

Good Afternoon Powell Families, this is school Principal Curtis Brower with your first weekly school message. Welcome to Powell Center for Play and Ingenuity. We are so excited to welcome everyone back and especially send a warm welcome to the many new families joining us this year. Each Sunday at 3:00 PM, you will receive a call from me with important announcements for the week. A copy of this message will also be available on the school website.

Speaking of our school website, you can now access our website through the WCPSS link. Our new URL is www.wcpss.net/powelles Please change any saved bookmarks you may currently have. Please consider following us on Twitter as well. Our new user name is @PowellesPLAY. If you already followed us, there is nothing you need to do. We currently have 438 followers; help us reach 500 this week?

As we prepare for our first week of school, I have a few reminders for you as well as some routine changes that you need to be aware of. If you arrive and depart using carpool, please note that our morning carpool procedures have changed. Parents should enter morning carpool the same way as afternoon carpool, which is from Valiant Street. Please position your child's booster seat and other car seats to allow for your child to enter and exit the vehicle from the driver's side. Safety is very important to us. Car pool students should remain in their car until 8:45 AM. During afternoon pickup, please remain in the carpool line even after your child has been loaded, we will release all 6 cars at one time. Thanks for your support. Thank you for your patience as our new students and families learn the car pool routines. It is very important for students to know their car pool number. Please help your student learn their number this week.

Walkers should leave their homes so they do not arrive on campus before 8:45 AM. Again, safety is very important to us. There is no staff supervision outside of the school until 8:45 AM. Thanks for your cooperation. Afternoon walker pickup will be at the exterior multi-purpose room. Please form a line on the sidewalk. Students will be dismissed one family at a time from this location.

Buses drivers will be doing their best to travel their assigned routes. Times are estimated and may change slightly over the next few weeks as we settle in.

Please pack your patience as we begin a new school year and our students and parents learn new routines. If you need to make afternoon transportation changes, these changes should be sent in writing to your child's teacher. If an emergency comes up, please call the office prior to 3:00 PM. We will still request a written statement either by email or fax. Students will not be dismissed between 3:15 and 3:45 PM. If you must make an afternoon appointment, please pick your child up prior to 3:15. Thanks for your understanding.

Our school participates in the PBIS program, which stands for Positive Behavior Intervention Support. Our motto is Be a Good SPORT where SPORT stands for Safe Actions, Positive Attitude, On Task, Respect Everyone & Everything, & Teamwork. Please ask your child to share the PBIS expectations at Powell.

I encourage each of you to register as WCPSS volunteer. If you were previously a registered volunteer, please reactive by October 31st. You can reactive or complete the initial registration process within any Wake County Public School. Thank you for your support.

Want to know more about our new Domains and information about electives. Join me this Friday morning for this year's first Principal Coffee. We will meet in the Media Center from 8:45 until 10:00 AM. Domain and Elective registration forms will be coming in this week's Tuesday folder and are due back on Tuesday, September 6th. Domains and Electives will begin on September 12th.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, September 8th. This will be our first PTA night, as well as Open House and Curriculum Night. Session will run from 5:30 PM until 7:30 PM. Be on the lookout for more detailed information soon. Please consider joining our PTA for a small amount of \$7.00

You will receive many forms from your teacher this week. Please return all forms as quickly as possible. The student information card is very important as we use this to update our student information database.

I look forward to seeing all of our students tomorrow and beginning our first year at Powell Center for Play and Ingenuity. See you tomorrow for our first day of school! Have a great day!