

Windham Primary School
Newsletter
September 9, 2011

Welcome Back! We are completing our second week of school already and our students and staff are learning new routines and schedules quickly. We would like to thank the parents, students, staff and bus drivers for a smooth start to our school year. It takes great teamwork to get the school year off to a smooth start. Sincere thanks to each of you for doing your part!

- One of our new routines this year is our dismissal and parent pick-up location. Parents, we appreciate your support in coming to A House doors to pick up your child at end of the school day. At this time of the year, teachers and children take a little more time to check and re-check with each other about bussing and parent pick-ups. Please continue to be patient with us as we want to insure the safety and support for children and staff in getting students accurately through this end of day routine. Please let the teacher and your child clearly know the after-school plan well ahead of dismissal time. This really helps us be efficient and effective in getting children to their destinations. We will open the A house cafeteria doors when students are present and ready to be dismissed. This will allow parents to wait in their cars or outside the building until students have arrived at the cafeteria. We realize there is a bit of wait time between when you pass through the open gates and when children arrive at the cafeteria for dismissal. Please allow extra time for this process in your daily plans.
- Thank you for calling in or emailing absences before 9:00 when your child is not coming to school. You can email about absences at wpsabsent@rsu14.org.
- Arrival and dismissal are very busy times at our school. Thank you for escorting your child safely to the building in the morning if you arrive after 8:20. Please send a note about changes in dismissal for your child or call our office before 2:30 p.m. to insure enough time to communicate the change of plans to your child and the adults who care for him/her.

Keeping our school safe is a priority at WPS

- We are practicing safety drills during the next few weeks. Students practice exiting the building safely with their teachers.
- Mr. Stone and Mrs. Turkington are also talking to all students in this first week about how to use the playground equipment safely at recess.
- Dr. Rhoads and Ms. Grant are visiting classes to welcome students and remind students to Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible this year in all areas of the school and on the bus.

NWEA testing begins for students in grade 2 and 3. The tests are administered from now until September 16th.

- NWEA tests focus on literacy and math skills and given in a computer based format. All students can use the time they need to complete the testing. Some student may receive accommodations to show what they know during the testing process. Letters are sent to individual families informing them about accommodations that may be used by their child.