

Westridge Elementary School

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Dear Families of Westridge,

The summer is almost over, and it is time to prepare for a new school year! I hope you have enjoyed your summer and are excited to start the new school year with us! I have been counting down the days for school to start. I can't wait to see our amazing Wildcats again!

Below is some information to help plan for the 202-2023 school year.

School Begins on Tuesday, August 16th for 1st - 6th Grade students ONLY

The first bell rings at 8:35 am, and class begins at 8:40 am. School breakfast is served at 8:10 am. We ask that you do not drop your children off before 8:10 am. There is no outside supervision before that time. Students will need to meet their class on the north side of the building every morning instead of entering through the front doors. Teachers will meet their students outside at their designated spot and bring them into the school each morning. **School will be dismissed at 1:30 pm from August 16th -19th for Teacher Professional Development.** Please arrange for your children to be picked up at 1:30 pm this week. Please see the attached calendar for school hours, holidays, and early release days.

Parents of Kindergarten Students

Kindergarten students will have KEEP assessment conferences with their teachers from Aug. 16-18th. You will sign up for a testing appointment during Back-to-School Night on Monday, August 15th. **The first day of Kindergarten will be Tuesday, August 23rd.** Please see the attached calendar for school hours, holidays, and early release days.

This year we will have two full-day sessions and one-morning session of Kindergarten. After testing, placement in the full-day and morning half-day programs will be determined. Students will be placed in the All-Day session using a "lottery" system. Please ensure that you have notified the school if you are interested in an All-Day session for your child.

Back-to-School Night

Our Back-to-School Night Open House is Monday, August 15th from 4:30-6:00 pm. During the Open House, you can visit the classrooms, talk with the teachers, and I hope you will take a moment and say hello to me too! ☺ You will also want to visit the gym to receive information and participate in some PTO-sponsored activities.

Class Assignments

Your child's previous teacher made class assignments in May, based on any parent input that you submitted in April. Please know that the teachers put a lot of time and effort into placing your child where they felt your child would be most successful. Class assignments will be available after 1:00 pm on Monday, August 8th. You can access class assignments on PowerSchool by visiting the Westridge website www.westridge.provo.edu and clicking on the PowerSchool link. While you are in PowerSchool, please take a moment and update your Parent Portal account (see attachment for directions). Please pay specific attention to the phone numbers and emergency contacts listed and give permission for your child to use technology at school. You must update the information in PowerSchool for your child to use a Chromebook this year.

Free or Reduced Meals

School meals are no longer free for all students. They will return to full price this year. If you think you may qualify for free or reduced meals, go to <https://www.myschoolapps.com/> and complete the online application. If you prefer a paper application, they are available in the main office. If you are not sure you will be eligible for free or reduced lunch, apply anyway. You might save yourself some money and help the school at the same time. The information we receive about free and reduced lunch is critical for us! We receive funding for After School, Summer School, and All-Day Kindergarten programs based on this data.

We are incredibly excited to see you, and we are looking forward to a fantastic school year!

Enjoy your last weeks of Summer Vacation! See you soon!

Mrs. Hawkins
Principal