



Key Information and Dates

Kindergarten Kick-Off Meeting

We welcome ALL kindergarten parents to a Kindergarten Kick-Off Meeting on **Friday, August 30, from 1:30 - 2:00 p.m.** to discuss daily routines, procedures, arrival and dismissal, transportation, and any concerns you may have. This meeting will be held in the media center. Spanish language interpretation.

Title 1 Meeting

We welcome ALL parents to attend the Title I 2019 - 2020 Back to School information session on **Friday, August 30, from 2:00 – 2:30 p.m.** in the Media Center. Our Title I instructional specialist, Dr. Jonathan Ferrari, will be on hand to share exciting updates, information, and to gather your feedback and input around Title I at Washington Grove Elementary School!

Open House

Our annual Open house will be on **Friday, August 30, from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. for all grades and programs.** At the Open House, you and your child will be able to visit classrooms and meet his or her teacher and classmates. Please remember this is not the time to hold individual conferences with teachers. Parent/teacher conferences will be scheduled in November.

Back-to-School Night

This year's Back-to-School Night will be on **Wednesday, September 11, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.** More details will be sent home through your child's backpack.

School Hours

Our school hours are **9:25 a.m. – 3:50 p.m.** Students should not arrive at school before 9:10 a.m. That is the time we open the doors and welcome your children to school each day. **For the safety of your children, do not drop them off at school before 9:10 a.m. because there is NO adult supervision.**

Students Arriving Late

Students who arrive in the school building after 9:25 a.m. are marked tardy. Students who arrive late must go directly to the office, sign in, and receive a late pass. Each late arrival counts as a tardy.

Parents Picking Up Students

In order to ensure continuity and avoid disruptions during the instructional day, parents should avoid picking up students before 3:50 p.m. If you need to pick up your child before the end of the school day, please do so by 3:30 p.m. Bus schedules are enclosed for students who ride the bus to and from school.

Changes in Transportation or Location

It is important for the safety of students that we are notified if the arrival or dismissal plan for your child changes. Students **ARE REQUIRED** to bring a note indicating the change (For example, "Maria Gonzalez will go to S.O.A.R. after school today, Monday, September 15th. Sincerely, Mrs. Gonzalez").

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Your signature is always required for this change. Any changes that are emailed in must be sent to the classroom teacher and the main office ([Milagros D Jurado@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Milagros_D_Jurado@mcpsmd.org) and [Michelle A Robey@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Michelle_A_Robey@mcpsmd.org)).

Student Item Drop Off

It is important for students to be prepared with their materials each day. If you need to drop off your child's items, please leave them with Ms. Jurado in the main office. She will see that the materials are given to your child.

Updating Emergency Information

During the first week of school, each child will receive both a yellow parent contact form and a pink parent/child reunification form. You should review them for accuracy and/or complete any missing information. Make sure you provide the name and contact information of a person we can be in touch with in case you can't be reached. Please be sure to include the names and contact information of those people who are authorized to pick up your child in case you are unable. **Children will not be released to any adult whose name does not appear on these sheets. Please remind them to bring a picture ID with them to match.** Please return both of these papers to school as soon as possible.

Meal Prices

All WGES students will continue to receive a free breakfast daily. Elementary school prices are:
Lunch - \$2.55 Reduced-Price Lunch - \$0.40 Milk - \$0.60

Lunch and Recess Schedule

Grade	Recess	Lunch
Kindergarten	12:05 – 12:40 p.m.	11:30 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.
Grade 1	1:25 – 2:00 p.m.	12:50 - 1:25 p.m.
Grade 2	1:25 – 2:00 p.m.	12:50 - 1:25 p.m.
Grade 3	11:30 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.	12:05 – 12:40 p.m.
Grade 4	12:50 - 1:25 p.m.	1:25 – 2:00 p.m.
Grade 5	11:30 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.	12:05 – 12:40 p.m.

School Supplies

Students are expected to come to school ready to learn. You may consider securing supplies for your student. Supply lists for each grade level are posted on our website.

Parent Volunteers

We are extremely proud of Washington Grove and hope that our parents will be active participants in our school community. We welcome and invite any parent who wishes to volunteer in the classrooms, at lunch and recess, during arrival and dismissal times, and during after school activities.

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We will be hosting required Volunteer Orientations for ALL parents and community members who want to volunteer this year. More information for getting involved and the dates of those orientations is forthcoming.

S.O.A.R.

S.O.A.R. is the before and after school childcare provider that is housed in the all-purpose room. Morning daycare hours are 7:00 – 9:10 a.m. and evening daycare hours are 3:50- 6:30 p.m. Please contact S.O.A.R by phone at 301-928-7201 or email diana@soarchildcare.com if you are interested in childcare.