



# Watson Elementary Newsletter

## August/September 2020



### Welcome Back!!



We are so very excited to have our Wildcats back in session! As we embark on this upcoming school year, remember we are all in this together!! Let's make the 2020-2021 school year the best we can for our most valuable assets-our kids!!

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL K-4-August 17  
 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD: August 18

Our office is open daily from 7:30-3:30.

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

- Arriving at school on time is important!
- No student can be dropped off prior to 7:45
- Students should arrive by 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

Due to the current situation of COVID 19, parents will not be allowed into the building during school hours. This includes the first day of school. We have plenty of staff on hand to help students get to their classrooms. If you need to come into the school building, masks are required.

Share this slideshow of our staff MASKING UP with your child(ren): Click on the link below!

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ibv7qUpC9z\\_Pnn4DO9HlecPB1btR95pOuchHJbRjp8Ec/e/dit?ts=5f318b9c#slide=id.g8fe6f46bac\\_3\\_0](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ibv7qUpC9z_Pnn4DO9HlecPB1btR95pOuchHJbRjp8Ec/e/dit?ts=5f318b9c#slide=id.g8fe6f46bac_3_0)

Due to the pandemic, we are not allowing field trips, classroom volunteers, or birthday treats until further notice.

Please continue to help your child remember to keep their masks on unless an adult directs them to take them off. Mask breaks will be provided.

**IMPORTANT!!** To help our staff with dismissal, please fill out the attached transportation form and send it with your child on the first day of school.

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.

## 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 **BB** 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 AA and enter the building. Please note this is a change from last year.
- If you arrive late, you must park and accompany your child into the office. **Masks are required to enter the building!**
- **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, you **MUST** place a sign in your window with the child's name, grade, and teacher's name. Please print and fill out the attached car rider sign.



## 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 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. Students must enter through **Door AA**
- 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 AA** 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.



# Protecting our kids and staff is our first priority!

Please screen your child every morning for symptoms of COVID19. If they are experiencing any symptoms, please keep them home. We are asking that every parent take your child's temperature prior to leaving for school. It is vital that we work together to assure all of our students are safe and remain healthy in our school.

## Here are some things you can expect at Watson for this upcoming year!

- Social distancing will be taught and reinforced in every environment. Paw prints have been placed throughout the school to assist our students in staying six feet apart.
- Additional custodial staff will be in place for additional sanitizing throughout the building. THANK YOU to all of our wonderful custodians for everything you have done for our kids this summer!!
- Students will remain in their classrooms for lunch.
- Students will be separated by class on the playground and rotate from equipment to blacktop activities weekly.
- Desks in classrooms are spread out as much as possible allowing students to face the same direction during instruction.
- Car riders will enter the building at Door AA.
- Assigned seats will be provided for any student eating breakfast that will be provided in the cafeteria.
- Water fountains will not be used; please send your child in with a "pop up" water bottle. Assure there is enough water for the day!
- The kids will be washing hands frequently!