



FOWLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 45

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Dear Western Valley Families,

The Western Valley staff welcomes you and your child to the 2019-2020 school year! I look forward to our continued collaboration to ensure that we provide a superior education for your scholar. This year, I am delighted to continue serving as the principal for both Western Valley Schools. **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.**

WVES and WVMS Meet the Teacher Nights

We will be holding our annual "Meet the Teacher Night" as follows:

- Wednesday, July 31st, 4:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.: WVES (Pre-K to 5th) & WVMS 6th ONLY**
- Thursday, August 1st, 4:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.: WVMS 7th and 8th ONLY**

Please make it a priority to stop by and visit with your child's teacher. At WVES, class rosters will be placed near the main entrance of the school with your child's assigned classroom. For WVMS, we will start with a general session in the cafeteria at 4:30P. We will be running 10-minute mock periods to allow you to meet with each teacher. Attendance is *highly encouraged*, as this will help your child to feel comfortable on the first day of school, knowing who her/his teacher is and where her/his classroom is located. **Note that 6th grade (7/31) has a separate date from 7th and 8th grades (8/1).**

Regular School Hours

WVES Regular School Hours: 8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.; WVMS Regular School Hours: 8:40 A.M. – 3:33 P.M.
WVES Early Release Thursdays: 8:00 A.M. – 1:15 P.M.; WVMS Early Release Thursdays: 8:40 A.M. – 2:15 P.M.

WVES students may arrive to campus at 7:35 A.M. to the playground. WVMS students may arrive by 8:00 A.M. and should report directly to the courtyard. *Students may not linger in front of the WV offices.*
Breakfast will be served during the first ten (10) minutes of class.

We will continue our early release day **every Thursday** for teacher professional development, as approved by the Fowler Elementary School Board. Also, note that every early release day will also follow the same schedule (for example, teacher accountability days, parent/teacher conference days, etc.). **Please make accommodations to ensure that your child is picked up on time every Thursday.**

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 elementary parents that pick-up their children should park in the west parking lot and proceed through the west entrance of the campus. *Parents are also reminded that parking along the red curbing is not allowed, per fire code.* We will be re-issuing parent ID badges within the first week of school. We will retain the same middle school pick-up procedures from last year (in the WVMS south parking lot). Bus route information will be available at the "Meet the Teacher" event.

Attendance and Tardiness

At Western Valley, we value good attendance and punctuality for students. When an absence or tardiness occurs, parents should notify the school office attendance line as follows: WVES - (623) 707-2100; WVMS - (623) 707-2106. Please call no later than 10:00 A.M. on the day of the occurrence. **Students that exceed the maximum of 10 absences per year may be cited, as permissible by Arizona state law.**

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. Note that all students (2nd – 8th) will be receiving a student agenda in which to write important dates, homework assignments and parent/teacher communication. Take a few moments with your child during the first week of school to write down these dates in her/his agenda. This will be a very important communication tool for students, parents and teachers during the school year so please familiarize yourself with it.

Student Uniforms

At Western Valley, we follow the FESD District Student Uniform Policy. Students are required to come in uniforms every day. The uniform consists of a white, navy or light blue, plain collared shirt and a navy blue bottom. Students are also required to wear closed-toe shoes. The 2019-2020 WV Parent/Student Handbook is available on our district website (www.fesd.org) and in the student agenda. Take the time to review the handbook, as it contains specific information about school policies. **The uniform policy will be strictly enforced, so please ensure that your child has appropriate uniform clothing.** Denim/jean bottoms will only be allowed on dress down days.

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 or via e-mail at mruiz@fesd.org. Your inquiries are always welcome. We look forward to a great school year!

Sincerely,



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