



Western Branch Primary School

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Dear Western Branch Primary Families,

We hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer. Additionally, we hope you are relaxed, recharged, and ready to start a new school year. Please know we are excited that you are a part of our amazing school family and look forward to partnering with you as we support our Baby Bruins together.

This is going to be another great school year. Our skilled and devoted staff are already planning and preparing for your child(ren). Our enthusiastic office team is registering new families, ordering needed materials, and providing support. Our hard-working and conscientious custodians have spent the entire summer thoroughly cleaning our building. Also, our amazing PTA is gearing up to welcome families and are currently planning exciting events to enjoy during the school year. We are indeed a joyous and caring community with the common goal of ensuring our students **W**alk in **B**ruin **P**ride.

Please find listed below some important information to start off the school year:

- **Classroom Assignments** - Please access ParentVue on August 25th for class assignments. School administration has put a great deal of thought into this assignment; therefore, requests for change in teacher will not be honored. Children have an uncanny knack for adjusting to change. Be assured that all the teachers at WBP have the same goal in mind. This goal is to provide a quality education in a nurturing and safe environment.

- **Teacher Meet & Greets** - During our Meet and Greets, students will have the opportunity to meet their teacher and drop-off school supplies. The following dates/times are based upon students' last names:

- ❖ **Thursday, September 1st**

- **P-Z:** 9:00 - 9:30 AM
- **A-G:** 9:45 - 10:15 AM
- **H-O:** 10:30 - 11:00 AM

- **First Day of School** - All WBP students will begin school on Tuesday, September 6th. Please fill-out the enclosed bus name tag for your child, place it in a ziplock bag, and attach it to your child's backpack to wear on the first day of school. List his/her bus number and bus stop or daycare van. (Note: If your child rides two different buses, please also list the "afternoon" bus number on the tag.)
- **Bus Information** - Information can be found by visiting cpschools.com. Click on the yellow school bus and then click on the Bus Stop Lookup icon. Next, type in your address. Be sure to record bus information for WBP.
- **Preschool & Kindergarten Four-Card System** - For safety reasons, parents/guardians receiving a preschool or kindergarten student off the bus, must have a card that matches the student's card. Bus drivers are not permitted to release students off the bus without this card

being shown to them. These cards, along with additional information, are enclosed with this letter.

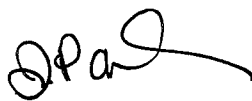
- **Student Fact Sheet** - This fact sheet has been uploaded to the WBP webpage. Please complete this survey by Friday, September 2nd, so that we have your current emergency closing and transportation information.
- **WBP Webpage and Social Media**
 - ❖ Webpage - <https://cpschools.com/wbp/>
 - ❖ Twitter - @WBPBruins
- **School Supply Lists** - Lists are posted on our webpage by grade level.
- **Breakfast and Lunch** - Breakfast and lunch is offered daily to students.
 - ❖ Daily Cost - \$1.40 for breakfast and \$2.90 for lunch
 - ❖ Manage money for breakfast and lunch at www.mypaymentsplus.com/welcome
 - ❖ Application for Free & Reduced Meals - www.cpschools.com/school-nutrition-services/free-and-reduced-meal-application
- **Open House** - We will be hosting a more formal Open House later in September where teachers will provide specific information about our instructional program. These dates and times will be shared at a later date.
- **Parent Drop-Off and Pick-Up** - We are keeping the same parent drop-off and pick-up procedure that was in place last year; however, the location has changed. This year, parent drop-off/pick-up will occur at the front of our school. All students will be issued a number for the car and their backpack. This number can be picked up during our scheduled Meet & Greet or it can be picked up at school during our office hours. If you are going to pick-up your child daily or occasionally at 2:04 PM, you will need to have your family number hanging on your rearview mirror. Due to safety procedures, we will not release children without this verification. Please note that the earliest we begin receiving students each morning is at 7:15 AM.
- **PTA** - We encourage all parents/guardians to be actively involved in their child's education. The link to access membership information is <https://wbpbabybruins.memberhub.com/store>.
- **Annual Verification of Information** - Please verify your child's information in ParentVue by September 30th to ensure we have the most current information listed.

We are looking forward to serving you this year and truly believe it is a privilege to be partners in your child's education. Please contact us at 757-638-7951 if you have any questions. Our office hours are 7:00 AM - 3:20 PM.

Sincerely,



Sonya Beasley
Principal



Jean-Marie Parke
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