



# Willingboro Public Schools

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Dear J. Cresswell Stuart ECDC Family:

I hope this letter finds you well and ready for the start of a new and exciting school year. We have been working very hard to prepare for the new school year. Please be advised that this letter will provide information for you as you prepare your child for the new school year and the first day of school.

**First Day of School:** The first day of school will be Wednesday, September 7, 2022. The children will begin their school day on the school blacktop if they are in PK-4 or Kindergarten. All PK-3 scholars will line up in the All Purpose Room. Each teacher will have a cone with their name on it. Please line up behind the teacher with your scholar. The school day for all students will begin at 8:50 a.m., and will conclude at 1:30 p.m., on September 7<sup>th</sup>. September 8<sup>th</sup> will be a full day and all scholars are dismissed at 3:30 p.m. As we enter into a collaborative partnership to ensure that our children have a great education at the ECDC, please adhere to the following:

- Please have your child prepared and standing in their assigned area at 8:50 a.m. Class begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. Please arrive by 8:50 a.m.
- Please complete the attached name tag and put it in your child's book bag so that you can remember the classroom teacher. This will help you to quickly get in line without asking for or waiting in long lines for assistance to determine the name of the classroom teacher. <https://5il.co/1hih2>

**School Parking Lot:** Parents, the school parking lot will be a very challenging experience on the first day of school. Our enrollment has increased at JCS this year. Please follow the directives of the Willingboro Police Department or the parking lot attendants. Please drive slowly, exercise patience, and a sense of calm while navigating the school parking lot. The parking lot will calm down after the first few weeks of school.

**Student & School Supplies:** All JCS ECDC parents received a packet in the summer. Enclosed in the packet was a supply list for your child's grade. We ask that 1 parent be prepared to walk their scholar to the class door for the first 3 days. Parents, please bring the supplies on the first day labeled with your child's name on the supply bag. Parents, please drop off the supplies at the classroom door, say so long to your scholar, and depart the school. This will help to keep congestion down in the school and free up parking spaces. Once all visitors depart the school, a thorough security check will be conducted on the school campus.

**Attendance:** Attendance matters in school. If your child is absent from school, you will receive a telephone call from the school district. Students who are continuously absent from school will be referred to the District Supervisor of Guidance and or the Attendance Officers to investigate the matter. Please know that we will handle each case with a high ethic of care and respect. Our goal is to work with our children and their families as well as support them as much as possible.

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**Mask Requirements for Students:** Masks are optional at J. Cresswell Stuart. We respectfully ask that parents wear a mask if they are walking a child to class for the first 3 days. This will help to keep our scholars safe. We will work together to keep everyone safe, and prevent the spread of the Covid-19 virus.

**School Breakfast/Lunch:** We are extremely pleased that all students will be served two nutritious meals each day. Our students will receive a Grab & Go breakfast each day and have lunch as well. Preschool children will consume their meals in their classrooms while Kindergarten students will consume their meals in the All Purpose Room. Students will practice social distancing during lunch and the amount of children eating at one will continue to be dramatically reduced. All students will face one way to consume their meals. Each table will have approximately 3-4 children to a table. To accomplish this goal, we will run multiple lunches to keep all of our precious scholars safe. In addition, school water fountains remain closed. Please be advised that we have refillable water stations in our school that provide a safe option for drinking water. You may provide your child with a refillable bottle to use. Parents are welcome to send in snacks, but please consult with the classroom teacher. Also, please remember that the J. Cresswell Stuart ECDC is a peanut free campus.

**Important Lunch Applications:** It is highly important for all JCS parents to complete the lunch applications. By completing the lunch applications, J. Cresswell Stuart ECDC will receive additional Title 1 funding for our scholars. This year, we were able to offer various student clubs, free tutoring, attendance incentives for the children, student field trips, student assembly programs, and workshops for parents with the our Title 1 money. The application must be completed by every parent regardless of income status. Please help us secure funding for our children by completing the lunch applications.

**The PTA:** Parents, please consider joining the PTA. Additional information will be sent. If any parent is interested in serving as a PTA Officer or serving as a room parent, please contact Ms. Bean at your earliest convenience. Ms. Alexandra Bean is the PTA President for J. Cresswell Stuart ECDC. [jcswestpta@gmail.com](mailto:jcswestpta@gmail.com)

**JCS ECDC Communication:** Parents please be advised that in our effort to care for the planet and our environment, we make every effort to send our communication electronically via Thrillshare. If you are not receiving messages, please send an email to Mr. Crisostomo at [pcrisostomo@wboe.net](mailto:pcrisostomo@wboe.net) We will also send parents newsletters. We will also post information on our school website. You can access our website by visiting the Willingboro Public School District's website at <https://www.willingboroschools.org/> Parents may also communicate with the JCS Team via email. Teachers also use Class Dojo and Google Classroom. Parents are also welcome to contact the Principal directly at 609-835-3881 x. 1038 or x. 5000. Parents can also email the Principal at [acwaters@wboe.net](mailto:acwaters@wboe.net)

**Field Trips, Assembly Programs:** All field trips, and assembly programs will go on as scheduled unless cases rise, and businesses can no longer open their doors to visitors, or vendors are unable to visit schools. We welcome parents to assist us with field trips and assembly programs. Additional information will be sent to parents about field trips. Our first field trip is to the farm in October. A limited number of parents are welcome to serve as chaperones.

**Genesis Portal Paperwork:** Parents are able to visit the Genesis Parent Portal to determine a child's teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. **Parents should also complete all back to school paperwork in the Parent Genesis Portal prior to the first day of school.** If you cannot determine your child's teacher, please email Dr. Cora-Waters.

**Sickness:** If your child is experiencing a fever, chills, rashes, or diarrhea they should remain home. Please help to keep everyone safe. We will send additional guidance on Covid and quarantines shortly.

**Busing:** If you have any questions or concerns regarding busing, please contact the department of transportation at 609-835-8600 x. 7509.

**Before & After Care:** If you have any questions or concerns regarding before or after care, please contact the department of transportation at 609-835-8600 x. 1047.

**Medication:** Please make sure you speak with the School Nurse about any medical needs your child may have. The School Nurse can be reached at 609-835-8600 x. 5503.

It is with great excitement that we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, September 7, 2022. At J. Cresswell Stuart ECDC, we believe in moving with a spirit of excellence. We are honored that you have selected our school as the best educational choice for your child. We will do all that we can to ensure that your child has a rich and rewarding school experience. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. Again, thank you for selecting J. Cresswell Stuart ECDC, Home of the Superstars! We are looking forward to a great year educating our scholars in a loving and beautiful school where they enter as Stars and leave as Superstars!

In Unity & Solidarity,

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