

Underwood “Top 10”

Arrival and Dismissal

- 8:45-9:15 is the arrival window for students. The instructional day begins at 9:15am. After this time, you will need to walk your child into school to get a late pass.
- Dismissal is at 3:45pm. Walker parents line up on the sidewalk in front of the office. Carpool parents will receive a tag to hang from their rearview mirror. Buses arrive anywhere between 3:45-4:15 and then depart for their route.

Before and After School Care

- Before school care is provided by the YMCA from 7:00am to 8:45am in the cafeteria. You will need to walk your child into the cafeteria and sign them in each morning.
- Afterschool care is also provided by the YMCA from 3:45pm-6:00pm. They come to our campus and meet in the gym. Students have a snack, play on the playground, complete homework and participate in group activities. You will need to come in to pick up and sign out your child. For cost information, ask at the front desk.

Staggered Entry

During the first week of the upcoming school year, your child will only attend on one day. During this day, students will have the opportunity to experience various Kindergarten activities. Teachers will also pull students individually for assessments. After all students have attended their staggered entry day, teachers will balance the classes and class lists will be made. At the end of that week, you will attend “Meet the Teacher” and the lists/teacher’s names will be posted on the door. You will receive more information about Staggered Entry in the mail this summer.

Get Involved!

- Follow us on social media - Facebook, Instagram, X!
- Join Givebacks to receive information about events that our PTA supports.
- Sign up to volunteer in your child’s classroom...volunteer registration can be done online. You must complete Volunteer Registration every school year.

Communication

- Kindergarten students have a daily communication folder for notes, money, etc.
- School-wide we utilize Tuesday Folders to send home flyers and information that pertains to whole school events and initiatives.
- Classroom teachers will communicate weekly through Talking Points.
- Mrs. Waechter will send emails with school updates.
- PTA and Foundation communicate about school events, fundraisers and ways to get involved!

Transportation

If your child will be riding the bus, you will receive notification during the summer of the bus stop. These are reconfigured every year. There is also a helpful app called “Here Comes the Bus” where you can find out when the bus arrived in the morning and departed in the afternoon.

Electives

- Kindergarten students will begin electives Quarter 2. Students will have a quiet time during Quarter 1 to read, rest or complete a quiet activity. Elective brochures will come home in October to prioritize the elective offerings for your child.
- 1st-5th grade students will receive their elective brochure during the first week of school. Electives typically start the third week of school.
- Electives are an opportunity to study a finite topic in the academic and arts realms. Class sizes are typically 5-15 students, and the classes are multi-aged. Electives change quarterly based on preferences noted in the elective brochure.

Breakfast/Lunch

- Breakfast is served from 8:45-9:15. It costs \$1.75.
- All students have 30 minutes for lunch. If needed, students can go through the line to purchase a milk, side or snack. Lunch costs \$3.50. Myschoolbucks.com is the website online to monitor your account. You are welcome to join your child any day at lunch by signing in at the main office first.

Big Events at Underwood

- School Family Picnic (September)
- Open House & Unicorn Trot (October)
- Spring Fling & Artspleasure (March)
- Night of the Unicorns (April)

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