



FOWLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 45

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Dear Western Valley Preschool Family,

The Western Valley Preschool staff welcomes you and your child to the 2019-2020 school year! For many of our preschool children, this is the first time that they are experiencing an academic setting. We are confident that they will have an enriching first year of schooling. I look forward to working collaboratively with you to provide a superior education for our little scholars. **Please take a few moments to read over the important information contained in this letter (page 2 also).**

First Day of School

The first day of school is **Monday, August 5, 2019.**

Meet the Teacher Night

We will be holding our annual "Meet the Teacher Night" on **Wednesday, July 31st from 4:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.** Please make it a priority to stop by and visit with your child's teacher. Your child's teacher is Ms. Mayra Negron, in room 401. Attendance is *highly encouraged*, as this will help your child to feel more relaxed on the first day of school, knowing who her/his teacher is and where her/his classroom is located.

Regular School Hours

Regular School hours: 8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Early Release Thursdays: 8:00 A.M. – 1:15 P.M. *Note that preschool students will also have early release on Thursdays, like all WVES students.*

Students may arrive on campus at 8:00 A.M. (not earlier) and will need to be signed in by a parent with the teacher in the classroom. A free breakfast will be served in the classroom at 8:00 A.M, and lunch will be provided daily. Please ensure that you fill out the lunch application to determine free and reduced lunch eligibility. **Students must be picked up at 3:00 P.M., to be signed out by a parent with the teacher.**

Drop-Off/Pick-Up Reminder

This is a friendly reminder that the WVES parking lot is located on the west side of the building. All parents that drop-off or pick-up their children should park in the west parking lot and proceed through the west entrance of the campus. **All children must be signed in and out on a daily basis.** Parents are also reminded that parking along the red curbing is not allowed, per fire code.

Attendance and Tardiness

At Western Valley Elementary, we value good attendance habits for students. It is very important to your child's academic success that she/he is on time daily. We understand that at times emergencies or situations may arise that require your child to be absent or tardy. When an absence or tardiness occurs, parents should notify the school office attendance line by calling (623) 707-2100 no later than 10:00 A.M. on the day of the occurrence. *Excessive absences (10 or more days) or tardies will jeopardize your child's spot in the preschool program, so please ensure good attendance habits.*

2019 - 2020 Fowler Elementary School District Calendar

Enclosed, you will find the Fowler Elementary School District adopted calendar for the 2019-2020 school year. Take the time to note important dates, holidays, and early release dates. Please make every effort to ensure that future vacations, doctor's appointments, and family functions are planned when school is not in session.

Student Uniforms

Our preschool students are **not** required to come to school in uniform. Free dress is allowed.

P.B.I.S. – Positive Behavioral Interventions & Support

This year, you will be hearing about the implementation of a PBIS System (Positive Behavioral Interventions & Support). At Western Valley, we will explicitly teach students behavioral expectations for conduct at school. We will also be providing positive reinforcement to students for meeting those expectations. For more information about "PBIS", you may visit the following website, <http://www.koi-education.com/pbis/>.

We look forward to seeing your child on Monday, August 5th. If you have any questions about the information contained in this letter or about any aspect of your child's education, feel free to contact me at (623) 707-2100. Your inquiries are always welcome. We look forward to a great school year!

Sincerely,



Marco Antonio Ruiz, M.Ed.
Western Valley Schools Principal