th to register.
2. Enter your e-mail address. You will receive an email from Toys for Tots with a link to the registration page.
3. Fill out the form entering your family name, address, and your preferred date and time for toy pickup as well as information for each child (ages 12 and under) by adding their name, age and school they attend. Submit the registration request after confirming all information is correct. The screen should now tell you that you have an application pending and that the program will not start approving these applications until November 10th. You can check the status of any application at any time by going to <https://t4tpinellas.ptaptsa.org/pre-registration> and re-entering the email address you used at registration.
4. You will receive an e-mail acknowledging your request and another email when you have been approved.
5. You will receive a confirmation e-mail in December (around December 10th).
 - You **MUST** acknowledge this email and confirm your appointment by December 15th. Failure to respond will remove you from the approved list.
 - Upon acknowledgement of this email you will receive your bar code.
6. Toy pick up will be held on 12/17/21 and 12/18/21. Toys for Tots will send you an e-mail with the pick-up location. Please arrive no earlier than 30 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment. You must bring your bar code with you to distribution (either on your phone or a printed copy).

If you have any questions or need additional assistance, please contact

Diaczyk-brillantm@pcsb.org

Important Dates to Remember!

September 15th: PTA General Meeting on ZOOM. Link will be on the Walsingham FB page.

September 21st: Dads Take your Child to School Day

September 27th-October 1st: Attendance Spirit Week

September 28th: Fall Cookie Dough Fundraiser Begins

October 5th: National Walk to School Day: Stavros at 6:30am

October 11th Red Ribbon Week

October 12th: Moe's Spirit Night 5pm-8pm

October 29th: Fall Picture Retakes

