

August Newsletter

Welcome: As the school year approaches, we want to let you know how excited we are to begin another school year at Wapakoneta Elementary School! We look forward to welcoming back our current students and families, and we look forward to meeting our new students and families. We are going to have a wonderful year together!

School Times for Kindergarten-4th Grade: Please note that some of these times have changed:

- **The doors open at 8:00 AM. (*Students cannot be dropped off before this time.)**
- Students arrive between 8:00 - 8:30 AM.
- Students will walk directly to the cafeteria for breakfast or to their classrooms upon arrival. Please note that the students will no longer be in the gym in the mornings.
- Breakfast is available from 8:00 - 8:30 AM.
- Students will be dismissed at 2:40 PM.

School Times for Preschool:

- Morning session: 8:15 AM - 11:00 AM
- Afternoon session: 11:50 AM - 2:40 PM

Schedule for Students:

- 1st day of school for 1st-4th grade: Aug. 25th
- Days for kindergarten boys: Aug. 25th & 27th
- Days for kindergarten girls: Aug. 26th & 28th
- *All kindergarten students will attend every day, beginning on Aug. 31st.
- 1st day of school for preschool: Aug. 31st

Building Walk-Throughs: Since we will not have our Back to School Celebration, we will open our building on August 17th, 18th, and 19th, from 8 AM - 8 PM. During this time, parents and students can walk the building to find their children's classrooms. Please note that the classroom doors will be locked and teachers will not be present during this time. Parents can drop off supplies, in a bag labeled with the child's name, in the hallway outside of the classroom. The office will only be open during office hours (8 AM-12PM & 1 PM-3 PM) on these days.

Arrival and Dismissal: If you are dropping off or picking up your child, you will enter on Blackhoof Street and exit on Murray Street. You may stay in your car in the drop off/pick up lane or park in a designated parking spot. If you are staying in the drop off/pick up lane, you will need to stay in your car at all times. If you are parking in a designated parking spot, you will need to walk your child across the crosswalk. Please keep in mind that parents will not be able to enter the building during arrival or dismissal. We will have many staff members ready to help our students get to their classrooms during arrival and to help our students at dismissal.

Changes to Building Operations: As we strive to keep our students, families, and staff safe, we will be implementing the following changes in the district for the upcoming year:

- Visitors and volunteers will not be permitted to enter the building until further notice.
- Visitors will not be able to each lunch with students until further notice.
- Parents will be able to pick up and drop off items or work in the front vestibule.
- There will be no class treats (snacks, birthday treats, holiday treats, etc.). Students will be permitted to bring in their own daily snack if they have snack time in their class.
- We appreciate your understanding as we implement these new procedures to help ensure the safety of our students, families, and staff!

School Pictures: School pictures for Preschool, Kindergarten, 1st Grade and 2nd Grade students will be taken on August 31, 2020. School pictures for 3rd Grade and 4th Grade students will be taken on September 1, 2020. Informational packets will be sent home with students.

Please visit our school website at www.wapak.org for our school and district calendars for additional events.