



Wyngate Elementary School

Parent Information Meeting

August 25, 2022
6:30- 7:30 pm

Meeting Outcomes

By the end of this meeting we will have:

- Reviewed the school schedule
- Reviewed arrival and dismissal procedures
- Discussed cafeteria, lunch areas, and recess
- Discussed health and safety procedures
- Discussed use of technology
- Discussed investing time to build relationships, establishing expectations, and supporting students return to school



School Schedules

| Kindergarten | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th |
|---|---|---|---|--|----------------------------------|
| WynRadio & Class Meeting 9:00-9:20 AM | WynRadio & Class Meeting 9:00-9:20 AM | WynRadio & Class Meeting 9:00-9:20 AM | WynRadio & Class Meeting 9:00-9:20 AM | WynRadio & Class Meeting 9:00-9:20 AM | WynRadio 9:00-9:10 AM |
| Literacy Block 9:20-11:15 AM | Literacy Block 9:20-11:15 AM | Literacy Block 9:20-10:05 AM | Math 9:20-10:30 AM | Literacy Block 9:20-11:10 AM | Specials 9:10-9:55 AM |
| | | Specials 10:10-10:55 AM | Science/Social Studies/Health 11:30-11:00 AM | | Literacy Block 10:00-12:00 PM |
| K Recess 11:15-11:55 AM | Science/Social Studies/Health 11:20-11:50 PM | Literacy Block 11:00-12:30 PM | Specials 11:05-11:50 AM | 4th Recess 11:15-11:55 AM | Specialists Drop Off |
| Lunch (APR) 11:55-12:25 PM | 1st Recess 11:55-12:35 PM | | 3rd Recess 11:55-12:35 PM | Lunch (APR) 11:55-12:25 PM | |
| Math 12:25-1:25 PM | Lunch (APR) 12:35-1:05 PM | 2nd Recess 12:35-1:15 PM | Lunch (APR) 12:35-1:05 PM | Specials 12:30-1:15 PM | 5th Recess 12:35-1:15 PM |
| | Specials 1:25-2:10 PM | Math 1:10-2:15 PM | Lunch (APR) 1:15-1:45 PM | Literacy Block 1:10-3:15 PM | Math 1:20-2:40 PM |
| Math 1:50-2:55 PM | | | Lunch (APR) 1:15-1:45 PM | | |
| Science/Social Studies/Health 2:10-2:50 PM | Specials 2:20-3:05 PM | Science/Social Studies/Health 2:55-3:20 PM | Science/Social Studies/Health 2:45-3:15 PM | Class Meeting 3:00-3:15 AM | |
| Self-Selected Stations 2:50-3:10 PM | | Dismissal 3:20-3:25 PM | | | |

Regular School Day

| Time | Event | | |
|----------------|---|----------------|----------------|
| 8:00 AM | Office Opens | | |
| 8:30 AM | Teachers Arrive | | |
| 8:40 AM | Students are welcomed into the building. Breakfast begins. | | |
| 9:00 AM | Instruction begins with Wyn Radio | | |
| Recess & Lunch | Grade Levels | Recess | Lunch |
| | Kindergarten | 11:15-11:55 AM | 11:55-12:25 PM |
| | 4th Grade | | |
| | 1st Grade | 11:55-12:35 PM | 12:35-1:05 PM |
| | 3rd Grade | | |
| | 2nd Grade | 12:35-1:15 PM | 1:15-1:45 PM |
| 5th Grade | | | |
| 3:10 PM | Reflection Time | | |
| 3:20 PM | Afternoon Announcements on Wyn Radio | | |
| 3:25 PM | End of School Day | | |
| 4:30 PM | Office Closes | | |

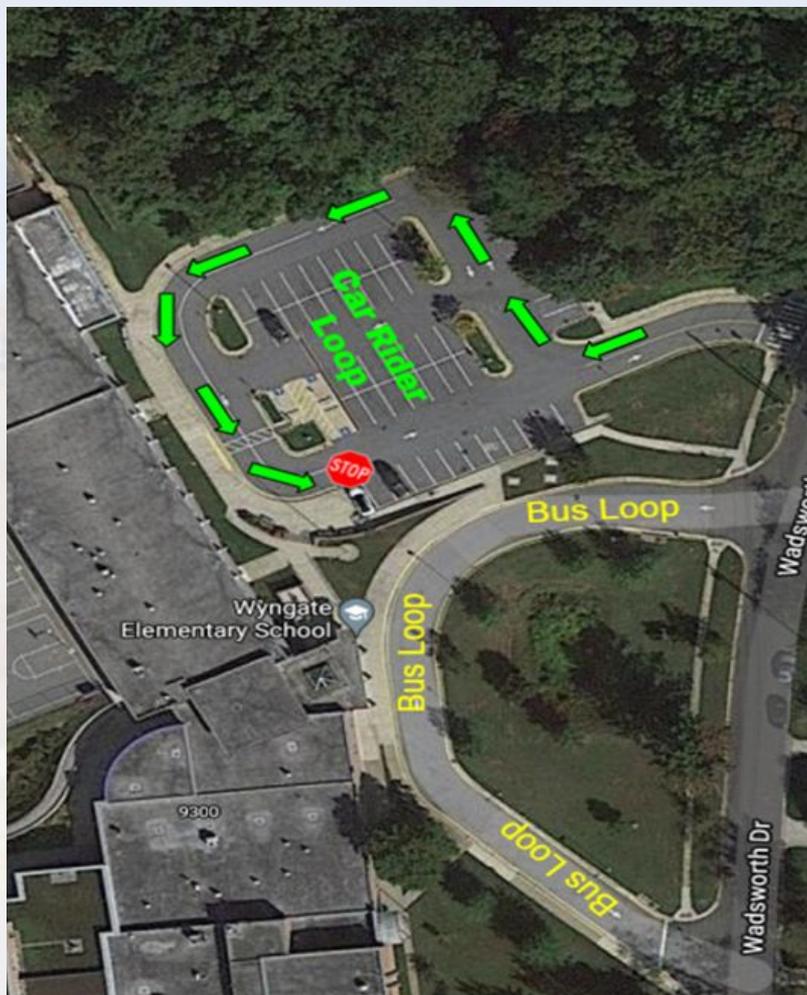
Early Dismissal

| Time | Event | |
|---|---|----------------|
| 8:00 AM | Office Opens | |
| 8:30 AM | Teachers Arrive | |
| 8:40 AM | Students are welcomed into the building. Breakfast begins. | |
| 9:00 AM | Instruction begins with Wyn Radio | |
| Lunch | Grade Levels | Lunch |
| No recess on early dismissal days. | Kindergarten | 11:00-11:30 AM |
| | 4th Grade | |
| | 1st Grade | 11:35-12:05 PM |
| | 3rd Grade | |
| | 2nd Grade | 12:10-12:40 PM |
| 5th Grade | | |
| 12:40 PM | Reflection Time | |
| 12:50 PM | Afternoon Announcements on Wyn Radio | |
| 12:55 PM | End of School Day | |

| Delayed Opening | | |
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| Time | Event | |
| 10:00 AM | Office Opens | |
| 10:35 AM | Teachers Arrive | |
| 10:40 AM | Students are welcomed into the building. | |
| 11:00 AM | Instruction begins with Wyn Radio | |
| Lunch | Grade Levels | Lunch |
| No recess on delayed opening days. | Kindergarten | 11:45-12:15 PM |
| | 4th Grade | |
| | 1st Grade | 12:25-12:55 PM |
| | 3rd Grade | |
| | 2nd Grade | 1:05-1:35 PM |
| | 5th Grade | |
| 3:10 PM | Reflection Time | |
| 3:20 PM | Afternoon Announcements on Wyn Radio | |
| 3:25 PM | End of School Day | |



Arrival & Dismissal Procedures



Walkers (Arrival)

- Students should not arrive before 8:30am
- KidsCo will stop accepting students at 8:30am
 - To keep students who are entering the property from Wilmet Road safe
- Students will line up in the front of the building (between 8:30-8:40)
- Doors open at 8:40 am

Walkers (Dismissal)

- All student walkers will be dismissed to the front of the building.
- Students who are walkers are expected to exit the school building and walk home.
- If you plan on picking up and walking home with your child, please let them know to wait for you in the designated areas below.
 - **Kindergarten** - exit out exterior door of classroom.
 - **First Grade** - front of building on far right
 - **Second Grade** - front of building at main entrance
 - **Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade** - front of building far left
- Parents and caregivers should be outside at 3:15pm to wait for their child/children who are walkers to exit the building.

Car Riders

- Due to the size of the parking lot parents are encouraged to use MCPS provided-transportation to alleviate congestion in the parking lot
- Parents/caregivers who drive into the parking lot to drop off their children in the morning should follow the line of vehicles and allow their children to exit the right side of the vehicle.
- Students should exit the vehicle promptly, and parent/ caregivers should proceed out of the parking lot.
- Staff members will be on duty at the car loop at 8:40 am
- **Drivers must remain in their vehicles when in the car loop**

Car Riders (cont.)

- Parents who wish to walk their children to the line-up area or meet their children at the school doors in the afternoon must park their cars in available parking spaces in the parking lot or on the street.
- Remain courteous to others and adhere to the standards of safety in the parking lot
- To help with traffic flow in the neighborhood at dismissal, and to ensure that our school buses can navigate up Wadsworth Drive to pick up our bus riders, we are asking our parents to access the car loop by turning right into the parking lot off Wadsworth Drive.
- The route to the car loop at dismissal is as follows: from Singleton Drive to Wadsworth Drive, then turn right into the parking lot where the car loop is located.

Car Rider Number

- At Wyngate, we have a car rider tag system
- Previous car rider families keep the same car rider number until their child leaves Wyngate. If you need a new car rider tag, please let us know.
- New to Wyngate families who will be picking up your child via car, please let the main office know that you need a car rider number/tag.
- Join the car rider line in the car loop, display your number on the rear-view mirror, do not exit your vehicle. We must keep the car rider line moving.

Car Rider Number

- A staff member will see your car rider tag number and communicate the number to the coordinator.
- The number is displayed in the classroom on the promethean board.
- **You must teach your child their car rider number**
- When their car rider number is displayed on the promethean board, they will get up and leave the classroom and exit to the car loop to enter the vehicle.

Dismissal Changes

Early Dismissal

- Send a note or email to the classroom/ homeroom teacher so they are aware that your child is leaving early.
- Parents must come inside to the main office to sign out your child
- Please arrive early to give enough time for your child to gather what they need, and come to the main office
- Students will not be called out of instruction to wait in the main office for your arrival. Students will remain with their class until you arrive.

Dismissal Changes

Change of Plans

- Parents/guardians should notify the office and teacher through email about playdates
- For playdates, BOTH children involved in a playdate should bring a note confirming the playdate
- If we are aware of the arrangement, but do not receive a note, you will be called
- If you plan to pick up your child right before dismissal, please plan to be here to sign out and pick up your child before 3:00pm.

Bus Riders

We have six buses at Wyngate:

Red - Route: 1304

Orange - Route: 1309

Yellow - Route: 1311

Green - Route: 1318

Purple - Route: 1325

Blue - Route: 1330



Important- If your child is a bus rider, please teach them their bus color.



Student Safety

Arrival/Dismissal

- Each morning and afternoon, staff members will monitor students getting on and off the buses
- They will ensure that students line up in the appropriate areas and conduct themselves in an orderly manner
- Wyngate Safety Patrols will also be assigned to specific areas to help and remind students of good safety practices

Crossing Guards

- We will continue to have a crossing guard in front of the school on a regular basis
- From time to time there may not be a crossing guard at Wilmette and Wadsworth
 - The county has too few crossing guards
 - When a guard is absent from a high traffic crossing, the police department must “pull“ a crossing guard from another location, such as Wilmette and Wadsworth (*this should be only an occasional occurrence*)

No Dogs During Arrival and Dismissal

Dogs are not allowed on school grounds during students' arrival or dismissal. Parents, please share this information with your caregivers, who are responsible to walk your child/children to school in the morning or pick up your child/children from school in the afternoons.

We know that members of the community walk their dogs in the AM and PM, you may continue to do so except during students' arrival and dismissal.

No Dogs During Arrival and Dismissal

We are asking parents and caregivers to adhere to this for the following reasons:

- Although your family pet is kind and harmless to your family, we do have students who may be fearful of dogs. We have students who don't want to approach the school, leave vehicles or leave the building due to dogs being on school grounds.
- Dogs on loose leash have jumped on students, which caused an elevated level of anxiety and fear in some students.
- Owners cannot always anticipate how their pets may react to all students. Dogs on loose leashes have aggressively lunged towards students and tried to put their mouth or tongue on students. This can be frightening for children.
- Students have hurt themselves falling on the cement, resulting in scrapes trying to get away from an approaching excited dog and distracting owner.

School Emergency Drills

- The State of Maryland requires all state-funded schools to conduct **eight (8) emergency drills each school year**
 - Fire
 - Evacuation
 - Reverse Evacuation
 - Severe Weather
 - Shelter
 - Drop, Cover, and Hold
 - Lockdown
 - Active Assailant
- These are learning opportunities for our students to prepare for an emergency
- All drills are announced in advance, taught and discussed with students
- The expectation is for all students, staff and teachers to conduct them in a calm, supportive manner



Breakfast & Lunch

Meal Costs

Breakfast and lunch is no longer free for all students (as it has been for the past two years)
This federal grant has now expired.

Breakfast:

Regular Price: \$1.30
Reduced Price: No Cost

Lunch:

Regular Price: \$2.55
Reduced Price: No Cost

Application for FARMS

Free and Reduced-price Meals System (FARMS) Applications have been updated for the new school year, and now are available online at

www.MySchoolApps.com

This is the preferred application method

Depositing Money for Breakfast & Lunch

Below are the directions for parents to create an account to deposit money for their child to use in the cafeteria:

- Go to www.myschoolbucks.com and click on "Sign up today!"
- Create an account for yourself, and add your children. You will need the student's name (exactly as it appears on their report card), school, grade, birth date, and six-digit student ID number.
- Provide credit or debit card information, if you would like to make prepayments to your child's cafeteria account.
- Select a Meal Payment Option to make a prepayment, or select your child's name to view recent cafeteria purchases.

Lunch & Recess

Students will use equipment as they did in pre-pandemic times.

Students will have indoor recess in their classroom during inclement weather.

Mask is optional

There are currently no social distancing guidelines

Student will eat in the cafeteria as they did before the pandemic

A photograph of a brick school building with a gabled roof and a sign that reads "WATERBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL". The word "Birthdays" is overlaid in large, bold, blue text. The building has a sidewalk and a parking lot in front of it. The sky is clear and blue.

Birthdays

Birthday Recognition

- We announce students' birthdays on the morning announcements and provide them with a birthday pencil
- We do not have class birthday celebrations with balloons and treats in the cafeteria or in the classroom.
- You may send in invitations for all students in your child classroom for an off-campus celebration if you wish.
- The teacher will decide when invitations can be distributed



COVID-19 Health & Safety Procedures

Covid Positive Students and Staff

- Anyone who tests positive for COVID, even if vaccinated, must isolate for five (5) days.
- Students and staff returning from isolation **MUST** wear a mask at all times while at school on days 6-10, except while eating or drinking.
- All staff and students to monitor for symptoms of COVID-19, such as fever, cough, extreme fatigue, and other coronavirus signs of illness.
- If any of these symptoms develop, the staff or student should not report to school and should test for COVID-19. They should also consider contacting a health care provider.

Out of Class

- MCPS is committed to ensuring that there are learning experiences for your child to engage in while at home in isolation or quarantine due to COVID safety protocols.
- MCPS provides families with access to a set of pre-recorded videos of instruction in reading and math for students not able to attend school in person due to COVID safety protocols. The name changed from quarantine instruction to OutClass.
- Link to OutClass-
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gxqkzxqagszqRFHyIWqoB-OlzmzH22iCVoo2WuRWggY/edit?usp=sharing>

The image shows a school building with a brick facade and a gabled roof. The word 'Technology' is written in large, bold, blue letters across the center of the image. The background is intentionally blurred to make the text stand out. The building has several windows and a set of stairs leading to an entrance on the right side. The sky is a pale, overcast blue.

Technology

Chromebook

- Every student Kindergarten - 5th grade will have their own Chromebook
- If the Chromebook needs repair, it can be returned to the Media Center and your child will be issued a loaner Chromebook.
- Students receive a protective case for their Chromebook

Synergy ParentVUE

- Synergy ParentVUE is the main communication portal used by MCPS.
- Synergy ParentVUE is the Parent Portal that serves as the primary home-to-school communication vehicle for schools to share information regarding grades, attendance, scheduling, access into myMCPS Classroom, and more.
- All parents must ensure that their accounts are activated and that they contain the most updated contact information. Information about logging into the Synergy ParentVue will be sent to all parents by MCPS.
- Please use this link for more information about Synergy ParentVUE- [Technology Information and Support for Parents - MCPS \(montgomeryschoolsmd.org\)](https://montgomeryschoolsmd.org/technology-support-parents)

Technology Support

- Families in need of technical support, please check the Community Tech Support Portal for support guides and other helpful resources. [Community Tech Support Portal \(Links to an external site.\)](#)
- For support on navigating the portal, please refer to the [Community Tech Support Portal guide \(Links to an external site.\)](#).

School Cash Online

- Montgomery County Public Schools has transitioned to a new online payment system called **School Cash Online** as its preferred method of payment for school-related fees such as fundraisers, field trips, obligations, etc. **(Please note that the new payment system is NOT related to school cafeteria accounts)**
- School Cash Online helps parents/guardians and community members pay school-related fees safely, quickly, and easily. School Cash Online will help increase efficiency and security at schools by making payments directly into schools' bank accounts and eliminating the need for teachers to handle money.

School Cash Online

- Parents/guardians can register now at <https://mcpsmd.schoolcashionline.com/>
- The MCPS Help Desk has set up a community support drop box for community support. communitytechsupport@mcpsmd.org



Who Do I Contact?

I Have a Question About...

- **Registration/Enrollment and Attendance**

Contact **Angela Collins** (Ms. Angie) at Angela_M_Collins@mcpsmd.org

- **My Child's Individualized Education Plan (IEP)**

Contact your case manager:

- **Mr. Bryan Wildchut (1st/2nd)**- Bryan_Wildschut@mcpsmd.org
- **Ms. Imani Pope (K/5th)** - Imani_M_Pope@mcpsmd.org
- **Mrs. Diona Gambini (3rd/4th)** - Diona_A_Rezendes@mcpsmd.org

I Have a Question About...

- **My Child's 504 Plans**

Contact our School Counselors

- **Mrs. Terry King**- Theresa_L_King@mcpsmd.org
- **Mr. Philip D'Agnese**- Philip_A_D'agnese@mcpsmd.org

- **My Child's Breakfast or Lunch Account**

Contact the Cafeteria Manager

- **Ms. Keja Snowden**- Shirkeja_M_Snowden@mcpsmd.org

I Have a Question About...

- **What's Happening in the Classroom**

Contact your child's teacher(s)

- **School Structures, Processes and Procedures**

Contact school administration

- **Ms. Nichola Wallen (Principal)** - Nichola_A_Wallen@mcpsmd.org
- **Mr. Karlin Hirschfeld (Asst. Principal)** - Karlin_S_Hirschfeld@mcpsmd.org

I Have a Question About...

- **Health Forms, Immunizations, Medication, Health Room Visits**

Contact the Nurse/Health Tech

- **Mrs. Anna Waites**- Anna_Waites@mcpsmd.org

- **Library Books or Getting a Loaner Chromebook**

Contact the Media Specialist

- **Mrs. Erin Bhanot**- Erin_M_Bhanot@mcpsmd.org



Relationships, Routines, & Expectations

Counseling Program

- Social/Emotional Learning
- Peace Program
 - Mindfulness
 - Wyngate Character Traits
 - Zones of Regulation
 - “I Messages”
 - No “Put-Down” Program
- Mindfulness Programs
 - Mindfulness Studio
 - Peace Corner
 - Mindfulness Announcements



Upcoming Events

Save the Date

- **August 26, 2022**- Grades 1-5, New to Wyngate Orientation 9:00-10:00 am
- **August 26, 2022** - Wyngate Sneak Peek, 10:00 a.m. – 11:45 p.m.
 - Last Names A-L, 10:00-10:45 am
 - Last Names M-Z, 11:00-11:45 am
- **August 29, 2022** – First Day of School for Students
 - Doors open at 8:40 a.m.
 - School starts at 9:00 a.m.
 - Students are late for school when the 9:00am bell rings.
- **September 5, 2022** – Schools and Offices Closed, Labor Day Holiday
- **September 7, 2022**- Back to School Picnic. 5:30-7:30pm
- **September 13, 2022**- Back to School Night (BTSN): 6:30-8:15 (***BTSN are for parents please leave children at home***)
 - 6:30-7:00 General Meeting with School Administration and PTA
 - 7:00-7:35- Session I
 - 7:40-8:15- Session II
- **September 14, 2022**: Early Dismissal at 12:55pm
- **September 26, 2022**: No School for Students and Teachers
- **September 30, 2022**: Early Dismissal at 12:55pm

Thank you for sending
your child to Wyngate,
where we provide high
quality instruction wrapped
in care

