



## West Broad Elementary School

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Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Welcome to the **2020-2021** school year! I hope that you and your family had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. In light of the worldwide pandemic, enjoying the summer was very different from past summers. Instead of traveling or spending time with family and friends, I stayed close to home and took many walks around my neighborhood. These walks gave me many hours to think about how to best ensure that your children are safe and receive a high quality education. I am energized to begin this year and help your children succeed. As you know, in order for our students to achieve their dreams later in life, they must work hard *now* and learn the academic and social skills necessary to take them wherever they wish to go.

With the events in our country surrounding the worldwide pandemic, **we**, as a community, have had to make many changes that have affected the way we interact with each other, shop, work and attend school. The one constant is uncertainty. We don't know all the details of what this year will look like but, as we work together, our mission to strive for excellence; to make sure all students receive a high quality education; to ensure that all students are highly educated, prepared for leadership and service, and empowered for success as a citizen in a global community.

**As you may already know, Columbus City Schools has decided to start the year 100% virtually. School starts on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.** That means that instead of coming to the building of West Broad Elementary, students will be working with teachers using Zoom meetings and completing assignments that are assigned through the Google classroom. As staff prepares for the new year, we are excited for the opportunity to use our new skills to serve our community and teach your children. As the start of the year nears, be on the lookout for emails and phone calls from West Broad and your son or daughter's teacher.

West Broad Elementary believes in a strong partnership between home and school, so our students will excel in all areas of life. We firmly believe in accountability so that teachers, parents/caregivers, and students are all responsible for our young learners' academic success. It truly takes a village to ensure students' success in school and life; and we are thankful that you have put your trust in us. As we reflect on what happened with the mandatory school closure, I would like to thank you for monitoring your emails and phones for updates, making sure you children did their work and showed up for their small group Zoom meetings. Without your continued hard work, our students—your children, would not have done as well as they did.

I want to thank you for entrusting your child(ren) with us. Your child(ren) will learn foundational skills, such as phonics and math facts, and will engage in advanced problem solving to increase critical thinking. We are also committed to modeling and promoting independence, respect for self and others, punctuality, and patriotism. At West Broad, we aim to prepare your most valued treasure for success in the *real world*. To do this, students must learn to be productive citizens, engage in social and political processes, and understand that determination coupled with skill can propel their success in college, trade school, the military, business, and/or the workforce. To prepare our students for the 21<sup>st</sup> century, they will partake in both individual and group learning activities, and utilize classroom technology. It is going to be an amazing year!

Again make sure to look for upcoming messages from the school and your son or daughter's teacher.

At West Broad, we strive for excellence to ensure every student is *highly educated, prepared for leadership and service, and empowered for success as a citizen in a global community*. As always, if you have questions, please reach out to me.

Sincerely,

Christina Ifill  
Principal,  
West Broad Elementary School

## Important Information

### Meet the Teacher Night



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**When:** [Wednesday, August 26, 2020](#)

5:30 – 6:30 PM

**Where:** Facebook Live Event

**What:**

- Meet and greet your child's teacher
- Find out about virtual building plans
- Participate in fun activities
- Sign up for PTO

### Parent & Guardian Right to Know

As a parent of a student attending a school that is receiving Federal Title I dollars, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the teacher(s) and instructional paraprofessional(s) who instruct your child. Federal law requires every Title I school district to comply and to provide you with the requested information in a timely manner.

We are happy to provide this information to you. At any time, you may ask:

- Whether the teacher met state qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject he/she is teaching,
- Whether the teacher received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were waived, and
- What undergraduate or graduate degrees the teacher holds, including graduate certificates and additional degrees, and major(s) or area(s) of concentration.

You may also ask whether your child receives help from a paraprofessional. If your child receives this assistance, we can provide you with information about the paraprofessional's qualifications.

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) which was signed into law in December 2015 and reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1956 (ESEA) includes additionally right to know requests. At any time, parents and family members can request:

- Information on policies regarding student participation in assessments and procedures for opting out, and
- Information on required assessments that include:
  - subject matter tested,
  - purpose of the test,
  - source of the requirement (if applicable),
  - amount of time it takes students to complete the test, and
  - time and format of disseminating results.