



# Harrington Waddell Elementary News September 2024



Dear Waddell families:

As we close out our first month of the school year, I wanted to take a moment to share some reflections and updates with you.

August has been a month of new beginnings, growth, and adjustment. Our students have settled into their routines, and it's been inspiring to see their enthusiasm and eagerness to learn. Our dedicated teachers have been working diligently to create a nurturing environment that fosters both academic and personal development.

Here are a few highlights from the past month:

1. **Classroom Success:** Our students have been engaging in exciting learning activities. It's wonderful to see their curiosity and passion for learning blossoming as they dive into their subjects.
2. **Community Building:** We've focused on building a strong sense of community within our school. Activities and initiatives designed to promote teamwork and positive relationships are already showing great results. It's heartening to witness our students supporting one another and developing lasting friendships.
3. **Parent Involvement:** Thank you for your active participation in our recent events, including the Back to School Night. Your involvement is crucial to our students' success, and we appreciate your continued support and engagement in your child's education.
4. **Upcoming Events:** As we move into September, we have several exciting events and opportunities on the horizon. Be sure to check our school calendar for details. We look forward to your continued involvement and support.
5. **Feedback and Communication:** Your feedback is valuable to us. If you have any suggestions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. We are committed to working together to ensure a positive and productive school experience for your child.

As we enter the next month, let's continue to build on the positive momentum we've established. Our goal is to create an environment where every student feels supported, challenged, and motivated to achieve their best.

Thank you once again for your partnership and support. Here's to a successful September and a rewarding school year ahead!

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

## September Events



## Upcoming Events:

1. Oct 4- Fire Drill
2. Sept 30 - Oct 4 - Bookfair
3. Oct 3 - Schoolwide Literacy Night
4. Oct 9 - LCS School Board Mtg 5:30pm
5. Oct 11 - End of First Quarter
6. Oct 14 - Teacher Workday NO SCHOOL
7. Oct 16 - Evacuation Drill
8. Oct 18 - Fall Makeup Pictures
9. Oct 21 - Report Cards Home Monday Folders
10. Oct 21 - Earthquake Drill
11. Oct 23 - PTA Hull's Trunk or Treat
12. Oct 24 - Two-hour Early Release Day
13. Oct 24 - Parent Teacher Conferences
14. Oct 25 - NO SCHOOL - Parent Teacher Conferences
15. Oct 25 - NO SCHOOL
16. Oct 31 - Waddell Halloween Parade



SCHOOLWIDE  
ACADEMIC NIGHT  
LITERACY NIGHT  
OCTOBER 3RD



SCHOOL PICTURES

September 10th



## PTA NEWS

Thank you to everyone who came to our Popsicles on the Playground event! We gave away 250 popsicles and made new connections to start the school year.

The PTA is looking for you to support the 2024-2025 school year! Your membership/donations support teachers and students in the following ways:

Provides supplementary funding for teaching materials

Helps fund field trips to Boxerwood

Helps to pay for buses to places like the Luray Caverns, Monticello, or the Science Museum of Virginia

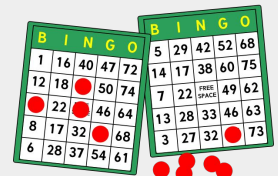
Helps fund special assemblies like last year's Black History Month assembly featuring the life of George Washington Carver and friends.

And much more!!

Join or donate online today at <https://wesbulldogs.memberhub.com/store>

Please contact Stephanie Johnson at [waddellbulldogs@gmail.com](mailto:waddellbulldogs@gmail.com) for more information

**PTA Bingo Night - September 6th**  
**5:30 pm event starts**





## Nurse's Corner



### Returning To School After Illness

When a person can return to school depends on the nature of the illness. In general, a child returning to school should be well enough to participate in school (e.g., can adequately manage improving cough and congestion on own, not overly fatigued), and care of the returning child should not interfere with the school staff's ability to teach or care for other students. Students and staff returning to school following an illness may still be contagious, but are likely to be less contagious as symptoms improve, depending on factors like duration and severity of illness. Parents and caregivers should consult their child's health care providers with specific questions about their child's condition or recovery.

For the general symptoms described in the stay at home when sick section of this guidance, policies can allow return to the school setting when:

- The child has not had a fever (and is not using fever-reducing medicine) for at least 24 hours.
- Fever with a new rash has been evaluated by a healthcare provider and fever has resolved.
- Uncovered skin sores are crusting, and the child is under treatment from a provider.
- Vomiting has been resolved for 24 hours and the child can hold down food / liquids in the morning.
- Diarrhea has improved, the child is no longer having accidents or is having bowel movements no more than 2 above normal per 24-hour period for the child.
- Respiratory virus symptoms are getting better overall for at least 24 hours.

<https://www.cdc.gov/orr/school-preparedness/infection-prevention/when-sick.html>



### REMINDERS:



- ❖ Please visit **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.

### PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24TH (3:00 - 7:00 PM)  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25TH (8:00 - 12:00 PM)

