Welcome to Kindergarten!

2024-25

Kindergarten Information Night

2 Program Choices

Full Day
(Pending Budget Approval)

- **Spanish Immersion Full Day**

Sample Kindergarten Schedules	
7:55 - 8:10	Choice
8:10 - 8:40	Meeting
8:40 - 9:25	ELA (Phonics / Writers' Workshop)
9:25 - 9:55	Snack / Recess
9:55 - 10:25	Special (Art, Library, Music, PE, Technology)
10:25 - 11:30	Math Centers
11:30 - 12:35	Shared Reading / Lunch / Recess
12:35 - 12:55	Handwriting
12:55 - 2:00	Centers/Choice Time
2:00 - 2:25	Clean, Pack & Stack

Spanish Immersion

- Full Day Class
- 90% Spanish, 10% English
- 3 Goals: Academic Achievement, Bilingual and Biliterate, Cultural Competence
- Curriculum aligned with MA Standards that include the Common Core
- 13-Year Commitment
- Bus transportation available

Spanish Immersion Information Meetings

- Tuesday, January 16th from 7:00pm-7:45pm on Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2324691198

- Wednesday, January 17th from 10:00am-10:45am on Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2324691198

- Please note that interested families must attend one of these two sessions.

Spanish Immersion Lottery

- Parents need to attend one of the two information sessions.
- Complete and sign the letter of intent at one of the information sessions.
- Lottery Date: Friday, February 16th.

School Information

General School Information

- School Hours: Monday-Friday
- Full Day 7:55am-2:25pm (1:15pm on Wed)
- Doors open at 7:45am

Wayland School Community Programs

Director: Pat Keefe 508-358-6871

- WSCP Philosophy
  - High quality, school-year and summer programming
  - Variety of engaging activities offered daily
  - Inclusive support and flexible scheduling to meet student needs

- Staffing and Ratios
  - Experienced, creative adult staff
  - Staff-to-student ratios from 1:5 to 1:9

WSCP Programs

BASE (Best After School Experience) Preschool-Grade 5

School Supplements Grades 1-12

After School Spanish Enrichment: Grades 1-3
Little Local Vocals: Grades 1-5
iCODE Wellesley: Grades 2-5
Private Music Lessons: Grades 3-12
Wayland Junior Broadway: Grade 5
Summer Strings; Rising Grades 6-9

Pegasus Summer Program Preschool-Grade 5

https://sites.google.com/waylandps.org/pegasussummer23

BASE and Pegasus

BASE

Preschool: Dismissal - 4:45pm (2:45 W)

Grades K-5: Dismissal - 4:30 or 6:00pm

Lottery enrollment by site and grade

Rates based on number of days/week and contracted drop-off and/or pick-up times

Minimum enrollment of 2 days/week

Tuition paid quarterly

Pegasus

Preschool-Grade 5

9:00am - 1:00pm or 3:00pm

June 24 - August 2, 2024

Registration begins in late January

One and two session options available

Transportation

- Bus transportation is offered free of charge to K-6 students living more than 2 miles from their school. The fee for all others is $400. ($1,150 family cap)
- Buses operate for 7:55am start and 11:30am/2:25pm/1:15pm (W) dismissal.
- Bus registration is open from March 1-31. Bus routes will be posted in mid summer.
- Information on registration available on WPS website:Student Transportation

Buffer Zones Info

- **Definition:** A buffer zone is defined as an area for which individual addresses may be assigned to one of two elementary schools.
- **Goal:** Buffer zones are used to reduce the need to add additional classrooms while seeking to even out class size across the district.

Buffer Zones Info

- Buffer zone school assignments are made by the Superintendent based on grade level enrollment capacity, class size, and transportation.

Nuts and Bolts for Indicating Kdg Preference

- Intent to Attend is a portal located on the Kindergarten page of WPS website

- **Open from 9:30AM on Thursday, 2/1, to 4:00PM on Thursday, 2/15**

Nuts and Bolts - Continued

- Families in a buffer zone can indicate school preference - but not guaranteed
- Final decisions on school placement will be made by the end of May. At that time, you will receive instructions to complete your child's registration and how to upload medical forms through **eSchoolPLUS** portal.

Important Documents

- Medical
  - Current Physical
    - Within 1 year prior to entrance to K
  - Immunization Record
  - Student Health History
- Birth/Adoption Certificate
- Proof of:
  - Residency
  - Occupancy
  - Identification
- Home Language Survey
- Parent Questionnaire

Transition to Kindergarten

- Spring Visit to the School: June 3rd or June 4th (pending School Committee Approval)
- Meet and Greet of Children
- Information from preschool teachers
- Parent questionnaires will be collected

Elementary Principals are working closely with Abigail Dressler, TCW's Director, to ensure we have a smooth, consistent, equitable process for all incoming students.

Balanced Classrooms

- Gender
- Twins
- "Familiar face" in the classroom
- Diversity
- Age Range
- Learning Supports: (English Learners, Special Education)

What to Expect

- School assignments will arrive electronically by end of May
- Parents complete school-specific enrollment information (link will arrive within the school assignment letter)

What to Expect as the School Year Begins

- Classroom assignments, supply lists, and Meet and Greet invitation will arrive in mid-August
- Kindergarten playdate in late August (date and time announced in summer letter)
- **Meet and Greet: Tuesday/Wednesday, September 3rd and 4th**
- **First day of Kindergarten:Thursday, September 5th**
- Curriculum Night in September
- PTO Involvement Opportunities

Kindergarten Readiness at Home

- Play games and practice turn-taking
- Encourage creativity / minimize screen time
- Practice waiting or deferring immediate gratification
- Visit your school's playground
- Develop responsibility and independence - buckling/unbuckling car seats, fastening outerwear, opening snacks, toileting, etc.
- Practice morning routines in August

#1 To Do At Home:

Read and talk with your child

The Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity (METCO)

Exactly what is METCO?

- METCO stands for the **METropolitan COuncil for Educational Opportunity**
- State funded voluntary educational desegregation program designed to eliminate racial imbalance through the busing of children from Boston, MA and Springfield, MA to suburban public schools in the 33 communities where the program operates.

What is the purpose of METCO?

- The purpose is to provide the opportunity for an integrated public school education for children of color in suburban schools.
- Offer an integrated learning experience for suburban children; and to facilitate understanding and cooperation between urban and suburban students, parents/ caregivers.

English Learner Program

Home Language Surveys

All new families are asked to complete the HLS to determine a students language needs (even if English is primary language)

WIDA Screener

To determine whether your child is eligible for the English Learner Program (Completed in the Fall)

English Learner Education (ELE) Program available for students who live in homes in which a language other than English is spoken. English Language teachers **collaborate** with classroom teachers to develop and teach a **modified instructional plan**

Please email Cristina Sandza-Donovan, EL Coordinator at **Cristina_Sandza@waylandps.org** or call (508) 358-3622, for more details on our English Learner Education Programs

Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes

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