

Wilmington Area School District  
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Dear WAES Parent or Guardian,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! The faculty and staff at Wilmington Area Elementary School are excited to begin a new year. We hope that your experience in our school is both a challenging and rewarding one. The purpose of this letter is to highlight our Kindergarten and new student orientation, Meet the Teacher and Open House events, and car rider dismissal procedure.

### ***Student Orientation - Kindergarten and New Student***

Kindergarten orientation will be held in the elementary multipurpose room on ***Tuesday, August 29, 2023 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.*** During the orientation, Kindergarten students and his/her parents/guardians will meet their child's teacher, learn about snacks, breakfast/lunch, bus information, school and attendance policies. The Kindergarten student will visit the classroom, meet classmates and participate in activities acclimating him/her to kindergarten. This will be in conjunction with our Meet the Teacher event (see below).

New student orientation will be held on ***Monday, August 28, 2023 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.*** This is only for students and families in grades 1-4 who are attending WAES for the first time. During this orientation, students and families will be given information about our school building and procedures as well as an overall view of the school day. We will also tour the school for our new students and families to become familiar with the new school setting.

### ***Meet the Teacher***

WAES will be hosting a Meet the Teacher event on ***Tuesday, August 29, 2023.*** Students and families will have an opportunity to come to the building, meet the teacher, visit his/her classroom, and bring any school supplies during this event. Students in Kindergarten, 2nd and 4th grades are welcome to attend anytime from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.; Students in 1st and 3rd grades are welcome to attend anytime from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

### ***Elementary Open House***

WAES will be hosting an Open House in October. Students and families will have an opportunity to visit the school and view your child's work displayed in the hallways and classrooms. Students in Kindergarten, 2nd and 4th grades are welcome to attend anytime on ***Wednesday, October 4, 2023,*** from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.; Students in 1st and 3rd grades are welcome to attend anytime on ***Tuesday, October 10, 2023,*** from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

## ***Car Rider Dismissal Procedure***

WAES will dismiss our bus riders first beginning at approximately 3:25 pm. All walkers and car riders will be dismissed **after** the buses (at approximately 3:35 pm). This will limit the amount of foot traffic as buses are entering/exiting campus. ***Beginning at 3:00 pm, BUSES ONLY will be permitted in front of the school.***

Any parent/guardian who is picking up his/her child(ren) as a car rider at dismissal time will be asked to park in the pit and wait in his/her car until all buses have been dismissed. Once all buses have exited campus, please follow the car line and pull up to the sidewalk; A school personnel will radio in for your child to be dismissed to you.

To maintain a happy, positive atmosphere, the students, parents, and school personnel need to work together. We are looking forward to our 2023-2024 school year and to meeting and working with each of you.

Respectfully,

**Mrs. Ciavarino, Principal** - 724-656-8866 x 3010  
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**Mrs. Lewis, School Counselor** - 724-656-8866