

FVES KINDERGARTEN NEWSLETTER

JULY 2023

DEAR ROCKETS- GRADUATING CLASS OF 2036,

Welcome to our **School Family**! We are very excited to meet our NEW FVES ROCKETS! We hope this memo will help you navigate the first week of Kindergarten and plan ahead for an amazing year!



UPCOMING MEET AND GREET OPPORTUNITY



FVES Rising Kindergarten



Splash Pad Meet Up

WHEN: Thursday, July 27th @10:00 AM

WHERE: 900 S Main St, Fuquay-Varina,
NC 27526

WHAT: Come meet some rising kindergarten families and teachers at the Splash Pad. Get wet and bring a picnic lunch to enjoy with each other! Some of our kindergarten staff will pop in during this time to say hi! Ice pops and books will be given out to all.

Get your Free Splash Pass Prior and read more info here:

<https://www.fuquay-varina.org/Facilities/Facility/Details/Splash-Pad-24>



DIDN'T ATTEND K ORIENTATION, CLICK HERE!

If you were not able to attend our May orientation, we are offering mini sessions on the 27th and 28th of July. Please click the link for details.

STAGGERED ENTRY DATES/ QUICK OVERVIEW

As the school year approaches, many kindergarten families seek to understand more about the Staggered Entry process. This process encourages a gradual transition from home to school. All Wake County kindergarteners participate in the Staggered Entry Week beginning August 28th. During this first week, Kindergarteners will come to school one day only (Monday, August 28th, Tuesday, August 29th, Wednesday, August 30th, Thursday, September 1st, and Friday, September 2nd).

via email the second week in August! On your child's assigned day, he or she will be in school for the full day. Students will not be marked absent for the days they do not attend this week.

ARRIVAL/ DISMISSAL/ TRANSPORTATION FOR STAGGERED ENTRY

You may arrive as early as 8:45 AM and our day will begin at 9:15 AM. Please be sure you are here on time. Please arrive to pick up your child at 3:45 PM. If your child is riding the bus, please make sure you have registered your child for transportation. You can find this information on our website or the WCPSS Transportation site:

<https://www.wcpss.net/transportation>.

Please be prepared to let the teacher know how your child will be returning home at the end of the staggered entry day, and if he or she brought lunch or will be purchasing it. Each child will need to bring a snack every day, including their assigned Staggered Entry day.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES ON STAGGERED ENTRY DAYS

On the Staggered Entry day, your child will have the opportunity to interact with other kindergarten students in both large and small group situations. The students will tour the school and spend time with our Enhancement teachers (Art, Music, PE). We will also explain routines, procedures, define expectations, and have time for some fun! The kindergarten team will work to gather information they need to make your child's year positive, rewarding, and differentiated to meet individual needs of all students. This day also allows kindergarten students to experience their first day in a smaller, less overwhelming environment.

TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS/ MEET THE TEACHER EVENT

On **September 1st**, you are invited to attend our **"Kindergarten Meet the Teacher"** event from **10:00-11:00 AM**. This will be a time for your family to meet your child's wonderful teacher, see the classroom, and really get a sense of what to expect when your child returns to school on **Tuesday, September 5th**. We will begin on Tuesday due to the Labor Day Holiday on Monday. You will also be able to register for our FVES Before/ After School program, join our outstanding PTA, buy spirit wear, register for a carpool tag, and ask questions regarding bus or cafeteria with respective staff. Please note that we do not have a walker zone for our school. All neighborhoods have a bus route assigned to them and areas around our school are not safe for walkers in the busy traffic. Please make sure students are brought and picked up from school by way of carpool, bus, childcare van, or vendor transportation assigned by Special Education services.

Fuquay-Varina Elementary School Supply List
Kindergarten & CCK
2023-2024

Please place all **highlighted items** in a gallon sized ziplock bag labeled with your child's name for individual use.

- ★ Fiskars scissors
- ★ 24 count Package of Crayola Twistables
- ★ 2 packs of large sized crayons (8 classic colors) (Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Toni only)
- ★ 2 packs of regular sized crayons (24 count) (Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Toni only)
- ★ Yellow pencils (12 or more)
- ★ Box of Expo **BLACK** Markers (4)
- ★ **STURDY** Headphones (please no earbuds)
- ★ Backpack without rollers
- ★ Box of Crayola Markers
- ★ Elmer's glue bottle
- ★ 20 glue sticks
- ★ **1 Pocket Folder with Clasps for ART**
- ★ 1 box of tissues
- ★ 1 container of disinfecting wipes
- ★ 1 container of baby wipes
- ★ Beach towel for rest
- ★ 1 ream of white copy paper
- ★ Girls - Ziploc bags (gallon size)
- ★ Boys - Ziploc bags (sandwich size or snack size bags)
- ★ Change of clothes to include shirt, pants, underwear, socks
- ★ If you are able, please send in a set of markers labeled "STEAM"
- ★ **YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER MAY REQUEST ADDITIONAL ITEMS AT THE START OF SCHOOL.**

If you need assistance with supplies, please let your child's teacher or our school counselor, Ms. Bush, know so we can help. You can contact her via email at kbush@wcpss.net.

YOU ALSO WILL WANT TO SEND IN A LABELED WATER BOTTLE WITH YOUR CHILD TO USE AT RECESS AND SNACK.

TECHNOLOGY PROVIDED BY WCPSS

WCPSS laptops are provided for each student. Please make sure you watch, with your child, the video below on how to take care of technology. It is imperative that we do our best to ensure all devices are kept safe and in good working order at all times. Please note that all Kindergarten laptops will remain at school for the duration of the year.

Taking Care of Your WCPSS Device



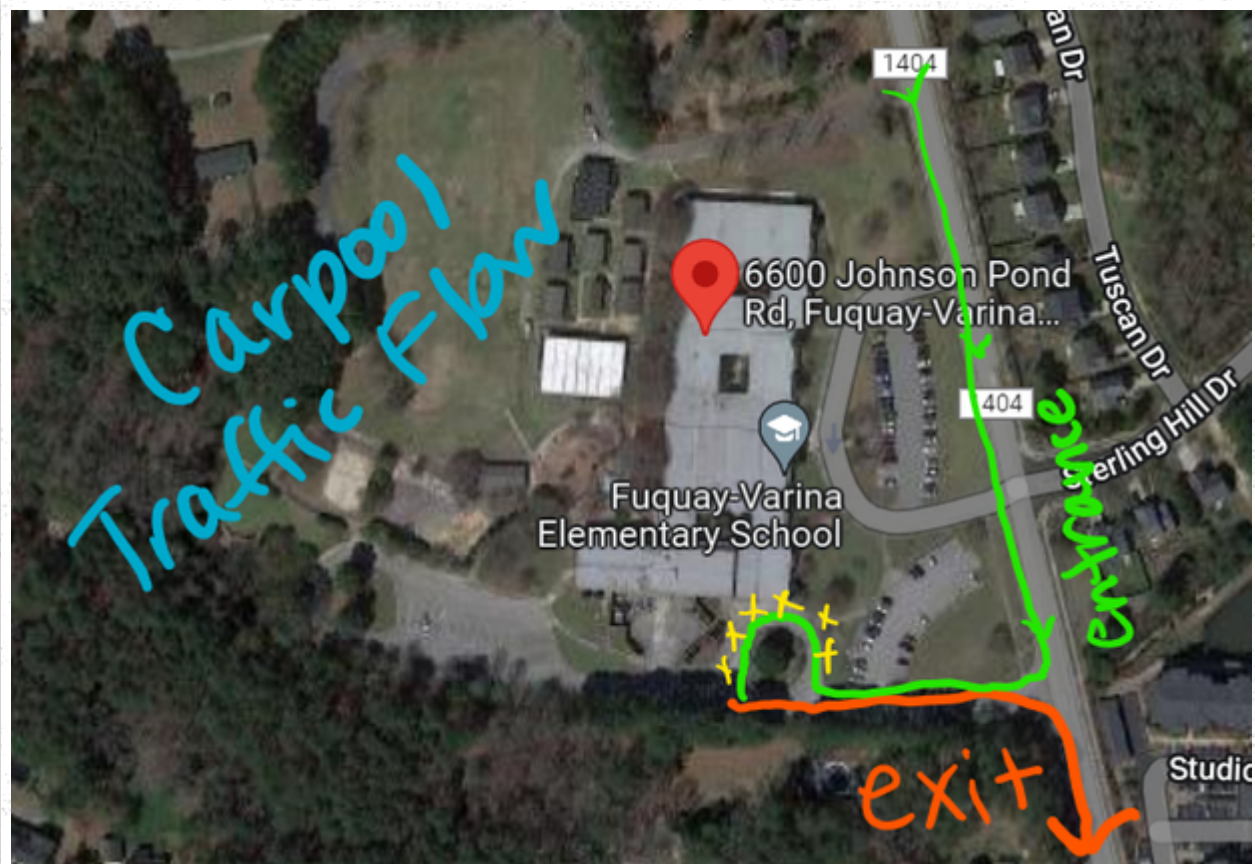
TRANSITION TIPS

- Talk it up: Let your child know how great kindergarten is going to be and how excited you are for them! Discuss with your child what to expect in the first week of school: singing, reading, drawing, counting, meeting new friends and teachers, and visiting the playground and lunchroom!
- Be prepared: Have supplies and procedures for arrival and dismissal ready so your child does not worry about the materials or way they will get home!
- Arrival: We recommend that you drop your child off in his/her classroom on their staggered entry day and on September 6th if possible. After that first day, we encourage you to drop off in the carpool loop or use the bus. We ask that kindergarten students walk to and from their classroom without parents after this day. We will have many staff members ready and willing to ensure your child gets to the correct classroom! Bus transportation routes will be posted as soon as they are released from the county on our school website. Please call our main office with any questions!

ARRIVAL/ DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Carpool students are to be dropped off between 8:45 AM and 9:15 AM and be picked up from 3:45-4:05 PM in the carpool lane. Each carpool student will receive a carpool decal to hang in their car and students will have an assigned carpool number. Please assist your child in learning their carpool number. We ask that drivers adhere to our safety procedures, which include moving in a single file through the carpool lane (not in the bus lane) and parking only in the designated parking lots when needed. Please refrain from using your cellphone and from using all tobacco products while driving through the carpool lane and while on campus in the car. Please do not park in the handicapped parking spots unless you have a handicapped parking decal. It is also very important not to send students unaccompanied through any

carpool or parking lots on campus. Our safety procedures and policies will be strongly enforced to ensure that our students and staff can enter and exit the building without risk of injury. Check out our map below for entry/exit points and traffic flow directions.



BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMING

Again, this year, FVES will offer an on-site "Before and After School Care Program" for those families who need a structured childcare setting between the hours of 7:00 AM- 8:45 AM (before school) and between 4:00 PM-6:00 PM (after school). Program staff are listed below and can be reached via email for questions about this program and they will be on hand during all "Meet the Teacher" events. You may go to our website to register at the link below:

<https://www.wcpss.net/domain/17150>

Before School Care

Registration Fee: \$15.00

Monthly Fee: ~\$95.00

Director: Pam Morman

pmorman@wcpss.net

After School Care

Registration Fee: \$15.00

Director: Donna Myers

dmyers2@wcpss.net

*includes Early Release Day Care

SCHOOL MEALS

For the 23-24 school year, meals will cost \$1.50 for breakfast and \$3.25 for lunch.

If you need help paying for lunch or breakfast, please click on the link below to apply for free/reduced lunch service. <https://www.wcpss.net/domain/1047> All applications that are approved will permit the student(s) to have free breakfast and lunch for the 23-24 school year.

In addition, all money can be placed on a student lunch account for easy pay on the website, [MYSCHOOLBUCKS](#).

Breakfast: please have your carpool student at school by 8:55 for them to have enough time to eat breakfast.

Lunch: for students bringing their lunch to school, please try your best to provide some healthy choices that can be opened independently.

VOLUNTEERING

Parents, guardians, and family members interested in serving as a school volunteer must complete the Wake County Volunteer Registration process before serving in this capacity. You may register online at any Wake County Public School and must re-register for this school year. We will have a few computers in the Media Center for you to complete this process at our Meet the Teacher events.

REMINDERS

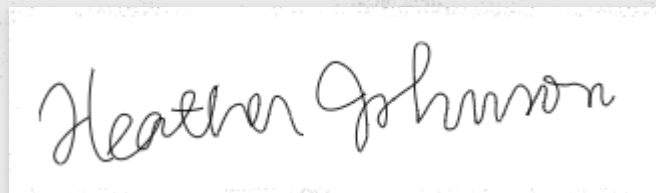
After staggered entry, Kindergarten students will only report to school on Friday, September 1st from 10:00-11:00 AM for Meet the Teacher. The first full (regular) school day for all kindergarten students will be Tuesday, September 5, 2022. School hours are from 9:15 AM-3:45 PM. Doors open each day at 8:45 AM.

CLASSROOM LOCATIONS AND CLASSROOM FAMILY TEAMS

Kindergarten			
K	123	Kimberly Lane	Candice Fagnani
K	126	Anna O'Brien	Sharon Fraleigh
K	122	Tennille Simms	Heather Bramble
K	120	Amanda Johnson	Donna Myers
K	127	Sarah Toni	Pam Morman
K	129	Christy Brown	Jade Middlebrooks
K	119	Kristen Long	Joy Balderson
K	121	Marisa Vaskalis	Elizabeth Rodriguez-Martinez
CCK	116	Rachel Jaffry	Liz Gorham/Christy Stephenson

We anticipate this year being an amazing and exciting year for all of our students! We are a very tight knit school family and can assure you that your child will be asked to uphold high expectations and be loved greatly! We are committed to providing students with rich, diverse learning experiences each day that will help them to SOAR like a ROCKET!

We can not wait to see you soon!



HEATHER JOHNSON, PRINCIPAL



FVES PTA



We can't wait to Kick
Off 2023-2024!



FUQUAY-VARINA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RESOURCES:

Front Office Number: (919) 557-2566

School Fax Number: (919) 670-4210

School Website: <https://www.wcpss.net/fuquayvarinaes>

Principal: Heather Johnson, hmjohnson@wcpss.net

Assistant Principal: Kelly Bradshaw, kbradshaw@wcpss.net

School Secretary/Bookkeeper: Amanda Dial, adial@wcpss.net

Front Office Receptionist: Remikka Leach, rsleach@wcpss.net

Data Manager/ Attendance: Lisa McNeill, mmcneill2@wcpss.net

Cafeteria Manager: CNS420@wcpss.net

Special Education Lead Teacher: soquendo@wcpss.net

School Counselors: Kristen Bush, kbush@wcpss.net

**PLEASE TAKE TIME TO READ THE WCPSS STUDENT/
PARENT HANDBOOK!**

Students should be in school, not out of school. To this end, we are committed to creating an inclusive, positive, and safe learning environment for all students. Ensuring student discipline practices are effective, fair, and equitable is a cornerstone of this effort and will allow each student unhindered access to quality classroom instruction and educational opportunities.



FUQUAY-VARINA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A K-6 Elementary School that takes the time and energy to create a school family while ensuring all students learn!

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