



# Wacona Elementary

## Home of the Hornets

We are trying hard to ensure the safety of all of our students, as well as our staff. We ask that you help us to do so by following our new guidelines.

### Some things that have changed:

1. The school day for students is 8:00 – 2:00. For car riders, our front doors will open at 7:40 am so please keep your children in your cars until then. While we will have staff outside to monitor the unloading process, they will not open car doors and unbuckle children, as they have in the past. Do not park and walk children up. Please stay in the car rider line to drop off all students.
2. We will have all staff either outside assisting or in the hallways to help students get to their homerooms everyday. Make sure your child has a card with the teacher's name, and transportation plans for after school. If they are to be a bus rider, please include the bus number and drop off address. If you are unsure of the bus number, call Transportation at 912-287-2318 or 912-287-2319.
3. Open House will be held in person for Kindergarten on Aug 12. Kindergarten parents are being contacted by their child's teacher to schedule a time for their visit so that we can accommodate the number and maintain safety guidelines. If you have a child who has never attended Wacona, you can get an appointment to tour the school by calling 912-287-2362.
4. Visitors to Wacona will be held to a minimum. Our system has adopted a "no delivery" for nonessential school items. During the school day, we will not accept deliveries for snacks, party items, lunches, etc. Any outside lunch items should be brought by the student when first arriving at school.
5. The whole routine of the day will be different. We have scheduled our day so that multiple classes or grades will not be in the halls, restrooms, playgrounds, or cafeteria at the same time.
6. Each area of the school will be cleaned multiple times throughout the day, including our playground equipment.
7. We will have cleaning and disinfecting supplies available in every classroom. Students will be washing their hands multiple times a day.

8. We will have masks available for each staff member and student to wear. While we are not mandating that everyone wears one, we are strongly encouraging everyone to have some kind of facial covering for their safety, as well as others, especially when social distancing is not possible.
9. At this time, there are no fundraisers allowed in our system. Hopefully, that will change soon because we rely so much on the money we raise to do many things for our students.
10. Regretfully, there will be no PTO meetings, no “lunch and learns,” no grandparents’ day.
11. All water fountains have been changed to fill water bottles only.
12. The school calendar for the system has been changed. Please see our system website for the updated version, [www.ware.k12.ga.us](http://www.ware.k12.ga.us).

**Some things that haven’t changed:**

We are still the same school, dedicated to the health, welfare, and education of your children. We take this job seriously and are proud that we have led our school system and been among the top academically performing elementary schools in our eight county RESA district. We couldn’t be this successful without our families and community being true partners. As we near the 100 year anniversary of Wacona’s beginning, we hope to continue to proudly serve and to be an integral part of your children’s success.

**One School, One Team, One Goal, Student Success!**