



Walnut Grove Elementary School
"Home of the Eagles"

Walnut Grove Staff

- ▣ Principal – Esteban Delgadillo
- ▣ Associate Principals –
 - ▣ Elizabeth Vaughn, Jessica Graham
- ▣ Secretary – Heather Wilkinson
- ▣ Enrollment Clerk - Kathy Franklin
- ▣ Counselors - Pam Pagel
- ▣ Kindergarten teachers:
 - Nikki Peterson, Renee Bade, Tara Higgins, Natalie Pattison, Jacqueline Wood, Michelle Carbaugh



Kindergarten Team



Important Dates!

- ▣ Back to School Social/Open House – Aug 27th
- ▣ First Day of School - Sept 1st
- ▣ Curriculum Night - September 22nd, 2020
- ▣ Kindergarten Jump Start – Aug 10th- 21st

What can I be doing to help my child get ready for kindergarten?

- ▣ Registration / Immunizations / Medical Paperwork (can be done on the District Website: www.vansd.org)
- ▣ School Supplies – we share
- ▣ Learning colors, numbers, shapes, and letters
- ▣ Teaching First and Last Name
- ▣ Understanding School and Home Expectations
- ▣ Reading to your child daily, play letter or number games

From Our Nurse – Tracy Knotts

- ▣ Must have all Immunizations up to date
- ▣ Nurse needs to know of medical conditions (asthma, allergies, etc)
- ▣ Medicines can be administered by school only with a Dr. note (includes prescription & over the counter meds)
- ▣ Cough drops and throat lozenges are considered medication and can not be administered without the proper Dr. authorization
- ▣ It is critical that the office has current contact information such as current address, a working phone number, and local emergency contacts who are available if called

Things to Know about Kindergarten

- ▣ Your child will learn to read in kindergarten – reading is taught daily; Our program is very academic; reading, writing, and math are taught daily.
- ▣ There is Recess (no Nap time!)

Helping your child get ready to learn!

- ▣ Read to your child! Research shows this to be the single most beneficial thing you can do with your child to increase academic success.
- ▣ Point out shapes, learn colors, practice counting and learning letters.
- ▣ Have fun with words by singing songs, making rhymes, coming up with words that start with the same sound/letter, etc.
- ▣ Play games to help your child learn about taking turns and making good choices.

What time can I drop off my student?

- ▣ Students should arrive no earlier than 8am
 - Adult supervision is not provided prior to 8am
- ▣ Students who qualify for free or reduced meals may eat breakfast at 8am
- ▣ School Hours 8:20 – 2:50 PM
 - ▣ Bus drop off is at 8am

First Day - Hooray!

- ▣ Establish routines the very first day.
- ▣ If your child is to ride the bus, please put them on the bus (you can follow the bus to school to get those first day pictures!)
- ▣ Help your student understand and follow safety rules.
- ▣ Be at the bus stop to meet your student at the end of their day.
- ▣ Always be prompt picking up your child.
 - Kindergarten students must be picked up by an adult or they will be returned to the school

More things to know...

- ▣ There is a direct connection between daily, prompt school attendance and student success
- ▣ If your child is here every day and all day, it is highly likely he/she will be at grade level.
- ▣ Attendance is very important for student success
- ▣ Making appointments outside the school day is helpful

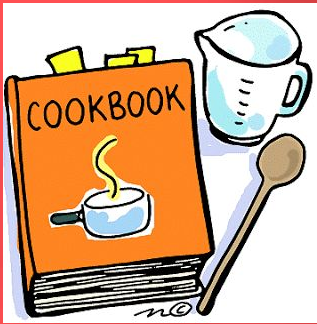




What if my child is injured at school?



- ▣ You will be notified by the office if your child has a head injury or illness (fever or vomiting).
- ▣ Please keep your phone numbers and emergency contact information updated.



From the Kitchen

- Breakfast and lunch are free to those who qualify; You must fill out the free and reduced lunch form each school year
- Breakfast and lunch menus are sent home monthly (1 per family, also can be found online)
- Breakfast is served from 8:00 AM – 8:20 AM
- All students have cafeteria pin numbers (5 digits). Help is available for students who don't know their pin numbers

School Supplies



- ▣ A list is provided by school and posted on the school web site (check with your kindergarten teacher first, before purchasing supplies. Some supplies might not be needed).
- ▣ Every child needs a backpack.
- ▣ Help your child understand supplies may be shared with other students.
- ▣ If you need assistance with supplies contact the school office.



From the Office

- ▣ If your child is ill and won't be coming to school, please call the 24 hour attendance line and report the absence - 360.313.1440
- ▣ Automated phone calls will go to families who have not reported their student excused. Phone calls are pulled from the unexcused absent list at 9:15am.

Who Can Pick Up My Child?

- ▣ ONLY A PARENT OR DESIGNATED EMERGENCY CONTACT MAY PICK UP YOUR CHILD UP FROM SCHOOL!
 - Please make sure ANY person who might pick up your child is listed with the office and has ID
- ▣ We can not accept phone calls regarding go home changes. All changes must be in writing.

Classroom Management and School Rules

- ▣ Walnut Grove uses the Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) system and restorative practices for classroom management. Students are taught the school rules and given verbal and visual positive reinforcement to help follow rules.



School Safety

- ▣ Notify the office and the classroom teacher in writing if there is a change in your child's go home routine.
- ▣ End of the day routine has been developed with your child's safety in mind.
- ▣ Watch for notifications of Stranger Danger.
- ▣ Your child will also participate in twice monthly safety drills (fire drills, earthquake drills, lockdown drills, etc.)

How can I be involved at school?

- ▣ You are encouraged to be as involved as possible! Join PTA, chaperone field trips, volunteer in the classroom, participate in family nights, ...
- ▣ If you are going to volunteer, you must:
 - Have a Washington Drivers License
 - Fill out the volunteer approval form
 - Be approved by a Washington State Patrol background check
 - Keep it current every 2 years

How will I know what's going on at school?

- ▣ Information will be sent home every Friday – watch those backpacks!
- ▣ Teacher newsletters, school newsletters, calendars, dates to remember and PTA news.
- ▣ Monitor the school website www.vansd.org

Have fun with your child...

...and welcome to kindergarten!!!!

Questions??????