

Dear NWES Bulldog Family,

Welcome back to school! For those of you that are new to NWES, my name is Ms. Forester and I am the principal. This is my 10th year as the principal of NWES and I absolutely love what I do here! I am blessed with wonderful parents and amazing kiddos that I get to love on each day. Did I mention, I have the best staff around too! We are family here and make a great team! Thank you for entrusting us with



your most prized possession(s). If you ever have a question, please feel free to call me at 936-344-2900 x115 or email me at tforester@new-waverly.k12.tx.us.

It is an exciting time around New Waverly as we begin to see the fruits of the bond that was passed previously. As you can tell, we are "Under Construction"! During this time, please note that we will have frequent updates, notices, and protocol in which WE MUST ALL FOLLOW for the safety of our students and staff. This includes traffic patterns, parking, car line procedures, building entrances and exits, and the list goes on.

Parking/1st Day (No visitors): At this time, parking is a bit of a mess, (sorry, there just isn't another way to say it)! A parking lot was poured today, but must cure for 10 days before we can access it. With this being said; the only parking that we have is in the front of the school in the grass area. This allows us only one way into the building at this time; which is through the front doors for visitors. Therefore, unfortunately, parents will not be able to walk their children in on the first day of school. We apologize for this in advance, but know we had to do the same during Covid and after the Uvalde incident so our teachers are prepared and will take great care of your little ones.

<u>Communication:</u> In order to streamline communication, all campuses and teachers will communicate through the New Waverly ISD app, so please be sure that you download it in the Apple or Android Store. Search: New Waverly ISD, TX. I will communicate any information that pertains to parents through this app so having it will be most beneficial.

School Hours: Our school hours are 7:20 (doors open) to 3:30 p.m. Students are tardy at 7:45 a.m. Please make sure that they are here prior to 7:45 a.m. if they will eat breakfast and to start their day off on a great note! No one likes walking into class late!

School contact: If you need to reach the office during the school day, the phone number is 936-344-2900.

Transportation Changes: Please send a note in your child's take home folder EACH day that there will be a transportation change. Notes are only good for one day. Please include the address of where the child will be going if it is on a bus. If it is a car change, please be sure to include the name of who will pick up the child and your car tag #.

Breakfast & Lunch: Children may bring their breakfast/lunch or buy breakfast/lunch from the cafeteria. You may download the cafeteria app SchoolCafe to add money to your child's account. You may also add restrictions if needed, such as no dairy or no ice cream. At this time we are a closed district for lunches, meaning no visitors are allowed at lunch.

Car Rider Line: Car Rider Line is at the back of the building. There will be an officer in the back each day to assist with traffic flow. At this time, due to traffic, we ask that parents turn down Houston Rd. (which is the street between the elementary and the bank) and go down to the stadium and turn around to form a line coming from that way. This alleviates cars being backed up on 1375, which would be dangerous.

Teachers: If you have a question regarding anything from your child's class, please communicate with your child's teacher first. Each teacher should hand out their email and contact information, so please refer to them first on any questions.

<u>Clinic:</u> All medication should be brought to the school and given to the nurse to disburse to a child. If you have any questions or if your child has any medical needs, please contact Bonnie White, our school nurse at 936-344-2900 x 121.

PK and Kindergarten Parents: All PK and Kindergarten students are to be potty trained by the time they are in school. We know that accidents happen, so please keep a change of clothes, in a Ziploc bag in your child's backpack at all times. This alleviates us having to call you to come and bring clothes in the middle of the day.

Volunteer or Substitute: We love and appreciate our parent volunteers and our substitutes. If you would like to volunteer, please request a background check form, that must be completed first. Then we can call you to come help with tutoring, lunch duty, reading to students, making copies, and the list grows each day! If you would like to substitute, please go to our main website, human resources and apply online, we can use substitutes now more than ever!

Please feel free to stop by and introduce yourself to me if you are new, I want to know who you are! We are so glad that you are here! "Bulldogs all set!" "You bet!"

It's a great day to be a BULLDOG!



Best regards,

Ms. Forester