

# West Rockhill Elementary School

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### 2023-2024:

- **Arrival and Drop Off:**

- Doors open at 8:35 AM to all students. Students will be considered late after 8:50 AM.
- If you are dropping off your student in the morning, please pull into the car rider entrance on Washington Avenue any time from 8:25 AM to 8:49 AM, turn right into the playground area. Proceed around the playground area back toward the little circle at the end of the primary wing. Pull to the front of the drop-off line in the little circle.
- Students must exit and enter cars from the right-hand side of the car for their safety. *Drivers should remain in their cars, at all times.* Staff on duty will assist children with instruments or anything else they need.
- Please exit by using the car rider entrance by which you entered the school property.
- If you are going to pick up your child on a regular basis, a form must be completed allowing your child to be a car rider on a specific day or days. This form is located on our website under the Families tab. If there is a change to your child's dismissal, please write a note and indicate who will be picking up your child.
- All families were given two signs containing your student's last name. If you misplaced your signs, please notify the office. Please keep this sign in the passenger side windshield during afternoon pick-up. All new families will be receiving two signs containing your student's last name.

- **Attendance:**

- If your child is sick, please call the school at 215-257-9200 and leave a message in the attendance voicemail or email [WREAttendance@penridge.org](mailto:WREAttendance@penridge.org) to report the absence.

- **Back to School Night:**
  - Back to School Night for parents/guardians of students in Grades 1-5 will as follows:
    - 1-2 – Tuesday, September 12, 2023 from 6:30-7:30 PM
    - 3-5 – Thursday, September 14, 2023 from 6:30-7:30 PM
  - There will be two session times each night. Please know that the information in each session will be the same.
    - 6:30-6:55 PM
    - 7:00-7:25 PM
  - Kindergarten Open House for Parents/Guardians:
    - Thursday, August 24, 2023 from 3:30-4:30 PM
- **Blackboard Connect and Seesaw:**
  - It is important that you read the announcements and materials sent electronically via Blackboard Connect or Seesaw. Weather announcements and emergencies will be sent via Blackboard Connect. You can store four emails and four phone numbers in this system to receive these notifications.
- **Buses:**
  - The buses always run a few minutes late on the first days of school. Please be patient as our drivers learn their new routes.
- **Clearances and Raptor:**
  - Please note, to be able to volunteer or to assist on a field trip you must have your clearances on file with the district. The clearances are good for five years from the date of the first clearance.
  - New Volunteers - Needed paperwork: Child Abuse Clearance, Criminal Background, FBI Fingerprints – See district website link below for details and instructions.
    - <https://www.pennridge.org/Page/1509>
  - When entering the school for events, your license must be scanned into our Raptor system. If your license was scanned prior to May 20, 2021, your license must be scanned again.
- **Kindergarten Busing for Half-Day Programs:**
  - Kindergarten students will be bused one way to school each day. AM students will be bused to school in the morning with parent pick-up in the middle of the day. PM students will be parent drop-off in the middle of the day, and they will ride the bus home at the end of the day.
- **Meet and Greet for Students and Parents in Grades K-5:**
  - Wednesday, August 23, 2023, 2:30-3:30 PM. This event gives students and parents an opportunity to have a “sneak-peak” at their new classroom and to meet their new teacher.

- **Parent Portal:**

- It is imperative that each parent/guardian log into the Parent Portal and update the information on your child for the new year. The information is not updated until you press **submit** and receive a confirmation. The Tylenol and antacid releases, Blackboard Connect phone numbers, Media Authorization, Computer User Agreement, etc. are all on this site. These fields must be updated annually.

- **Police Visits:**

- We are excited to share that the Pennridge Regional Police Department will continue to frequently visit West Rockhill Elementary School. To establish a positive relationship with our local police department, this program has been developed to bring police into our schools to establish positive connections with our students and staff.

- **PTO:**

- Our Parent/Teacher Organization is looking for volunteers to join them in supporting the education of our students. There are different ways in which you can support our students, including things that can be done from home. Meetings are held from 7:00-8:00 PM on Mondays each month throughout the school year. Some meetings are held in person while others will be held online.

- **West Rockhill Newsletter and Seesaw:**

- A Smore electronic newsletter will be sent quarterly via Seesaw. Each newsletter may contain important calendar events, as well as information from our guidance counselor, our cafeteria manager, our nurse, our PTO, and the main office.
- Student work will be communicated with parents via Seesaw on a regular basis, so we encourage you to log into Seesaw to see what's "happening" in your child's classroom!

