



## Weinland Park Elementary School

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Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! I am so happy to be starting my second year at Weinland Park Elementary! I hope you and your family have had a fun and relaxing summer. 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.

We are excited about the learning experiences in store for your child at Weinland Park. Your child will learn foundational skills) and will engage in advanced problem-solving processes to increase critical thinking skills. We are also committed to modeling and promoting independence, respect for self and others, empathy, and punctuality. At Weinland Park, we aim to prepare your most valued treasure for success in the real world. To do this, determination coupled with skills can propel success for college, trade school, the military, business and/or the workforce. To prepare our scholars for the 21st century, they will partake in individual and group learning activities and utilize classroom technology. It is going to be an amazing year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office. I look forward to meeting with you and your child. We, at Weinland Park, 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.

In Education,

*Dr. Katina Foley*

Katina Foley, Ed. D.  
Principal Weinland Park Elementary School

★ Important Dates ★	
August 23	Ice Cream Social 4-6:00
August 26	First Day for Students Grades 1-5
August 26,27,& 30	Kindergarten Orientation (by appointment only)
August 31	First Day of Kindergarten
September 7 & 8	Pre-K Orientation (more details will be shared at a later Date)
Septemeber 9	First Day of Pre-K

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Ice Cream Social will be on Monday, August 23rd, from 4:00 - 6:00 PM. Meet the Teacher Night will be an opportunity for you and your child to meet and greet your child's teacher while enjoying an ice cream treat. This will be in the cafeteria at Weinland Park.

### SCHOOL HOURS

Breakfast begins at 8:30 AM daily and scholars go to class at 8:50 AM. The tardy bell rings at 9:00 AM. Dismissal starts at 3:15 PM.

### VISITING WEINLAND PARK

Each visit to the school requires the guest to sign in with Raptor at the front office to receive a sticker that should be worn and visible during the visit. Teachers and staff are in meetings and planning before school, so if you need to speak with your child's teacher, leave a message in the front office or make an appointment in advance. With our new computerized system IDs are REQUIRED EACH TIME you check-in. Please be ready. Classroom visits during the school day are not permitted at this time.

### SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Weinland Park's daily bell schedule will be sent home on the first day of school. It is very important for scholars to arrive on time for school each day to take advantage of breakfast and learning opportunities. Scholars cannot line up outside of Weinland Park without parent supervision until 8:30 AM. At 8:30 AM we will open the doors and scholars may enter for breakfast.

### ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL TIMES AND PROCEDURES

Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten scholars dismiss at 3:15 PM and scholars in grades 1-5 are dismissed at 3:30 PM. All parents will receive a nameplate with your scholar's name to place on your dashboard (on the drive side) for parent pick-up. The safety of our scholars and staff is very important, so if you are picking up, please enter the roundabout lane facing 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Park close to the sidewalk to ensure space for cars to leave. A staff member will record your child's name and they will be called to the vehicle.

- ★ **Bus Scholars** - scholars will be met by a staff member and walked through the bus door.
  - ★ **Walkers** - Will be received at the main door by staff when entering the bldg. Walkers cannot be dropped off before 8:30.
  - ★ **Car Riders** - Will be received at the roundabout by staff. Riders cannot be dropped off before 8:30.
- \*\*\*Scholars arriving after 8:50 will receive a pick-up & go breakfast to take to their classroom.

### PHONES

According to CCS Electronics Devices policy, cell phones must be powered off during the school day and should remain out of sight until scholars are off school grounds. For safety, I wholeheartedly agree that our scholars may need cell phones, but please remind them they should be off before coming onto school grounds and they should remain off until off of school property. Phones will be turned into the office (Cellphone Daycare) until the end of the day if seen by a staff member.

### FREE BREAKFAST & LUNCH

All CCS scholars are eligible for free breakfast and lunch. Breakfast begins at 8:30 AM and ends at 8:55 AM daily. Scholars arriving after 8:50 will receive a pick-up & go breakfast to take to their classroom.

## **BUSES**

Your child's bus stop, route number, and pick-up and arrival times will be mailed to you by the CCS Department of Transportation. If the information mailed to you is incorrect, call them immediately at 365-5074. Do not wait until the first day of school because you may not get through due to high call volumes. Your child should be at the bus stop 10 minutes before the scheduled pick-up time. Due to unforeseen circumstances, buses may run late, especially at the beginning of the year. Please be patient.

## **SAFETY**

Your child's safety is my number one priority. Please remember that you **MUST BRING A PICTURE ID** each time you wish to pick up your child during school hours and only those individuals listed on your child's emergency card may pick up your child (and these individuals must provide picture ID as well). To maintain and follow all safety protocols as it relates to COVID 19 scholars cannot be escorted to class but can be dropped off at the front doors.

There are sanitation stations in hallways that house hand sanitizer. If scholars, forget their masks, we will provide them. If scholars enter the building without their personal face masks, they will be asked to use one at the entrance. No student will be allowed to enter the building or stay in the building without a face mask. If this is a problem for your child, please communicate with your teacher. Please start practicing mask-wearing now. All meetings must be scheduled due to parents not being allowed to enter the main area of the building for safety reasons.

## **IMMUNIZATIONS**

It's the law. Ohio Revised Code requires that all scholars must meet school district immunization requirements in order to attend school.

## **MEDICATIONS**

Please note that school personnel are not permitted to give any type of medicine nor apply topical ointments/creams/lotions without medical authorization from a doctor or hospital (this includes cough drops, suntan lotion, aspirin, etc). There are forms available for physicians to complete in the event your child needs to take medicine during the school day. If your child should be taking medication on the first day of school, please contact the school office **PRIOR** to the school beginning so that you can have the appropriate paperwork completed.

## **COVID REGULATIONS**

If your child tests positive for COVID-19 you should inform the school within 24 hours. Columbus Public Health and the school nurse will guide you about isolation requirements. The school will inform parents within 24 hours if there is a case within the school or within your child's classroom. The school nurse will help determine if your child has been exposed. If your child is exposed to someone with Covid 19, please call the school nurse for guidance. If the exposure meets a certain threshold, the child may have to quarantine.

If your child wakes up with any of the following symptoms:

Fever	Nasal congestion or runny nose
Cough	Fatigue
Sore throat	Headache or body aches
Loss of taste or smell	Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea

**\*\*Please Note: Weinland Park does not have a full-time nurse. Please do not send your scholar to school with the intention of them seeing the school nurse. If they have any of the above symptoms, please keep them home until they are symptom-free.**

If you send your child to school with any of these symptoms . . . we will have to assume that they have COVID-19. We are required to send your child home and they may not be able to return to school for 10 days without a Dr.'s note. Scholars must be picked up within 30 minutes after the guardian is contacted.