



Willway Elementary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Willway Elementary. Most of all, welcome to Kindergarten! Some of you may be veterans at this, while for others it is a first experience. Our teachers are eager to meet our newest Willway students.

The children will have **three days** of gradual entry. Your child's schedule will be as follows:

<u>Friday, Sept. 9th</u>	<u>Monday, September 12th</u>	<u>Tuesday, September 13th</u>	<u>Wednesday, September 14th</u>
Time: 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Place: Outside exterior door	Time: 9:00 am - 11:00 am Place: Outside exterior door	Time: 8:45 am - 11:30 am Place: Outside exterior door	Time: 8:45 am - 2:30 pm (regular school day) Place: Outside exterior door

*****Students will need snacks, a water bottle and a full lunch starting Wednesday*****

Lunch is at 11:45 am, and lunch recess is at 12:03 pm

Pickup for September will be at 2:30 pm. Starting October 3rd pickup will be at 2:40 pm.

Please provide your child with a healthy snack in a reusable container (that your child can open) and a water bottle each day. Please be aware that some students in our school have severe peanut allergies. Please try to avoid these foods in lunches as much as possible. On the first day, parents and caregivers will drop students off outside at the back of the school where the Kindergarten teachers will direct your child to line up. Teachers will then take students inside. At the end of the school day, students will be taken back out to the kindergarten line ups for pickup.

School supplies: Please send your child with their school supplies on their first full day.

Starting Kindergarten is a big milestone for families. Please continue to work with your child to develop skills such as being able to put on their own coat and shoes, eating from a lunch kit, using the bathroom independently, using words when frustrated and following directions. Adjusting to the new school routine will take time and patience, but it will happen! Here is a link to an article that may be helpful: <https://www.verywellfamily.com/calming-first-day-kindergarten-anxiety-620865>.

We look forward to a wonderful school year with you and your child. Have a great summer and we'll see you in September.

Sincerely,

Ms. Kendra Laidlaw
Principal