KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Spring 2023
WoodCreek Elementary
WCE Admin. Team

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WCE PTA

2023-2024 Executive Board
Top 5 List from WCE PTA

1. Get Connected to WCE PTA:
   - Visit [www.myrangerpta.org](http://www.myrangerpta.org)
   - Register your family on our website
   - Find us on Facebook @ WoodCreek Elementary PTA
   - Join the Kindergarten Parent Facebook page to connect with other parents. Search for “WoodCreek Rangers Incoming Kindergarten 2023-2024”

2. Order School Supplies Through PTA
   - Ordering info coming in May at [www.myrangerpta.org](http://www.myrangerpta.org)
   - Each supply pack includes a PTA membership

3. Join PTA!
   - Visit [myrangerpta.org](http://myrangerpta.org) after July 1st to purchase your membership for the 2023-2024 school year.

4. Spirit Wear
   - Discounted styles on sale now (Check or Credit Card Only)
   - ‘23-’24 Styles on sale in May for pre-orders
   - Order at [myrangerpta.org](http://myrangerpta.org)

5. Get Involved and VOLUNTEER!
   - Email us at Volunteers@myrangerpta.org- scan the QR code to fill out the Volunteer Interest Form
   - Dads can get involved with WATCH D.O.G.S.
   - Any other questions? Please email President@myrangerpta.org
Registrar

Tracy Watson
Registration Information

• **Tracy Watson** - Registrar
  (281-234-0105)

• **Pre-Registration for 2023-2024**
  o Opens April 3\(^{rd}\)
  o All required documents will need to be uploaded before submitting the registration.

• **Summer Registration Dates:**
  o June 7\(^{th}\) - July 30\(^{th}\)
  o Refer to Katy ISD website (www.katyisd.org) for details and directions

• **1\(^{st}\) Day of School (August 16\(^{th}\))**
• To qualify for kindergarten, the child must reside in Katy ISD and be five years old on or before September 1st of the current school year.
• Click the image below to go to our PowerSchool Online Registration website to begin the registration process.
3. What are the privacy code options from which a parent/guardian can choose?
There are three privacy codes from which a parent/guardian may choose: Y - Yes, O - Other, and N - No. Please refer to the chart for the implications of each code.

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Registration Information cont.

• **REQUIRED Documents:**

  - Birth Certificate/Passport (original)
  - Social Security card (must have the card/optional)
  - Immunization Records (must have doctor’s signature)
  - Parent’s Driver’s License/Passport
  - Proof of Residence
      * HUD closing statement/Lease agreement
        (MUST have signatures from buyer/seller)
      * Recent Utility Bill
        (water, gas, or electric within the past 30 days)
  - Sales Contract & Loan Approval Letter

**If a lease agreement or purchasing paperwork is provided at the time of registration, a utility bill must be provided within 30 days of occupancy**
Teacher Characteristics

OPTIONAL: Parent Recommendation for Teacher Characteristics for 2023-2024

DUE DATE: 12:00 PM, May 5, 2023

Recommendations on this form are taken into consideration when making the class lists. Due to various circumstances, the recommendations are not guaranteed. Some areas of consideration include:
✓ Academic needs
✓ Social needs
✓ Recommendations by the administrators, counselor and/or special programs teachers
✓ Maintaining an equal balance among all classes

Due to the professional manner in which classes are developed, WoodCreek Elementary does not allow requests for specific teachers. All recommendations will be reviewed and considered when formulating class lists. Any recommendation directly or indirectly requesting a specific teacher (i.e. “her name rhymes with...”) will NOT be considered.
School Nurse & Nurse’s Aide
Katie Porter & Erica Niemi
Immunizations & Health

- Katie Porter
  WCE School Nurse
  (281-234-0088)

- Immunizations
- Medications at school
- Health Services for students
Texas Department of Health requires all school age children to be up to date on immunizations. Children are excluded from school until the required immunizations are obtained and a copy is given to the school nurse. Immunization requirements can be found at: www.katyisd.org

Contact school nurse with questions.
24 HOUR RULE

• If your child has a **FEVER** (100° or above), **VOMITING**, or **DIARRHEA**, Katy ISD guidelines state that he or she must stay home for 24 hours.

• To give your child time to recuperate and to protect classmates and teachers, the child must be symptom free without the aid of medications for a 24-hour day before returning to school.
• Children may not carry medicine with them at school - not even cough drops. If your child needs medicine at school, send a note completed by a parent or the physician plus the medicine in its original container. You or your child can drop it off in the clinic before going to class.

• Three times a day medications are not given at school. All doses can be given at home. This was determined by Pediatricians in the area and is a District Policy.

• The official form can be found at the Katy ISD website.

Click the image to go to the Medication Administration Form
• Vision and hearing screenings will be done in the fall.

• During online registration, there will be a place for you to provide phone numbers where you can be reached as well as local emergency contacts who can be reached if you are unavailable.
  - It is vital that the phone numbers are accurate.
  - Please give the phone numbers an order as to who should be called first, second, etc.
  - Please fill out the Health Inventory. If your child has a condition you need to speak to the nurse about, please call or come by at the beginning of the school year.
Welcome to Kindergarten!
School Readiness

• Knows basic personal facts
• Writes first name
• Identifies colors
• Draws and colors
• Identifies some letter names and sounds
• Counts to 10 using 1-1 correspondence
• Recognizes numerals 0-10
• Identifies basic 2D shapes
Social Readiness

• Follows simple directions
• Communicates needs
• Knows how to share
• Takes turns
• Plays and gets along well with others
Physical Readiness

- Correctly holds and uses a pencil or crayon
- Correctly holds and cuts with scissors
- Correctly uses glue
- Eats independently
- Able to open and close all lunch containers independently
- Uses the restroom independently
- Puts on shoes and clothes independently
# A Typical Day in Kindergarten

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Specials

- Art
- Music
- Physical Education
- 50 minutes each day
- Daily rotation schedule
- One of the most popular times of the day
Recess/Snack

• 15 minutes of Snack & a Sunshine Break
• 20 minutes of Recess
Lunch

• 30 minutes each day
• Current Price: $2.25/tray
• Children can either bring a lunch from home or purchase a school lunch.
• I.D. badges are used to purchase lunches.
• Cafeteria monitors and volunteers are in the cafeteria each day.
• Prepayment is encouraged! Please CLICK HERE to access Pay-N-Go.
• We ask that you please NOT come to eat lunch with your child for the first 2 weeks of school as they transition into a new routine and environment. Midday separation is extra challenging in the beginning!
Librarian & Library Clerk
Erin Durham & Kathy Caldwell
Library and Technology

- I-Pads in the classroom that reinforce and enrich literacy and math skills
- Weekly library checkout
- Library lessons - once every 3 weeks
- Teachers can send students 2x2 for library books after the first 9 weeks of school.
Library - Reading Programs

• Texas 2X2 List Reading: [https://txla.org/news/the-2022-2x2-reading-list-is-here/](https://txla.org/news/the-2022-2x2-reading-list-is-here/)
  - list of 20 of the best books voted on for children from the age of 2 to 2nd grade.
  - Students in grades K-2 read at least 10 books to vote for their favorite book from the list for the WCE 2X2 Award.

• TREK K-2:
  - Students in K-2 read books to earn tags and prizes.
  - Students who complete all 8 TREK logs are invited to the TREK party at the end of the school year.
• Students can pay $20 (via Pay N’ Go app) to donate a brand new book to the library.

• A book plate with the student’s name and birth date is placed in the new book.

• Students in the Birthday Book Club appear on the morning announcements and are allowed to be the 1st to check out the book.
General Information
Put Names on EVERYTHING

- Backpacks
- Lunch kits
- Snacks
- Coats
- Water bottles
Backpacks

• Large enough to hold folders and a library book
• Easy to open and close
• No rolling backpacks PLEASE!
School Supplies

- Follow recommended school supply list to purchase supplies (highly recommended to purchase PTA school supplies)
- Please **DO NOT** label supplies with your child’s name
- Supplies will be used as community supplies
- Pre-ordered supplies will be delivered to classrooms before school starts
Dressing for School

- Policy is listed on the KISD website
- Elastic pants/shorts are best at the beginning of the year
  ...remember potty time 😊
- Flip flops are strongly discouraged
- Ziploc baggie of extra clothes, including underwear and socks, for those “just in case” moments (kept in backpack)
Transportation

• How will your child go home on the first day and rest of the year?
  - Bus
  - Car (Parent Pick-Up)
  - Hiker/Biker
  - Daycare

• Try to keep the mode of transportation consistent day to day.

• Please decide your child’s method of transportation home prior to Meet the Teacher.
1st Day of Kindergarten!
Things To Do: “Parents”

- School Hours (currently) 7:50 a.m.– 3:00 p.m.
  * Students can start entering the classroom at 7:25 a.m.
- You can bring your child to school and walk him/her to class on the first day 😊
- Receive forms, review, complete, and return as soon as possible
- Confirm method of transportation going home
- Make sure your child has lunch money ($2.25 - current price) or a packed lunch from home
- Quickly and cheerfully exit! 😊
Dates to Remember

- Registration: Opens April 3, 2023
- Meet the Teacher: TBD
- First Day: August 16th
- Curriculum Night: TBD

(Topics to be covered: Kindergarten Curriculum, Behavior Expectations, BYOD, Canvas, & much more!)
Final Reminders

• Please plan to attend Meet the Teacher 😊

• Send your child daily with a:
  - backpack
  - lunch (unless he/she is purchasing a school lunch)
  - water (easy open/close top)
  - snack (packed separately from lunch)
We are looking forward to a FABULOUS year!
Questions?