



Harrington Waddell Elementary News August 2024



Dear Waddell Families:

I hope this message finds you well and that you have had a fantastic summer break filled with relaxation and memorable moments with your loved ones. As we approach the start of a new school year, I am delighted to extend a warm welcome to each of you and your children.

The beginning of a school year is always an exciting time for all of us at Waddell. It marks a fresh start, a chance for new beginnings, and an opportunity for growth and learning. Whether your child is returning to familiar faces or starting their journey with us for the first time, we are committed to ensuring that every student feels safe, valued, and supported in their educational endeavors.

At Waddell, we believe in fostering a nurturing environment that promotes academic excellence, creativity, and personal growth. Our dedicated team of educators and staff members are enthusiastic about the year ahead and look forward to partnering with you to ensure your child's success.

Throughout the school year, we will keep you informed about important events, academic progress, and ways you can get involved in our school community. Communication is key, so please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions, concerns, or suggestions you may have. Your involvement and support play a crucial role in your child's education, and we are grateful for the opportunity to work together.

As we embark on this journey together, let us embrace the spirit of collaboration, resilience, and positivity. Together, we can make this school year a truly enriching and memorable experience for our students.

Warm regards,

Kim Troise, Principal

August Events

- Aug 7 - LCS School Board Mtg @5:30 pm
- Aug 12 - Kindergarten Meet-the-Teacher @5:00 - 6:00 pm
- Aug 13 - Meet-the-Teacher Grades 1-2 @ 9:00 - 10:00 am
- Aug 13 - Meet-the-Teacher Grades 3-5 @ 10:30 - 11:30 am
- Aug 14 - First Day of School
- Aug 16 - Fire Drill
- Aug 16 - PTA Popsicles at the Playground @3:00 pm
- Aug 27 - Lockdown Drill
- Aug 29 - Back to School Night 5:15 pm



REMINDERS:

- ❖ Please visit **[Kroger.com/communityrewards](https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards)** to connect your Kroger Shopper's Card to Waddell Elementary to earn money for our school projects!
- ❖ **Arrival and Dismissal** - Please be sure to read the arrival/dismissal information sent home in your child's Monday folder.
- ❖ **Arrival** - Please drive through the drop-off line between 7:45 and 8:00 a.m.
- ❖ **Water Bottle** - Please send a refillable water bottle for your child's desk.
- ❖ **Breakfast** - \$1.50 or free for free and reduced students who qualify.
- ❖ **Lunch** - \$3.10 or free for free and reduced students who qualify. If your child is only purchasing milk, the cost is \$0.40
- ❖ **Monday Folder** - Please check your child's Monday folder that will come home on the first day of school. **Some forms must be completed and returned to school by Friday, August 16th.**

SCHOOL PICTURES

September 10th



Upcoming Events



1. Sept 2- NO SCHOOL
2. Sept 4- Fire Drill
3. Sept 6- PTA Bingo Night
4. Sept 9- Interims in Monday Folders
5. Sept 10 - School Pictures
6. Sept 11- Lockdown Drill
7. Sept 11- LCS School Board Mtg 5:30pm
8. Sept 17-19 Grades 3-5 Growth Assessments (Reading)
9. Sept 20th - Two-hour early dismissal
10. Sept 24-26 - Grades 3-5 Growth Assessment (Math)

MEET-THE-TEACHER



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

KINDERGARTEN - AUGUST 12TH (5:00 - 6:00 PM)
GRADES 1 AND 2 - AUGUST 13TH (9:00 - 10:00 AM)
GRADES 3, 4, AND 5 - AUGUST 13TH (10:30 - 11:30 AM)

Please label your child's belongings. Children misplace items easily, and having their name on their lunchbox, coat, and water bottle helps.



A BULLDOG WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS:



Please make plans to join us on Friday, August 16th after school at the Waddell playground pavilion for a popsicle party hosted by the PTA. All PTA events are open to anyone who is a part of the greater Waddell community. You do not need to be a member to participate in events or volunteer with the PTA. These events are a time for connection and taking care of PTA business. All are welcome.

Please consider joining the PTA. Your membership donation directly benefits our Waddell community in the following ways:

- support Boxerwood field trips
- help fund field trip transportation costs for buses to the Roanoke Science Museum, Luray Caverns, and Lavender Farm
- provides our third graders the opportunity to learn about water safety - swim lessons
- help pay for school-wide assemblies like last year's Black History Month virtual productions sharing the stories of famous black Americans
- supplement teachers' classroom initiatives
- show our teachers just how much we appreciate them!

Join or donate online today at

<https://wesbulldogs.memberhub.com/store>

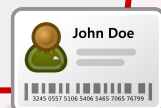


Dates to note:

- August 16th after school - Popsicles on the Playground
- September 6th - Bingo Night outdoors on the playground (more information will be forthcoming)

Late Arrival or Early Dismissal

If you arrive on campus during school hours to pick up or drop off your student(s), you must park in the parking lot and walk into the main office. Please do not park in the **red** fire lane along the front of the school as local law enforcement and emergency services have directed. Students will not be allowed to exit the building unless an adult has come into the building to sign them out. Proper ID will be required when signing out a student. Thank you.





Mark your calendars

We will be hosting a Back to School Night for Parents on Thursday, August 29th.

5:15 pm - 6:45 pm.

There will be two sessions, starting at 5:30 pm and 6:00 pm for families to learn more about the wonderful things your child will be doing in class this year. We encourage all parents to attend.

This is also a great time to stop by and check out our other spaces in the building like: PE, Library, Music, and Art. Our specials teachers provide excellent opportunities for our students to expand their creative thinking.

We ask that any students who are in attendance please remain with their parents during the entire event.

Nurse's Corner



Welcome Back! I hope that everyone had a happy and healthy summer break. Here are a few reminders to help start the new school year:

- Please be sure that you have completed a health history form and returned it to your child's teacher. Make note of any new medical diagnosis or changes to your child's health.
- If your child will need to take medication during school hours, please complete a medication permission form. These can be found on the school website, or can be sent home with your child. All prescription medications require a physician's signature.
- All health plans need to be updated at the start of each year. (asthma, seizure, allergy, diabetes, etc..)
- Please be sure to notify the front office of any changes in your contact information.



If you have any questions or would like to talk more about your child's health, feel free to call or email me. I am excited for the new school year and can't wait to meet our newest Bulldogs!

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FALL SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



September 30 - October 4

Schoolwide Literacy Night
October 3

Today a **READER**,
Tomorrow a **LEADER**



After School Dismissal Procedures:

We hope to share some essential details about our dismissal time and traffic patterns each afternoon at Waddell to help everyone have a safe and smooth dismissal process.

- All students in grades K-5 dismiss at 2:45 PM. At this time, students will begin exiting the school building to report to their assigned locations outside.
- Students riding the shuttle bus and all walkers will be dismissed first. Walkers and bike riders will be dismissed to the ends of the school building near the playground or gym crosswalk. Adults should wait in this area for their child. Feel free to ask a teacher on duty to call for your child. We will have faculty members stationed at both corners to call for your child in case they forget. The sidewalk in front of the school is closed to parents and visitors during arrival and dismissal.
- Car riders in K-5 will be dismissed next. As you enter the parking lot, please enter the **left side lane** in the upper parking lot. The center crosswalk is closed during arrival and dismissal times. Once the left side lane is full, please start the right side lane. The lanes will be dismissed by alternating a car from each lane. To help keep our parking lot open, please do not begin a second line until the first line is full. Also, we ask that you not arrive on campus for dismissal before 2:30 PM.
- The lower “loading” lane is a single lane of traffic. Please do not pull into the left-hand lane around traffic unless directed to do so by school staff. When the car lane is moving, please pull forward in line and follow the direction of school staff on duty.
- All car riders must be loaded through the car line. Please make sure your student’s name is visible (printed in dark ink) on the colored car tag provided for you, located in your passenger side front window so we can quickly identify your car for pick up.
- We ask that any changes for afternoon student dismissal plans be communicated to the main office before 2:00 PM.
- No adults/visitors/pets are allowed in front of the school during arrival or dismissal time. This allows our teachers and staff to keep a close eye on all students and listen for radio calls.
- The center crosswalk through the parking lot is closed during arrival and dismissal times.
- While students are allowed to stay after school on the playground, we prefer that students walk home unless they are supervised by an adult. The playground is not supervised afterschool by the Waddell staff.

THANK YOU so much for your cooperation and patience as we work out these “beginning of the year” procedures. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please contact Ms. Troise at school.



Together, we can unlock opportunities through READING.