



Farmington Woods IB/PYP Magnet Elementary School

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Winston Pierce, Principal Mark Beamish, Assistant Principal

Welcome Back to Farmington Woods Elementary School!

1st-5th Graders Return to School Monday, August 26th

2019-2020 School Hours:

9:15am-3:45pm
Students may arrive between
8:45-9:15am each day;
instruction begins at 9:15am

Open House Parking:

We will have lots of cars for very few parking spaces at Open House. Security will be on campus to assist with parking in designated spots and on our back field.

Families also have permission to use the church parking lot at Seabrook Ave and Cary Pkwy to park and walk to campus and avoid traffic and congestion. The busiest time is 8:15-8:45am so you might consider a later visit, to our campus.

Open House- Friday, August 23rd from 8:30-10:30am

We are looking forward to starting the new school year and have been busy getting things ready! We will have many new students and their families joining our school family to learn from our exciting IB/PYP program.

1st-5th grade class rosters will be posted on the front windows on Thursday, August 22nd at 4:30pm and PTA invites families to a Back to School Picnic from 4:30-6:30pm that evening on the playground. Open House is scheduled for Friday, August 23rd from 8:30am-10:30am to meet your teacher and complete many beginning of the year procedures and processes. The 2019-20 school year will begin for students in grades 1st through 5th on Monday, August 26, 2019.

Kindergarten parents should attend one of the Parent Orientation sessions offered on Aug. 23rd (8:45am or 10:00am) and complete beginning of the year materials during Open House. Kindergarten students staggered entry will be from Aug 26-29th. Kindergarten class rosters will be posted on Aug. 30th at 1:15 pm and Kindergarten Open House is Friday, August 30th from 1:30-2:30pm.

With about 750 students, cooperation from all families is appreciated in using good neighbor judgment when parking on campus and in our neighborhood during our Open House event.

August 1, 2019



Special points of interest:

If you have moved or your child(ren) will not be attending Farmington Woods, please call 919-460-3469 ext. 26504 so that we can update our class rosters and proof of residence (water/electric/gas/lease are acceptable) before the start of the school year.

☺ Join the PTA at Open House. Please plan to join us and get involved in projects to help our students and our school! Membership is \$7 per person; \$12 per family and can be paid on line with PayPal, debit/credit card at Open House or by Cash/check. Bookmark the PTA website for more PTA information: www.farmingtonwoodsppta.org

☺ Welcome to our new staff members and *returning staff members in new roles!

Jessica Mayfield Coghill- ECS II teacher
Samantha Binns- K Teacher
Charlotte Marasco- K Teacher
Kate Painter- K Teacher
*Anna Daley- K Teacher
*Alison DiOrio- 1st Grade Teacher
Miranda Pusateri- 2nd Grade Teacher
Paige Ingalls- 2nd Grade Teacher
*Annie Burke- 3rd Grade Teacher
Patricia Dos Santos- 3rd Grade Teacher
Debbie Flanigan- 3rd Grade Teacher
Paolo Graceffa- 4th Grade Teacher
*Tina Kollauf- 4th Grade Teacher
*Cara Musumeci- 4th Grade Teacher
Ashleigh Oldham- 4th Grade Teacher
*Brittany Packer- 4th Grade Teacher
Cesar Pestana- Music Teacher
Emilia Radichi- Spanish Teacher
Sam Woodrum- 50% Guidance Counselor
Leah Frahm Social Worker
Laura Scanlon- K-5 IA
Precious Revis- K-5 IA
Josette White ECS I IA
Julia Lee ESC I IA
Donna Orlowski ECS II IA
TBA- Custodian
TBA- Cafeteria Manager

Taking care of Starting the Year Business at Open House...

In addition to seeing friends, making new ones and meeting your teacher; Open House is time to get all of the starting school business completed:

• **PTA Membership** information and on line registration information is included with this newsletter. At Open House, sign up for the many volunteer opportunities through the PTA.

• **FWES Spiritwear** will be on sale at Open House. Many shirts will be available to take home that day!

• **Agendas- Note Change for 19-20:** Only 5th Graders will use daily agendas in 2019-20. 5th grade families should pay \$4 for agendas (cash or check to FWES PTA) when visiting classrooms by using the envelope provided.

• **Carpool tag** registration forms are available on our website to complete and

bring with you and will also be available for families during Open House. All families who use carpool must register for a NEW number each year to insure student safety at dismissal.

• **Bus route information** will be posted on line for families to review. All NEW riders must register for a bus route before they will be allowed to ride a bus. You can register at [Bus Rider Information and Registration](#). More information is included on page 2.

• **Volunteer registration** will be available at Open House- sign up (or reactivate) to be a volunteer at FWES!

• **Lunch Account** information will be available and families can put an initial amount on the child's lunch account to start the year.



• **Medications can be signed in** at the Main Office. Remember that the 1702 form must be completed by your physician and the medication must be in its prescription container before we can sign for it at the school.

NOTE: If you would prefer to drop off medication prior to open house, you may call the school to make an appointment- 919-460-3469 as **only medication trained personnel may accept medication**. The 1702 and medication in its prescription container must be brought to this appointment to complete the process.

Kindergarten Student Staggered Entry

- K Parents should attend the Parent Orientation Session on August 23 at 8:45am or 10:00am during Open House. This experience is meant to be for adults only- kindergartners should plan to attend their own Open House on August 30th
- From August 26-Aug. 29 each kindergartner will attend school for one day as an orientation. This process allows for a 1:6 staff/student ratio to insure a positive first school experience. Kindergarten students have received information regarding staggered entry: Aug. 26 A-F; Aug. 27 G-L; Aug. 28 M-R; Aug. 29 S-Z. Parents AND Kindergartners are invited to **Kindergarten Open House on Friday, August 30th from 1:30-2:30pm** to meet your teacher.
- All kindergarten students will return on **Tuesday, September 3rd** following their Staggered Entry Day. To help support parents' transition, on the first day of Kindergarten, there will be a **Transitions and Triumphs** event on **Tuesday, September 3rd at 9:20 am** after you drop your child off in kindergarten. Please plan to join our guidance counselors, administrators and your fellow kindergarten parents to learn more about Farmington Woods Kindergarten.





What's News in the Woods...

Farmington Woods IB/PYP Elementary Magnet School Newsletter

August/September, 2019

To get additional information about 2019-20- visit 'About' and then 'Back to School' at <http://fwes.wcpss.net>



From Mrs. Pierce...

We have had a very busy summer at Farmington Woods and are excited to begin another fantastic year of learning at Farmington Woods! Our school is a community of learners committed to academic success for all students, achieved through the PYP focus on inquiry and the learner profile attributes. We strive to engage students in authentic learning experiences that support and encourage lifelong learning. Included with the Back to School information is also this newsletter for August/September 2019- which

contains important information about starting the school year and beyond. We appreciate your cooperation with school policies and procedures to help us focus on learning each and every day. Please choose to become part of our collaborative school community by registering/reactivating to be a volunteer before October 31st. On behalf of the administrative team, we look forward to seeing you in classrooms, helping the PTA and joining students on field trips. The success of each student is based on the partnership between the home

and the school and all families are invited to be our partners in learning. We look forward to having all of you involved and to a great year!

See you soon!
Mrs. Winston Pierce
Principal



A Walk in the Woods ... (more on page 4)

- **Celebrating 2018-19:** What a fantastic year we had at FWES. We were so proud of the progress we watched in each of our students thanks to the work of our amazing staff and supportive families. As we worked through the year, there were several opportunities where the hard work and effort of students and staff at FWES was recognized.

- National Magnet School of Excellence
- Katie's Krops grant to support FWES Community Garden
- Silver Award for Disability Awareness
- Autism Celebration Month Recognition

- **PTA Thank You!** Our PTA's fund raising efforts last year exceeded their goal and at the end of the year they were able to purchase picnic tables and outdoor PE equipment for students to use during recess. Thank you for supporting the PTA through membership and participation in PTA fund raising projects in 2019-20.

- **Bus Routes for 2019-20:** All bus routes, stops and times will be available at WCPSS Bus Routes on August 16th. The school will not have information until these routes are published.

- Students must be assigned to a bus and bus stop in order to be allowed to ride a bus- assignments will be based on the student's home address on record.
- Students may NOT ride any other bus other than the one to which they are assigned
- Students who have not regularly ridden a bus previously who want to ride the bus this year (even if not daily) must register as a bus rider through the WCPSS website at: Bus Rider Registration for 18-19



- **Backpack Bus Tags:** Starting last year and continuing this year, all bus riders in WCPSS elementary schools must have a bus tag on their book bag in order to load and ride the bus in the afternoons. The tag provides information that makes sure students are safe and dropped off at appropriate stops. Please make sure your child always has his/her backpack and if you get a new one-

please transfer the bus tag to the new bag.



Please Keep Bus Tags Here All Year



- **Curriculum Night 9/12:** The school staff is excited to welcome all parents to a Family Learning Engagement Night on September 12th to explore your child's grade level curriculum, instructional strategies and more!
- **Carpool Process: Entry into/Exit from the carpool lane at FWES is right turn only!** The carpool process at FWES provides a safe way for students to be picked up each afternoon and takes about 20-25 minutes to load the 300+ cars that come through the lane each day. Please note, however, that the first 2-4 weeks of school are when the process can take up to 40 minutes, as students are learning their new numbers and our new families and students are learning the process. Adults will NOT be allowed to check students out from the carpool holding area in the cafeteria if the child is registered as a carpooler. Please be patient and remain in line in your car until your student can be loaded safely.
- **Carpool Tags:** Students are issued NEW numbers each year- so all families will need to complete a carpool registration form to get carpool tags at Open House. Families without 2019-20 school issued carpool tags displayed will have to pull over and sign the child out in the office after showing proper identification.
- **Walker Dismissal Reminders:** Our school has increased the number of students dismissed as walkers the last few years. This increase has put an extreme strain on available parking and on our relationship with the Kildaire Farm community. Please note that families who choose to drive to our school to meet "walkers" at the front entrance for dismissal should be respectful of the school's neighbors if you park in the neighborhood. For the safety

of all pedestrians, those waiting to meet students at the front of the school will be asked to leave the area as soon as your child has been picked up so that carpool may begin to flow quickly and safely. Safety patrol will ring a triangle to notify the front porch that carpool is beginning and school staff will ask any remaining families to move down the sidewalk. In addition, families wishing to stay and play with friends will need to use the K-1 playground by the villas as the front playground is not be available during dismissal. More information is available on the school website and will be sent home the first week of school. Thank you for your cooperation!



- **Specials Scheduling Specials:** As our grade levels will vary from 4 teachers to 7, we will have some variations in our specials schedule this year that are still being configured. Final information on the rotations for each grade level will be shared through your child's teacher at the start of the year.
- **Walk to School Fridays!** Walk to school Fridays will continue into the 2019-20 school year on the 1st Friday of each month, beginning Friday, September 6th! Families meet Mr. Eller in the parking lot of Kildaire Plaza at 8:30am and enjoy a wonderful walk through the greenway to FWES. We hope you'll plan to join him that 1st week of school!
- **School Communication:** Each Monday and email/text message from the School Messenger System will go to families with all of the important information and documents from FWES- please make sure you receive this communication weekly to stay informed and updated. WCPSS also uses this system to communicate important information and school closing/delays.
- **Keep Up with FWES:** You can keep up with us on our website <http://fwes.wcpss.net> and follow our school @FWESIBPYP on [twitter](https://twitter.com/FWESIBPYP)

FWES School Improvement Plan 2018-2020

The School Improvement Plan (SIP) is a document that guides the work of our school community as we grow IB learners. Families are a vital part of the learning that occurs at Farmington Woods. The plan was developed last spring based on student achievement data and trends that indicate areas where our school can improve to support student success. Our plan includes an academic goal that is supported by key processes and action steps that will be implemented over the course of the next two years to support our school in achieving our goal. In addition, to monitor our progress, the plan and data related to the plan is reviewed quarterly so revisions can be made if and as needed. More information about our [School Improvement Plan](#) is available for your review on our school website.

- **Parents - Your participation is needed (and required by state law:) to serve on our School Improvement Team.** The team will meet at least quarterly to review student data trends, instructional practices and monitor the implementation of the current SIP. Parent input and review is important to this process. If you are interested please email Elizabeth Plotkin at eplotkin@wcpss.net no later than September 6th.
- All members of the School Improvement Team, staff and parents, must be voted in to represent their respective groups. Once your interest is expressed, your name will be shared with our PTA and the PTA will present you for a vote to serve at the PTA Meeting on September 12th. Several parents are needed to serve in this capacity. If you have further questions, please contact Elizabeth Plotkin (eplotkin@wcpss.net). We hope you will join us as we activate learning that lasts a lifetime!

Cafeteria Notes
TBA, Farmington Woods
Cafeteria Manager
919-460-3469 ext. 26514



New Prices for 2019-20

Breakfast-

\$.30-reduced price

\$1.25- full price

Lunch-

\$.40-reduced price

\$2.75-full price (note increase \$.20)

Milk-

\$.50

Students may purchase breakfast/lunch by the week or month through the cafeteria, at Open House and on MyLunchMoney.com. **All students will be mailed an application for free/reduced lunch. A new application MUST be completed each school year for families to continue eligibility in the free/reduced lunch program.**

FWES PTA News for 19-20...

New FWES PTA Website: <https://sites.google.com/fwespta.org/home/volunteering?authuser=0>

- Show support for our school by joining the PTA at Open House on 8/23- \$7 for individuals and \$12 for families
 - Membership supports projects throughout the school such as: Cultural Arts programming, technology purchases, visiting authors, periodicals with current news K-5; teacher project grants; special family events at school and in the community and teacher hospitality and appreciation events.
 - Membership allows voting rights for PTA decisions related to budget and projects
 - Membership allows participation as a board member or committee chair
- Fall Fund Raisers support PTA projects for the entire year. Thank you for your participation to support our school.
 - Go Play Save Coupon Books- look for information 8/30 and orders due 9/27
 - Box Tops Collection end of September- start cutting and collecting
 - FWES Fun Run- Apex Fun Run- Nov. 7th

FWES Office Updates



The office will be closed due to required staff trainings and meetings to prepare for 2019-20.

- Tuesday, August 20th 11:45-4:00pm
- Friday, August 23rd 11:00-1:30pm

Farmington Woods Summer Office Hours (through Aug. 23rd)

- 8:30-11:45am and 1:00-4:00pm

Early Medication Drop Off- By Appointment Only- call 919-460-3469

If you have all the required forms and your child's medication and would like to avoid the lines at Open House, please feel free to call FWES and schedule a time to drop off your child's medication between August 1-22. Only certain staff are trained for taking and recording medications so it is important to call and make an appointment to insure that appropriate staff are available to assist you.

Phone number and Address Updates: Please notify the office if you have had a change in phone number or address so that you can continue to get school communication in a timely manner.

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Continuing A Walk in the Woods ...

- **Before/After School Applications:** At this time, both the Before and After School programs will be filled based on the on line sign up list that opens Monday, August 5th at 9:00am. Updated information will be shared as it is available on seats and openings remaining for 2019-20.
- **Lunch Price Increase for 2019-20:** **Student Lunch price will be \$2.75.** Please make a note when sending in \$ or putting \$ on account.
- **On Line Lunch Account:** Wake County Child Nutrition Services offers all families the option to pay on student lunch accounts through www.myschoolbucks.com. Using this service allows parents to pay with credit cards and access information about the purchases your child makes each day. It also sends email alerts when your child's lunch account gets below \$5.00. The system has been upgraded from last year's mylunchmoney.com so look for the change when you log on, but your log in and password are the same.
- **Safety Patrol Sign up:** 4th and 5th grade students interested in serving on our Safety Patrol for the 19-20 school year can sign up at the Safety Patrol table during Open House. Many students are needed to assist in the mornings and afternoons with carpool. Training and scheduling of new students will take place the first few weeks of the school year.
- **Student Accident Insurance:** Accident insurance is the responsibility of each student's family. Information about student accident insurance is available on the WCPSS Website- [Student Accident Insurance](#).
- **Volunteer Registration:**
Registration is available on any WCPSS computer from July 1st-October 31st 24 hrs a day. Beginning Nov. 1st registration is only available on Mondays from 8:00am-4:00pm. Volunteers may register in the school office- registration is open now when the school is open 8:30-11:45am and 1:00-4:00pm.
- * **Returning Registered Volunteers-** Returning volunteers must reactivate his/her file through a simple process to remain on the approved volunteer list. Reactivation can be completed on a school computer. Those not reactivated by October 31st will be dropped from the approved list and will have to complete the new volunteer process to return to the list.
- * **Approved Volunteers New to FWES-** We welcome our new families. If you were an approved volunteer at another Wake County school in the 18-19 school year, you will need to re-activate your volunteer registration as soon as possible and make changes to your school list to include FWES- so that your clearance appears on our school approval list. This reactivation and verification of your status on the FWES list, will be required prior to volunteering in our school.
- * **New Volunteers:** All new volunteers to FWES are required to register and have a background check completed prior to volunteering. Background checks can take up to two weeks to be



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Mark Your Calendars Now...

- ⇒ Monday, August 5th- Before/After School Registration on line "line up" 9:00am
- ⇒ Tuesday, August 6th- Notification about Before/After School
- ⇒ Friday, August 16th ECS I/II and Pre K Picnic Meet and Greet 9:30-11:30am in Classrooms
- ⇒ Saturday, August 17th Marbles Kick off to Kindergarten 9am-5pm!
- ⇒ Tuesday, August 20th- School Office Closed 11:30am-4:00pm PTA Welcome Back Luncheon at FWES 11:30am-12:30pm
- ⇒ Friday, August 23 Open House for 1st -5th Grades from 8:30-10:30am Kindergarten Parent Orientation Sessions at 8:45am and 10:00am in gym
- ⇒ August 26 1st Day of School (Staggered Entry for K students begins)
- ⇒ August 30 Go Play Save Coupon Book PTA Fund Raiser go home with 1st-5th Graders
- ⇒ August 30 Kindergarten Rosters Posted 1:15pm; 1:30-2:30pm Kindergarten Open House to meet your teacher
- ⇒ Sept. 2 Labor Day Holiday- No School
- ⇒ Sept. 3 1st Day for Kinders; 9:20am Triumphs and Transitions for K Parents
- ⇒ Sept. 4 Go Play Save Coupons Books home with Ks
- ⇒ Sept. 6 8:30am Walk to School Day- Kildaire Plaza
- ⇒ Sept. 9-19 FWES Spiritwear Orders
- ⇒ Sept. 12 1st PTA Meeting and Curriculum Night
- ⇒ Sept. 20 Spiritwear Orders Due
- ⇒ Sept. 27 Go Play Save Orders and \$ Due
- ⇒ Sept. 30 Teacher Workday- No School
- ⇒ Oct. 1 Q1 Interim Reports Home
- ⇒ Oct. 2 8:30am International Walk to School Day- Kildaire Plaza
- ⇒ Oct. 9 Teacher Workday/Yom Kippur - No School
- ⇒ Oct. 2 Fun Run Pep Rally
- ⇒ Oct. 30 End of 1st Quarter
- ⇒ Oct. 31 and Nov 1 Teacher Workdays (No School for Students)