

It's time to start school!

We are excited to have all our students back with us for another year of learning. We are also excited to share that our annual Title I meeting and Open House will be Monday, August 8 at 5:30 pm



OPEN HOUSE

Some other important dates to remember:

Class lists posted Monday, August 8th.

Title I Annual meeting/ Open House- August 8th

First Day of School-August 10th

School time: 8:45 am-2:55 pm

No School- September 5th

Who is my child's teacher? Class lists will be available outside the office on August 8th thru August 10th.

Student Placement

A great deal of time, effort and thought has gone into the process of student placement for the 2022-2023 school year. Careful consideration was given to your child's placement. Classrooms have been balanced academically and socially. Our class lists are structured to provide equitable class sizes at each grade level, as well as the best way to meet the needs of all learners based on academic performance. Moving students is difficult without causing imbalances and inequities.

★ **School will start** on August 10th. Our times will continue to be 8:45 am to 2:55 pm. The campus opens for students at 8:15 am. Student may not arrive before 8:15 am due to no staff supervision. The YMCA has before and after care for those that need it. Their phone number is 727 302-0519 if you would like more information to register. Seats are on a limited basis so you will want to apply today. JW Cate Recreation center also provides before and after care. Their number is 727 893-7751



❖ **Arrival/Breakfast:** Students may enter campus at 8:15 and go to the cafeteria for breakfast or to their classrooms. After 8:40 students will take breakfast back to class. There is NO Staff supervision until 8:15, please wait with your child until staff are on duty, this is a safety concern.



❖ **Lunch** - All students will continue to eat in our cafeteria, but we will continue to maximize space for safety. Families may once again join their students for lunch on Fridays at our outside picnic tables; but they must come during their child's designated lunch period as students will not be pulled out of learning to have lunch. Please be sure you have an ID, and all visitors must be on the child's card. Rainy Fridays will be cancelled as we do not have indoor space to accommodate.

❖ **Daily Learning** - teachers will cover all the state standards (B.E.S.T) required of their grade level. Students in grades 1-5 will be assigned a laptop for digital learning purposes. Please discuss care of technology with your child. More information will be shared by your child's teacher.

- ❖ **The Clinic** - If your child is not feeling well, please keep them home. If a student gets sick during the school day, our nurse will assess your child as in the past and consult with you. If a student exhibits illness beyond the normal stomachache or "boo-boo", we will request that you pick your child up. We strongly encourage you to make back-up plans for pick up and provide the front office with several people for us to contact on your behalf. Each day parents will be asked to assess their child's health before bringing them to school. Students with any of the following symptoms should not come to school:

- Temperature above 100.4/chills
- Vomiting or gastrointestinal issues
- Chronic cough/shortness of breath
- Loss of taste or smell
- In general, if your child is not well, they should stay home



- ❖ **Dismissal** - Students will be dismissed at 2:55. Walkers, bus, and YMCA students will be escorted to their locations by a grade level teacher. The Back gate is for walkers/bike riders. Neighbors have called the police in the past for excessive car traffic and miss use of property. Car riders will report to their designated dismissal locations escorted by a grade level staff member. Each car rider will be given a car tag sign, please fill it out with your child's name on it and display it on your rear-view mirror so our staff can call for your child. All families should pull up to one of the specified pick-up spots. If you chose to park, your child must be designated as a walker and will be in a hallway near #1. Only NWES staff and students should access the front car line walkway due to traffic and students moving to their number. If you need assistance, ask the staff member at #1 with a walkie to locate your child.

Please be patient the first few days of school as we help our new families adjust and make sure that all students get to their proper dismissal location. The line goes quicker when everyone is following the rules including following the traffic pattern and remaining in your car. It does get better!!

- ❖ **Visitors** - Visitors are permitted on campus for designated purposes (i.e., parent conferences, family events, volunteering, etc.). For security reasons though, families are not permitted to walk their child to their classroom in grades K-5, except the first day of school. VPK parents must have an updated ID badge to access the campus. Please consider getting your ID badge set up during Open House in the front office.



- ❖ **First week of school** - We will have additional adults /safety patrols to help your child get to their classroom if they need assistance. Parents may walk their child the first day only to class.

❖ **PreK parking is located in front of building 1 for drop off only (designated parking spaces).** PreK parents may park and walk their child to the entrance gate by the Pre K classrooms. Parents will be required to sign their child in at the classroom (this must be done by an adult). You will receive additional directions from your child's teacher at Open House.

- ❖ **Telephone Numbers and email addresses**-It is extremely important we have current up to date telephone numbers, email addresses and contacts. If there is a school emergency, we need to be able to communicate with you about your child and a possible situation. PLEASE be sure the front office has your most current information.

- ❖ **Labels**- Label everything! Backpack, pencil box, notebooks, shirt collar, etc. Many times, we have students who don't know their last name. It is extremely helpful to have your child's name on everything.

More information is included in the front pages of your child's agenda and will be shared with you at Open House on August 8th.

Thank you to all who are helping prepare for the new school year. We are excited to be a part of your child's education and learning experience! See you soon.

Sincerely

Mrs. Brainard

Principal