Aug 19, 2024

Dear Wakefield Eagle Families,

Welcome to the 2024-25 school year at Wakefield Elementary! We are excited about the start of school and are looking forward to seeing our new and returning students.

The first day for all first through fifth graders will be Tuesday, August 27th. (Rising kindergarten information has been sent separately.) Students may enter the building at 8:45 a.m. All students should be in their classrooms ready to start each day by 9:15 a.m. Carpool and van riders will be dismissed at 3:45 p.m.

Buses will leave as soon after 3:45 as possible (for several days we will load slowly to ensure that everyone is on the correct bus). Please see link below for Bus and Bus Stop information. Please be certain your child knows the bus route number.

If he/she will not be riding the assigned bus, but will be carpooling or riding a daycare van, etc., please send this information in writing to the teacher on Tuesday, Aug.27th , or as changes occur during the year. Students will go home as indicated each day unless we receive a note or a phone call (if an emergency) to the office about a change. Carpool information may be located below.

Our first through fifth graders and parents are invited to our  **“WES Welcome Walk”** event on **Friday, August 23rd (1st & 2nd 11:00-12:00 and 3rd-5th 12:00-1:00pm)** . Your child’s assigned teacher will contact you by the evening of Aug.22nd. We understand that many of our families may not be able to make this event and have scheduled an Open House-Curriculum (Dinner on the Lawn) night for Sept. 10th.

We hope the above information and the additional links below (along with material that will be sent home with students the first day of school) will help ensure a happy, safe, and comfortable beginning for our Wakefield family. We look forward to a wonderful year together and realize that a close partnership among school, family, and community will mean success for everyone. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the school at 919-562-3555.

Bus and Bus Stop Information: [Transportation / Bus Routes](https://www.wcpss.net/Page/174)

Carpool Information: [Carpool / Home](https://www.wcpss.net/domain/15859)

* **Families may pick up their 24-25 carpool tag (medication drop-offs may also be done at this time) at our Welcome Walk on Friday, August 23rd.** (*ALL families who plan to utilize carpool including returning students will need to get their new tag then. If you’re not able to pick up your new tag on the 23rd or prior to the start of school, you will be directed to pull through our carpool and park on the first day of school in order to get your carpool tag in the front office.*

Student-Parent Handbook and Sign-Offs: [Student Parent Handbook / Overview](https://www.wcpss.net/Domain/4306)

Before School Care: <https://www.wcpss.net/domain/5411>

We encourage you to utilize the on-line registration however families may also do on site registration and enrollment. They can just bring a check for the registration fee , the first payment, fill out the application on site and their child can start the same day.

Cafeteria: [School Meals / About Us](https://www.wcpss.net/Domain/1047)

Other Parent Information: [Parents / Homepage](https://www.wcpss.net/domain/12)

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