



# Timber Drive Elementary Timberwolves

## **Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year!**

We are so excited to welcome our new and current families to the 2022-23 school year! The year will be filled with lots of learning and many fun events/activities!

## **Communication**

There are many ways to stay in the loop about things happening at our school!

1. Our school website: <http://www.wcpss.net/timberdrivees>
2. Our school twitter: @TimberDriveES
3. Our weekly phone message. Mr. Warren will send out a phone message at least once per week. This year, the phone call will be accompanied by a text message that contains a link to the message on our website. This will allow you to revisit the message if you miss the phone call.

**You must opt-in to receive text messages. To opt-in, text YES to 67587.**

You will not receive any text messages from WCPSS if you do not opt-in.

**NOTE:** The school district does not pay for your text message fees that may be charged for sending or receiving text messages. Check with your wireless carrier for possible charges.

## **School Begins/School Hours**

For 1st through 5th grades, the first day of school is Friday, July 29. (Kindergarten has staggered entry, please contact the school if you do not have staggered entry information) Our school hours are 9:15-3:45. The first bell will ring at 8:45 to allow students into the building.

## **1st-5th Grade Meet the Teacher**

Please join us on Wednesday, July 27 from 3:30 - 5PM for our 1st - 5th Grade Meet the Teacher event! This is a floating event, so you can arrive anytime between 3:30 and 5:00. Students will receive their class assignment at this time. If you are unable to attend, your

teacher will be reaching out to you on Thursday, July 28 with class information. If you need to update your contact information, please call the office.

Sweet Southern Snowballs will be in the bus loop! Proceeds from all purchases go directly to our amazing PTA!

### **Kindergarten**

- Kindergarten students will have staggered entry days from July 29 - August 2. Each student will attend a half-day session. If you do not know your staggered entry day/time, please contact the office.
- Kindergarten Meet the Teacher will be Thursday, August 4 from 2:00 - 3:30PM.
- The first day of school for Kindergarten is Friday, August 5.

*\* If you have not turned in your child's immunization record or North Carolina health assessment, please do so before the first day of school.*

### **School Calendar**

The 2022-2023 Single Track 4 Calendar that our school follows can be found here: [Calendar](#)

### **School Supply Lists**

Visit our school website: <http://www.wcpss.net/timberdrivees> to view school [supply lists](#) by grade level. Please send your child's supplies with them on the first day of school.

### **WCPSS Devices**

Student Chromebooks should be charged and brought to school daily. Students will bring them home each night to recharge them for the next day. New students will be assigned a chromebook during the first week of school.

### **Bus Routes**

Families who have registered for the bus should receive bus routing/stop information from transportation beginning June 22. If you have not received bus route/stop information by Friday, July 29, contact transportation at 919-805-3030 or our school. Routing information for our school can be viewed [here](#).

Bus updates will also be posted [here](#) in the morning and afternoon in the event of bus delays or cancellations.

Parents are also strongly encouraged to download and use the "Here Comes the Bus" app to track their child's bus. You can find information about the app here:

<https://www.wcpss.net/Page/35380>

If you have not registered for the bus, you can do so at the following link:

<https://www.wcpss.net/Page/48597>

Please note that any registration after July 11, 2022 does not guarantee that service will be available on the first day of school.

***During the first few weeks of school, buses may run a little behind as we engage in extra precautions to ensure all students (especially kindergarten) get on the correct bus safely and orderly.***

### **Carpool Dismissal**

To make sure all students leave school safely, all families will receive two new carpool tags this school year, regardless of transportation type. **Please display the new YELLOW carpool tags. Previous years' tags will not be accepted. You will receive the new tags during our Meet the Teacher event. If you do not attend Meet the Teacher, you may come pick up the new tags from the office or ask your child's teacher to send them home in their bookbag. Additional carpool tags will be available for sale at a later date.**

Please have your carpool tag visible for our afternoon staff. If you do not have your carpool tag, you will be asked to park and proceed to the front office to be assisted. Please have your photo ID ready.

In the morning, please pull all the way forward as far as you can before letting your child exit the vehicle. Students must exit vehicles from the passenger side only.

### **Transportation Changes**

Teachers will document each student's normal mode of transportation (bus/carpool/van rider/walker) at the start of the school year. Changes to this method of transportation must be made in writing and in the form of a note or email to the student's teacher. In addition, we recognize that emergencies occasionally arise during the school day which necessitates a change to a student's mode of transportation. In this instance, a change may be made via phone call to the front office prior to **3:15 p.m.** For safety reasons, the sooner we are notified the better.

## **Check-in and Check-out**

Any student arriving after 9:15AM must ring the front doorbell and be checked in by a parent/guardian. We will begin a QR code system to check-in and check-out students in lieu of the paper/pen binder system. Please have a mobile device with you so that you can scan the QR code and complete the required form.

If you do not have access to a mobile device and cannot scan the QR code, please let the office know and someone will assist you. More information about this system to come!

Unless for emergency purposes, please do not check out your child after 3:00PM. You are encouraged to check them out prior to 3:00PM or wait until dismissal.

## **Breakfast and Lunch for the 2022-2023 School Year**

Breakfast and Lunch are no longer free for all students.

The price for breakfast is \$1.50 and the price for lunch is \$3.00.

With a MySchool Bucks account paying for school meals is easy. Go to [www.MySchoolBucks.com](http://www.MySchoolBucks.com) or call (855) 832-5226 to enroll. You'll need your child's NCWISE ID number, available in your registration materials or at your school. There is also a link to download the MSB Parent app (Google Play & the App Store) on the website. Once your account is established you may:

- Securely deposit funds to your child's account
- Check balances
- Set spending limits

Families can apply for free or reduced meals by clicking the link below:

[www.wcpss.net/free-reduced-meals](http://www.wcpss.net/free-reduced-meals)

## **Menus**

View the breakfast & lunch menus [here](#). Please note that menus are subject to change based on availability of items. Download the "MealViewer To Go" app for convenient mobile access.

## **Medication Information**

At Meet the Teacher (July 27th) or starting July 29th, medications may be dropped off **after** 9:20 AM and **before** 3:30 PM. **Do not bring medications during arrival and dismissal as staff will be busy helping students and not available to sign in medications.** Kindergarten parents may sign-in medications after dropping off their student on staggered entry day if they wish.

**IMPORTANT: Medications CANNOT be accepted without a new 1702 for the 22-23 school year.**

If you have any questions regarding medications or health concerns, please contact the office or our school nurse, Kayla Brown. Her email is kbrown2@wcpss.net

### **Before and After School Care**

The YMCA provides before and after school care for families who register and pay the required fees. For more information about this program, please contact Matthew Hicks at matthew.hicks@ymcatriangle.org

### **Students Returning to School after Sickness Guidelines**

**You are strongly encouraged to bookmark and review the following page that has the most up-to-date return to school guidelines. Please bookmark this page and make sure to review it anytime your child has symptoms of illness or is not feeling well:**

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

### **Spirit Wear**

Look like one of the PACK with [Timber Drive Spirit Wear!](#) Orders ship directly to you.

**We know that the staff and students at Timber Drive Elementary School are going to have a fantastic school year. We are so excited to welcome everyone back!**

**Thanks in advance for your support! As always, please feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions.**

Regards,

Mr. Warren

Principal