

WALNUT GROVE NEWS

FALL 2020

WALNUT GROVE ELEMENTARY

Principal: Esteban Delgadillo

Associate Principal: Elizabeth Vaughn

Secretary: Heather Wilkinson

Enrollment Clerk: Kathy Franklin

Attendance Clerk: Lori Larson

Family Resource Coordinator: Lindsey Mayer

Office Hours: 8:00am - 4:00pm

Our office is currently open to a limited degree. If you need to come in person, please be aware that we are serving one family at a time in the office, so you might have to wait for assistance. Masks are required. We encourage [online registration](#) for new students however, you can pick up or drop off paper registration forms at our office. Please call or email office staff with questions.

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[**CLICK HERE - WALNUT GROVE WEBSITE**](#)

[**CLICK HERE - WELCOME BACK - REMOTE 2.0**](#)

For additional information on Remote 2.0 from the Vancouver School District

[**CLICK HERE - PARENT RESOURCES - QUICK LINKS**](#)

[**CLICK HERE - SPECIAL EDUCATION RESOURCE HUB**](#)

[**CLICK HERE - FINDING CHILDCARE**](#)



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Hello Walnut Grove families!

Welcome to another school year. I hope your summer was fun and relaxing. We know there is some anxiety about this year and we as a staff are working hard to make sure it is a comfortable and meaningful experience. I would like to take this time to introduce our new Associate Principal - Elizabeth Vaughn. We also have a new 5th grade teacher, Jessica Cantrell. Our Fine Arts Block teachers have new faces as well. John Reed Jr. is our PE teacher, and Ross Gulko and Bettina Ferraro will be teaching music. Our new nurse is Lynn Anderson. We also have a new counselor Michele Diffenbaugh. Welcome to the Walnut Grove family

As I enter my 8th year I have complete trust in our staff. Our teachers are working very hard to make this experience a positive one for our students and families. We appreciate you and want to make school a welcoming place for all. Thank you for trusting us and hope to see you soon.

Esteban Delgadillo
Principal

MEET WALNUT GROVE'S NEW ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL



Hello Eagle Families,
Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! I'm looking forward to getting to know you and your students this year. I feel privileged to partner with you and our staff as we embark in Remote Learning 2.0. I have elementary-aged kids at home so I can understand some of the anxieties some of you may be feeling. I also recognize there are so many great things our kids can learn this year. It will be an adjustment for all of us, but I am expecting our students will grow in their academics, flexibility, creativity, and social emotional skills.

I'm excited for our school community to work together to help each student succeed. Please reach out if you need any support, have questions, concerns or want to tell us what's working well for your child. I'm looking forward to meeting you in person or virtually throughout the year. Stay safe!

-Elizabeth Vaughn

RENEW YOUR RESPONSIBLE USE AGREEMENT (RUP) 2020-2021

Vancouver Public Schools (VPS) will issue students a one-to-one (1:1) technology device to promote achievement and provide flexible learning opportunities. This agreement outlines VPS expectations for students and families issued a device.

VPS requires a student's **parent or guardian** to review and agree to our responsible use and safety policy *each school year*. Students must also follow the VPS Technology Use Guidelines listed in the Student Code of Conduct.

Please use **Skyward Family Access** to complete one agreement for each of your students enrolled at VPS. This is **required** of every family. School personnel may contact you if the agreement is not complete within 15 days of the start of the school year.

If you have *never activated* your Skyward Family Access account, please click the link below to reset your password. Your email must match the one on record for your student. You will receive a second email with your account information and a link to access the Skyward login page.

[Family Access Password Reset](#)

Please do not share your Skyward Family Access login with your student. Students receive their own account.

If you have any difficulty activating your account, please contact your school's office or visit the VPS [Family Access FAQ](#) page.

If you would rather use a paper [Responsible Use Agreement](#), please download your preferred language from the links below. Please submit all **paper forms to your school's enrollment clerk.**

[Spanish](#)

[Russian](#)

[Chuukese](#)

WHO'S MY TEACHER?

Teacher's will reach out to families by August 27 with a welcome and information to prepare you for the first day of school which is Tuesday, September 1.

ENROLLMENT AND BOUNDARIES

We encourage [online registration](#) for new students however, you can pick up or drop off paper registration forms at our office. Please call or email office staff with questions. If you need to come in person, please be aware that we are serving one family at a time in the office, so you might have to wait for assistance. Masks are required.

If you wish to attend Walnut Grove Elementary and live outside the school boundaries but still in the VSD please fill out the [In District Boundary Application](#).

Students living outside Vancouver Public Schools requesting to attend Chinook or another school in Vancouver Public Schools must fill out an [Out-of-District Choice Transfer Form](#) or [Solicitud de Opción Transfería](#) and email it to your resident district to be released.

Visit [School Boundaries](#) for more information.

IMPORTANT DATES

August

8/25 - 8/28 - Zoom Back to School Meetings. Time varies by teacher.

September

9/1 - First Day School - Remote Learning

9/7 - Labor Day No School

[2020-2021 Key Dates](#)

*All Dates are subject to change pending public health regulations due to COVID19.

[CLICK HERE - 2020/2021 KEY DATES](#)

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Beginning Sept. 1, 2020, grab-and-go meals will be offered Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the following locations:

- Anderson Elementary, 2215 NE 104th
- Fruit Valley Elementary, 3410 NW Fruit Valley Rd.
- Ogden Elementary, 3200 NE 86th
- Roosevelt Elementary, 2921 Falk Rd.
- Washington Elementary, 2908 S. St.
- Discovery Middle School, 800 E. 40th
- Jason Lee Middle School, 8500 NW 9th
- McLoughlin Middle School, 5802 MacArthur Blvd.

Staff will request pin numbers (viewable in [Skyward Family Access](#) as “key pad number”).

[See meal prices](#) or apply for free or reduced-price meals. [Get the form](#). Families must reapply every year. Students who qualify for free meals will not be charged for grab-and-go meals.

Need to add money to a student meal account? [Get directions](#).

Whether you are renewing an application or applying for the first time, we encourage you to fill out a Free & Reduced Meal Application. A new application must be completed each school year.

- [English](#)
- [Spanish](#)
- [Russian](#)

For additional Child Nutrition information, please go to <https://vansd.org/meals/>.

NOTES FROM THE NURSE

We recognize that this is a difficult time to think about obtaining vaccinations for your child, but we want to urge you to keep on top of your child’s required immunization schedule. Please contact your child’s health care provider to ask if your child should be seen for their regular

well child exams and immunizations. If you have concerns about safety, you may call ahead to inquire about any safety measures in place to keep your family safe and healthy while in the clinic.

The immunization law in Washington State changed, beginning August 1, 2020, students will not be allowed to attend school if they are out of compliance with vaccinations; the 30 day grace period has been removed.

Students will need to have up to date vaccinations in order to attend school beginning September 1, 2020 even in our Remote 2.0 environment.

For more information on the immunization law changes, go to:

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/Immunization/SchoolandChildCare/RuleChanges>

Medications

All medications at school must be accompanied by a signed [Medication Authorization Form](#).

Lynn Anderson

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*Due to COVID19 there may be additional information and guidelines when school begins in person.

[CLICK HERE - IMMUNIZATION LOCATIONS](#)

[CLICK HERE - CLARK COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH](#)

PARENT KNOW-HOW: GET TEXT MESSAGE UPDATES

1. [Sign into your Skyward account](#). If you cannot access your account, please call your child's school's office.
2. Visit the "Student info" tab (on a mobile device, click on the "+" to display menu). In the upper right corner, click "Request Changes for student," then select "Family information" from the dropdown.
3. In the pop-up window, select "Cell" and enter a valid cellphone number for each guardian. Click the "Save" button.

Please note that it may take up to 24 hours to begin receiving text messages.

If T-Mobile is your cell carrier, you must also opt in to receive text messages. This can be accomplished by doing one of the following:

- Go to T-mobile.com > Privacy Center > Privacy Choices tab > Opt-out Form > there is an option here to opt in to toll-free SMS > complete and submit.
- Call 800-937-8997 and have them submit this form for you.



The screenshot shows a 'Student Information' form. On the left is a placeholder for a student's photo. To its right are fields for 'School:' and 'Call:'. Further right are fields for 'Phone:', 'Grade:', 'Principal:', and 'Status: Active (Full-time)'. A red arrow points from the 'Request Changes for STUDENT' link to the 'Principal:' field.

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| Student Information | |
|  | School: Call: |
| Phone: | ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Principal: |
| Grade: | Status: Active (Full-time) |

VOLUNTEERS

Although Walnut Grove LOVES our Volunteers, due to COVID-19 and physical distancing requirements for the upcoming school year, in-person volunteer activities at our schools are paused at this time. This includes classroom volunteers, Lunch Buddies, field trip chaperones and all other volunteers.

School activities sponsored by various parent-teacher organizations may be limited to meet state and local health department guidelines and/or restrictions. Please check with your school principal if you have questions.

You may receive notification that your two-year volunteer clearance is up for renewal. We encourage you to complete [the renewal process](#) so you are ready to go as soon as we are able to welcome volunteers back into our schools.

[CLICK HERE - 2020-2021 SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST](#)

Walnut Grove will provide some of the supplies for the students for remote learning. More info to come.