

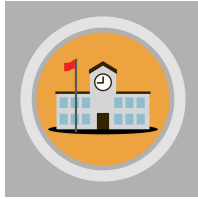


# Watson Elementary Newsletter

## August/September 2019



### Welcome Back!!



Welcome back for the 2019-2020 school year! It is hard to believe that summer is over and we are ready to come back to school. Our office is open daily from 7:30-3:30.

Our building has been remodeled and our office is now located at the front of the building! We are very excited about this change for safety reasons! Now when you visit Watson, you will be let in directly to our main office.

We are looking forward to a terrific year! Please read the important information below:

- Arriving at school on time is important!
- Students should arrive at 8:00 to be ready for the 8:10 start.
- School day is 8:10-2:40.
- If you are dropping off your child in the car rider line, please arrive early! We have supervision beginning at 7:45 daily.
- Please make sure your child knows how to go home each day (car rider, bus rider, Adventure Club, or walker).
- Any changes in the end of day transportation for your child should be called into the office before 1:30. Please do not rely on email for transportation changes. Teachers do not always have a chance to check email during the school day.

### Office News

If you are planning on volunteering this year, you must complete a background check. Forms are available in the office. Background checks must be completed each year. Background checks can take up to three weeks to complete. Please fill one out now if you think it is a possibility that you may volunteer or chaperone.

We have the blue Nicki folders available for purchase in the office for \$1 if you need one.

All Watson students are eligible for bus service. To find your bus route, go to [www.lcsc.us](http://www.lcsc.us). Look under the departments tab and click the transportation link. Due to the traffic congestion in our parking lot, we strongly encourage all families to take advantage of bus service.

### Open House/Pasta Dinner

Our annual Open House/Pasta dinner will be held on Thursday, August 29 from 5-7:30. Forms will go home with students after school starts. All Watson families are welcome to attend! Our kindergarten and early childhood families are welcome to attend the Pasta Dinner although the open house for those levels were held prior to the first day of school.

### Summer Reading

If you completed the summer reading challenge, please turn in your form on or before August 23. All students who completed the summer reading challenge will be invited to a special recognition breakfast and will also receive a special gift.



## Arrival and Dismissal

Please see the attached map for the traffic pattern for student drop-off and pick-up. Read below to find out where your child will go during arrival and dismissal.

### Car Riders

- **During arrival**, car riders will enter from the far west drive (behind Grimmer) and exit at the far east drive.
- Early childhood parents should park in the lot and walk your child to door AA to meet staff.
- If you are a K-4 family and you drive your child to school, you should not park in the lot. Please go through the car rider line.
- Cars should pull up to the stop sign by the playground and stop to let your child out of the left side of the vehicle. Students will walk to door BB and enter the building.
- If you arrive late, you must park and accompany your child into the office.
- **During dismissal**, car riders will enter from the far west drive (behind Grimmer) and exit at the far east drive.
- Once the gate is unlocked/opened, vehicles will pull all the way around the building to the stop sign by the playground.
- In the afternoon only, please place a sign in your window with the child's name, grade, and teacher's name. **Signs will be available at Watson.** One side of the sign is green and the other side has the above information listed. Once your child is safely in your vehicle, flip your sign to green to signal our staff that you are ready to move. This will help with dismissal.



## Arrival and Dismissal Continued

### Bus Riders

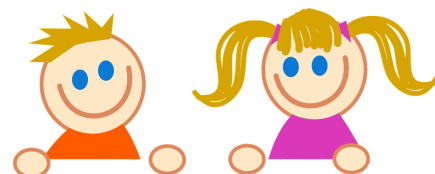
- Buses will park in the main drive in front of Watson and Grimmer during arrival and dismissal times. This main drive will be restricted to buses only from 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. and 2:15 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Students attending breakfast will be let off of the buses at 7:50 to go to the cafeteria.
- All students riding a bus will enter and exit the building at door AA.

### Walkers

- Students who walk to school will enter the building at door BB in the morning.
- In the afternoon, students walking home will exit the building at door AA.

### Adventure Club

- Students who are attending Adventure Club will be called to the cafeteria over the intercom at dismissal.



This calendar will be updated for each newsletter as new events are scheduled. Also, sign up for the Eventlink calendar on the LCSC web page for more information about scheduled events.

You will find the Eventlink link under "Quick Links" in the middle of LCSC web page.

## Important Dates

### August

- 12-Kindergarten bus ride 10:00
- 13-First day of school
- 14-First day of Early Childhood
- 23-Summer reading forms due
- 29-Open House/Pasta Dinner

### September

- 2 -No school/Labor Day
- 6 -Kindergarten trip/apple orchard
- 10-PTO meeting 6:30 p.m. cafeteria
- 13-Picture Day
- 16-20- PTO Spirit Week
- 20-Wildcat Walk

### October

- 14-Last day of 1st quarter
- 15-1st day of 2nd quarter
- 24-25-No School
- 31-Holiday party day

### November

- 5-PTO meeting 3:00/library
- 18- Spell Bowl
- 28-29- No school/Thanksgiving

### December

- 19-Holiday party day
- 20-Last day before break/End of Quarter 2
- 23-January 6 winter break No School

### January

- 7 -First day back from winter break/1st day of 3rd quarter
- 14-PTO meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 20-No school/Martin Luther King Jr. Day

### February

- 3-7-Book Fair Week
- 14-Holiday party day
- 17-No school/Presidents Day
- 20-District wide Kindergarten Parent meeting (for 2020-2021 kindergarten students @ LCHS)
- 24-28-Dollars for Scholars Penny War

### March

- 10-PTO meeting 3:00
- 11-3rd quarter ends, Kindergarten enrollment
- 12-4th quarter begins Kindergarten Enrollment
- 16-April 3 IREAD testing window for 3rd
- 19-Kindergarten hands-on workshop for 2020-2021 kindergarten parents
- 23-27-No school/spring break

### April

- 10-No school/Easter break
- 20-May 15-ILEARN testing window (test for 3rd and 4th grade)

### May

- 12-PTO meeting 3:00
- 4-PTO meeting 3:00
- 22-Last day for students