

August 20, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Around Willow Canyon

We are excited about school starting on Wednesday! We will be having our annual back to school morning in lieu of back to school night. The schedule is listed below. We want to thank two former students, Ian Hose for donating 20 boxes of school supplies and Austin Haycock for donating the beautiful plants and flowers in the front of the school.

Welcome Back to School Parent Open House for the first 45 minutes of the first day of school, the schedule is below.

- Students and their parents should line up outside in the area designated for the different grade levels and classes on the south and west sides of the building. We will be there to help parents and students locate the lines.
- **8:15 AM:** When the first bell rings the teachers will greet students and their parents and escort them into the building and into their classrooms.
- **8:20 AM until 8:35 AM first session:** Parents may visit their children's classrooms and receive information about the coming school year.
- **8:35 AM until 8:40 AM** Parents transition to the next classroom session.
- **8:40 AM until 8:55 AM** Second session
- **8:55 AM:** The students will be called to the gym to have our annual flag ceremony and welcome back to school assembly.
- **9:00 AM:** Parents may attend a **PTA meeting** in the library that will include information about PTA programs for the school year and the annual PTA budget. We encourage all parents to attend this meeting, it's very informative. There will be information about joining the PTA and the opportunity to sign up to be a volunteer.
- **Parent, Teacher Conferences are on September 26 & 27.** Parents will be able to talk more in-depth about their student and set goals for the school year during conferences.

Below are some important reminders and links.

- Please make sure the registration is completed before school starts.
- Nutrition, breakfast and lunch menus and prices.

<https://canyonsdistrict.nutrislice.com/menu/willow-canyon>

- Please, sign up to volunteer. This is an annual process, it must be completed every year before adults can volunteer in classrooms. District policy requires all adults who volunteer in schools to complete the volunteer registration process. Please complete this process for everyone in your family who would like to volunteer in classrooms. This must also be completed before family members can help with field trips. It can take up to 48 hours for this process to be completed and individuals are registered and approved to volunteer. If you complete this process now, you are set for the school year.

<https://foundation.canyonsdistrict.org/index.php/volunteer>

Thank you for **helping us keep the students safe during drop off and pick up times**. Please remember to drive all the way to the north east area of the drop off lane and have children exit the car only on the passenger side of the car. If they get out of the car on the driver's side they exit the car into passing vehicles. If you are going to come and wait in line before the bell rings at the end of the day, please let your children know so they make sure to leave school right away and look for your car. Also, help us teach them to use the crosswalk as the only way to get to cars in the parking lot. We also ask that you accompany your children using the cross walk in the morning and after school. Students need to have a parent, guardian with them anytime they are in the parking lot. Children are hard to see when cars are backing up to leave. Again, we appreciate all of your efforts to help us keep your children safe!

PTA and SCC News

The theme for the year is Team Wildcats. We are excited about another school year with our amazing PTA. They will have a meeting in the library on the first day of school to discuss the annual budget and the volunteer help they need to run their programs.

The PTA Board is

- Co-Presidents: Lauren Litson and Rebecca Leick
- Treasure: Racheal DeAzevedo
- Membership: Amourette Bradley

We have a fabulous School Community Council. If you would like to serve on this Council, please stop by the office and pick up a School Community Council Candidate Form. As a SCC member you will help us with our Continuous School Improvement Plan (CSIP) and our School LAND Trust Plan that provides support and funding for our school improvement efforts. We value parent input and the SCC provides this opportunity.

Have a great week!

Marilyn Williams

Save the Date

- October 5th the PTA Fun Run fundraiser
- November 20th is Career Day, parents come to school and teach us about their profession. We always enjoy this activity and have fun learning about all of the great places parents work. If you would like to participate, plan on being at the school from 8:00 AM until about 11:00 AM. This is one of our favorite activities!

Important Dates

Monday, September 3:

- Labor Day, school not in session

Wednesday, September 5

- 4th grade goes to the Symphony at Hillcrest High School at 10:30 AM

Friday, September 6:

- PTA Room Representative Meeting after school at 3:00 PM in the library

Monday, September 10

- Picture day in the gym

Tuesday, September 11

- DIBELS testing for reading and math for kindergarten through second grade students

Thursday, September 13

- DIBELS testing for reading and math for students in third grade through fifth grade

September 17

- Hearing screening

Monday, September 21

- Data day, students do not attend school this day

Wednesday, September 26

- Parent teacher conferences

Thursday, September 27

- Parent teacher conferences
- This is also an **early out day**, follow the Friday schedule

September 28

- Students do not attend school

Daily School Schedule

First grade through Fifth Grade Schedule:

- The first bell rings at 8:15 a.m. and the tardy bell rings at 8:20 a.m., school gets out at 2:55 p.m. Monday through Thursday.
- The schedule for Friday is from 8:20 a.m. until 1:15 p.m.
- **Supplemental Kindergarten** follows the school's schedule for first grade through fifth grade.

Kindergarten Schedule:

- The AM session is 8:20 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Monday through Thursday. The schedule for Friday is 8:20 a.m. until 10:20 a.m.
- The PM session is 12:15 p.m. until 2:55 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The schedule for Friday is 11:15 a.m. until 1:15 p.m.