



Dear Families,

As principal of Yates Mill Elementary, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone back for another great school year. We are all excited to have students back in our classrooms and hallways, filling them with energy and enthusiasm for learning. We have been very busy preparing for the next school year, and we are very excited to see you all again.

To help your transition back to the 2019-2020 school year, we have provided some information in this letter. You can find additional information, including the **supply list** on our website at <https://www.wcpss.net/yatesmilles>. Be sure to follow us at our **new** Twitter handle **@mill\_yates**.

Yates Mill Elementary is committed to turning our students' dreams into reality. **We dream BIG at Yates Mill!** As principal, I assure you that we will establish and maintain high expectations for ALL students inside and outside of the classroom. We are committed to providing students with rich, diverse learning experiences each day, which will allow the Yates Mill Frogs not only to believe in their dreams but to **ACHIEVE** them!

We cannot wait to see you in just a few weeks!

  
Vonda Martin Jenkins, Principal

**Important Dates:**

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| <b>Thursday, Aug. 22, 2019</b> | 5:30pm-7:00pm   | "Meet the Teacher" event for grades 1-5<br>Please join us anytime between 5:30pm-7:00pm to meet your child's teacher. Class lists for grades 1-5 will be posted outside classroom doors.<br><br>K families may take an informal tour of our school if they are interested. K teachers and classrooms will <b>NOT</b> be available at this time. |
|                                | 6:00pm-6:30pm   | Meet the Principal Event- All YMES families are invited to meet Mrs. Jenkins from 6:00pm-6:30pm. This "Meet the Principal" event will be held in the main hallway conference room. Feel free to drop in anytime!  |
|                                | 7:00pm-7:30pm   | YMES Family Event- Please join us outside at the bus loop for our family event. Staff, students, and parents will have an opportunity to meet and greet each other and celebrate the beginning of the new school year. Food trucks will be available to purchase food and drinks.   |
| <b>Monday, Aug. 26, 2019</b>   | 9:15am - 3:45pm | The first official day of school for grades 1-5. Parents may escort their child to their assigned classroom on the first day if desired.  |

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| <b>Monday, Aug. 26 –<br/>Thursday, Aug. 29, 2019</b> | 9:15am -<br>3:45pm    | Kindergarten staggered entry days<br><b>Last Names</b> <b>Dates</b><br>A-F                                      Monday, August 26<br>G-L                                      Tuesday, August 27<br>M-P                                      Wednesday, August 28<br>Q-Z                                      Thursday, August 29<br><br>**For those students who have two last names, you will use your <b>first</b> last name (see example below)<br><br>** Carlos <b>Lopez</b> -Rodriguez would come on Tuesday, August 27th. |
| <b>Friday, Aug. 30, 2019</b>                         | 4:00pm -<br>6:00pm    | Kindergarten “Meet the Teacher”<br>Kindergarten class lists will be posted outside classroom doors.  |
| <b>Monday, Sept. 2, 2019</b>                         | Labor Day ~ No School |  |
| <b>Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2019</b>                        | 9:15am -<br>3:45pm    | The first official day of kindergarten with their full class! Parents may escort their child to their assigned classroom on the first day of kindergarten if desired.  |

### **Important Reminders:**

**School hours:** 9:15am until 3:45pm- Doors open each day at 8:45am.

### **Breakfast and Lunch:**

**Breakfast:** Carpool students, please arrive by 8:55am to have enough time for breakfast.

|                  | <b>Full Price</b> | <b>Reduced Price</b> |
|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Breakfast</b> | \$1.25            | No charge            |
| <b>Lunch</b>     | \$2.75            | \$0.40               |

*\* If you are planning on completing your free or reduced lunch form please do so prior to the start of school so the information can be processed quickly.*

### **Dismissal Procedures:**

Carpool students are to be dropped off between 8:45am and 9:15am and be picked up from 3:45pm until 4:05pm 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 single file through the carpool lane and parking only in designated spaces if needed. **Please refrain from using your cell phone while driving through carpool.** Please do not park in the handicapped spaces unless you display a handicapped-parking decal. 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. Please see the YMES website <https://www.wcpss.net/yatesmilles> for more detailed information.

### **WCPSS Transportation:**

New enrollees to WCPSS are required to fill out a Transportation Service request form when making an application to their base school. The School Data Manager will enter the transportation request for the new enrollees. If you need more information on enrolling a new student into the school system, visit <https://www.wcpss.net/domain/13656>. Families can find up-to-date transportation information (including route number and stop location) in your student's Home Base/PowerSchool account. You can sign up for an account at Yates Mill Elementary.



**Before and After School Program:**

Yates Mill staff will offer an on-site before and after school program for those families who need a structured childcare setting between the hours of 7:00am - 8:45am (before school) and between 4:00pm- 6:00pm (after school). Program staff will be on hand at “Meet the Teacher” evenings to answer questions and to enroll your child in these programs. The fees are as follows:

|               | Registration | Monthly Fee | Director            | Contact Information: |
|---------------|--------------|-------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Before School | \$15.00      | \$94.65     | Ms. Janae Emmanuel  | (919) 233-4244       |
| After School  | \$15.00      | \$108.00    | Ms. Elisa Wombacher |                      |

**Volunteering:**

Parents, guardians, and family members interested in serving as a school volunteer must complete the **Wake County Volunteer Registration** on a school computer before serving in this capacity. We encourage you to register at the highest possible level so that you will be able to participate in all field trips and special events. You may register online at any Wake County Public School and **must re-register by October 31, 2019, even if you completed the process last year.** Our computer lab will be open for this purpose at both “Meet the Teacher” evenings. Please see the YMES website <https://www.wcpss.net/yatesmilles> for more detailed information.

**School Messenger:**

The district uses the SchoolMessenger notification service to send important information to families through phone calls, email, and text messages. General school news is shared by email and text message. Phone calls are used for urgent school news. Please visit <https://www.wcpss.net/schoolmessenger> for more information on SchoolMessenger.

**Student Information Sheet**

Please see the enclosed 2019-2020 YMES Student Information Sheet. This information sheet must be filled out and returned to your child’s teacher at “Meet the Teacher”. The number listed under the Parent/Guardian section will be used for SchoolMessenger notifications. No other numbers listed will receive this information through SchoolMessenger. It is important to keep this number current on file so all information can be shared in a timely manner.

**Important Numbers:**

| Area                   | Contact Name                   | Contact Information   |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Child Nutrition        | Anne Sutherland                | Free and Reduced meals: (919) 856-2920<br>MySchoolBucks.com: (855) 832-5226 |
| Transportation         | WCPSS Transportation Depart.   | (919) 805-3030  |
| Medical Concerns/Plans | School Nurse – Shannon Edmeads | sedmeads@wcpss.net  |