

Wilmington Area School District

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Dear WAES Parent or Guardian,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! The faculty and staff at Wilmington Area Elementary School are excited to begin a new year. We hope that your experience in our school is both a challenging and rewarding one. The purpose of this letter is to highlight our Kindergarten and new student orientation, student handbook, Meet the Teacher and Open House events, and new car rider dismissal procedure.

Student Orientation - Kindergarten and New Student

A Kindergarten orientation will be held in the elementary multipurpose room on **Tuesday, September 6, 2022 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.** During the orientation, Kindergarten students and his/her parents/guardians will meet their child's teacher, learn about snacks, breakfast/lunch, bus information, school and attendance policies. The Kindergarten student will visit the classroom, meet classmates and participate in activities acclimating him/her to kindergarten.

New student orientation will be held on **Monday, August 22, 2022 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** This is only for students and families in grades 1-4 who are attending WAES for the first time. During this orientation, students and families will be given information about our school building and procedures as well as an overall view of the school day. We will also tour the school for our new students and families to become familiar with the new school setting.

Student Handbook

It is our belief that everyone shares a responsibility in the academic achievement of our students. Administrators, educators, parents and students work together to maximize the time spent in and out of the classroom. To that end, please read through the student handbook. The handbook is in a digital format on the district's website. These guidelines are critical for establishing an environment in which all students can meet their maximum potential.

Meet the Teacher

WAES will be hosting a Meet the Teacher event on **Thursday, September 1, 2022.** Students and families will have an opportunity to come to the building, meet the teacher, visit his/her classroom, and bring any school supplies during this event. Students in Kindergarten, 2nd and 4th grades are welcome to attend anytime from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.; Students in 1st and 3rd grades are welcome to attend anytime from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Elementary Open House

WAES will be hosting an Open House in October. Students and families will have an opportunity to visit the school and view your child's work displayed in the hallways and classrooms. Students in Kindergarten, 2nd and 4th grades are welcome to attend anytime on **Tuesday, October 4, 2022,** from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.; Students in 1st and 3rd grades are welcome to attend anytime on **Thursday, October 6, 2022,** from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Car Rider Dismissal Procedure

WAES will continue to dismiss our walkers first beginning at approximately 3:23pm. Following this first group of students, bus riders will be dismissed immediately following. The approximate time to begin bus dismissal is 3:25p.m. Please note: *Any student who is a car rider will follow immediately after bus dismissal. The drive in front of the school will be blocked to allow for the buses to enter the drive first.* Any parent who is picking up his/her child will enter campus via Cowden Road. Please follow the car line and pull up to the sidewalk behind the buses; A school personnel will radio in for your child to be dismissed to you.

To maintain a happy, positive atmosphere, the students, parents, and school personnel need to work together. We are looking forward to our 2022-2023 school year and to meeting and working with each of you.

Respectfully,



Allison Ciavarino, M. Ed.

Principal