

WCES Star



School Scoop for September!

By: Lori Maxwell, Principal

We have had a very busy start to the 2019-20 school year! Sneak Peek was a huge success with many families taking the opportunity to meet teachers and find classrooms.

There are 235 students enrolled at WCES this year. Our biggest classes are kindergarten and fifth grade.

Some of our young students are struggling with morning goodbyes, so here are some ideas to help with making smooth transitions. First of all, prepare your child ahead of time for their new school adventure. Then, when it is time for drop off, make sure to

say goodbye to your child, rather than sneaking out. Once you've said goodbye, leave promptly because the longer you stay, the harder it is for the child. As you leave, make sure your child knows you'll be there when school is over. We have staff members available to help your child work through their separation anxiety, and to calmly assure them throughout the day. As our young students adjust to their new schedule and routine, they will develop confidence and independence by learning to do new things for themselves. A little note in their backpack or

lunchbox is a great way to let your children know you're thinking about them while they are at school.

We have a few changes in our teaching staff this year. Mrs. Tracey Baker moved from fourth grade to teach fifth grade social studies and English/language arts. Mrs. Molly Horton is teaching fourth grade social studies and English/language arts for the first semester, and Mrs. Andrea Bauck will teach in that position during the second semester. Mrs. Ashley Norton is teaching math and science in sixth grade. We want to extend a warm welcome to all of our teachers and staff!

Wednesday Early Release

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Beginning in September, all kindergarten through 12th grade students will be dismissed at 2:30 PM in order to allow teachers to meet together with their building principals. Buses will run their regular routes on Wednesdays beginning

at 2:30, rather than 3:30.

A framework for early release has been developed and teachers will spend time evaluating local curriculum, learning strategies for teaching reading, writing, and math, participating in a book study, and meeting to collaborate with other teachers.

The early release initiative was designed to meet in-service goals that were identified in the KESA process. Meeting on a regular basis will allow teachers to participate in continuous professional development. Early release will continue through April, 2020.

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**School Pictures
are
September 24th!**



Upcoming Dates:

No School! Labor Day!	9/2
Grands with Grands! 7:45-8:15 AM Grandparents are invited to eat breakfast with their grandchildren!	9/6
Wednesday Early Release @ 2:30 PM	9/4 9/11 9/18 9/25
Hearing & Vision Screenings	9/9 - 9/13
Board of Education Meeting—7:00 PM	9/9
1st Day of Fall!	9/23
School Pictures!	9/24

Pictures From the First Days of School!

