

Hi Wildcats! The first day of school is quickly approaching, and our staff are excited to see your children on Tuesday evening! We wanted to share some information and forms that each family will need to complete prior to attending open house or at open house! Your family can determine what works best for you!

A few important dates:

Tuesday, August 14th:

- **9a-12p Introductory Phone Calls**

Classroom teachers will reach out to invite your child to open house. Each classroom teacher will ask to speak to their new student and will then share pertinent information such as their name and room number. Please remember that each teacher is calling 20-25 families, so phone calls will be brief! We will be using the first phone number each family listed when they registered their child. If you miss the phone call, you can call the front office at 512.570.7400 to find out your child's teacher after 12:00pm, and we will have tables available that evening to help too!

- **5:30p-7:00p Open House**

Families will bring their child and needed school supplies to the new classroom. In addition, families can bring completed campus forms such as dismissal information and PTA membership. Each teacher has personalized forms to complete this evening along with the campus forms. We're including the common forms that could be completed early to help families with the to-do list!

Thursday, August 16th

- **First Day of School:** Student hours are 7:45a-2:50p. The campus will open at 7:20am for students to go straight to their new classrooms. We will have support staff to assist children locate their homeroom at each arrival area along with hallways.

- **Dismissal:** We will dismiss at 2:40p on Thursday, August 16th and Friday, August 17th. Beginning Monday, August 20th, dismissal will be at our typical time of 2:50pm.

Tuesday, August 28th

- **Grade Level Curriculum Night:** Each classroom teacher will host two curriculum information sessions in the classrooms. Session 1 will occur at 5:30pm and Session 2 will occur at 6:30pm. This will allow families with more than one child to be able to attend in one evening, and each family to determine the time that works best for their family. This evening, we do ask that families locate child care, so parent and guardians can attend to the important information.

Forms/Sign-in

- **Dismissal Form:** As a campus, we want to ensure that students arrive and leave campus safely. For this reason, we record each way children go home. This form will need to be completed or returned at Open House. [Dismissal Form.pdf](#) and [Dismissal Form SPANISH.pdf](#)

- **PTA Membership/T-shirts:** Whitestone PTA supports every student, staff member, and family by offering family events, selling t-shirts, and purchasing learning materials for each classroom. This year, PTA has streamlined your opportunity to join PTA, buy shirts, and participate in the only fall

fundraiser in one form. Your family can complete the form at Open House or bring a completed form to open house. [2018 WSE PTA BOY.pdf](#) or [2018 WSE PTA BOY SPANISH.pdf](#)

- **Visitor Sign-in:** Our district has updated our visitor sign-in system, and each individual that visits campus will need to bring their state-issued ID to be scanned. Bring your ID to have it scanned to expediate the first time you come to visit.
- **Volunteer Application:** Remember each volunteer MUST update your application each year before volunteering in your child's classroom. You can visit this [link](#) to update your application.

Campus Communication

- **Teacher Websites:** All staff will create their staff websites on Wednesday, August 15th as we work with a trainer from Google.
- **Classroom Weekly Communication:** During the 2017-2018 school year, we asked families for some feedback around communication. Families prefer to utilize one platform for communication, and this year, each classroom teacher will utilize a google classroom to post weekly updates and emails. Families will receive information and assistance at the grade level curriculum night.
- **Campus Communication:** As a campus, we communicate monthly with families regarding the exciting learning and happenings around campus. This communication will be sent via e-mail so please check your contact information in TxConnect if you aren't receiving e-mails from the campus.
- **Campus Website:** Be sure to bookmark <https://whitestone.leanderisd.org/> for campus calendar of events and important information.
- **Twitter:** Follow the excitement and preparation for 2018-2019 along with classroom learning throughout the year on twitter by following @NikiPrindle and @WSEWildcats

Our hope is the information above will help as you prepare for an AMAZING 2018-2019 school year at Whitestone Elementary where wildcats rule!