

Good Evening Parents and Guardians:

This is Principal Jennifer Guffey at Wewahitchka Elementary School! We are so excited about this upcoming 2024-2025 school year! The first day of school for students is Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. Our begin times and end times have changed and are as follows: First bell will be at 8:10 a.m. Tardy bell will be at 8:15 am. Students will be allowed to enter campus at 7:50 a.m. Dismissal time will be 2:55 p.m.

We will have a Meet and Greet time for Pre-K, and 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students on Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-3:00. This will be a time for students to locate their classroom and meet their wonderful teacher for the upcoming school year! Class rosters have been posted and will be updated on Thursday before Meet and Greet.

We will have a Kindergarten Parent Meeting on Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup> in the **WES cafeteria** at 4:00 p.m. to give you information on your child's Kindergarten year and explain the staggered start for kindergarten. After meeting in the cafeteria, you may visit your child's classroom. Kindergarten parents do not need to attend the Meet and Greet time of 2:00-3:00 on August 8<sup>th</sup>.

We are only allowing Pre-K and Kindergarten parents to walk their child to their classroom DOOR on the student's first day of school.

We will have faculty and staff in place to assist students if needed for the first week of school and we will ensure all students get to class safely.

Please help us by logging into FOCUS and making sure ALL student contacts and numbers are updated for our staff.

Our drop-off/pick-up procedures have changed a little this year.

All students being dropped off to WES each morning can be dropped off **no earlier than 7:50 a.m.** When dropped off, students will go immediately to their classroom with their teacher or to the cafeteria to eat breakfast. Drop off will continue along the side parking lot of WES. Again, the first bell rings at 8:10 a.m. with the tardy bell ringing at 8:15. Please make sure your student arrives to school on time.

The last bell of the day will be at 2:55 p.m. Pick-up students will be dismissed after bus students. Our pick-up procedures will be Pre-K through 1<sup>st</sup> grade being picked up at the front of the school. Grades 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> will be picked up along the side of WES. If families have siblings from two different age groups, siblings will default to the front of the school for pick-up.

Please note that students are not permitted to be checked in and out of school by a phone call. A parent/guardian must come to the front office in person.

We are excited about a new school year and looking forward to seeing you soon!