

# BACK-TO-SCHOOL

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West Allegheny School District

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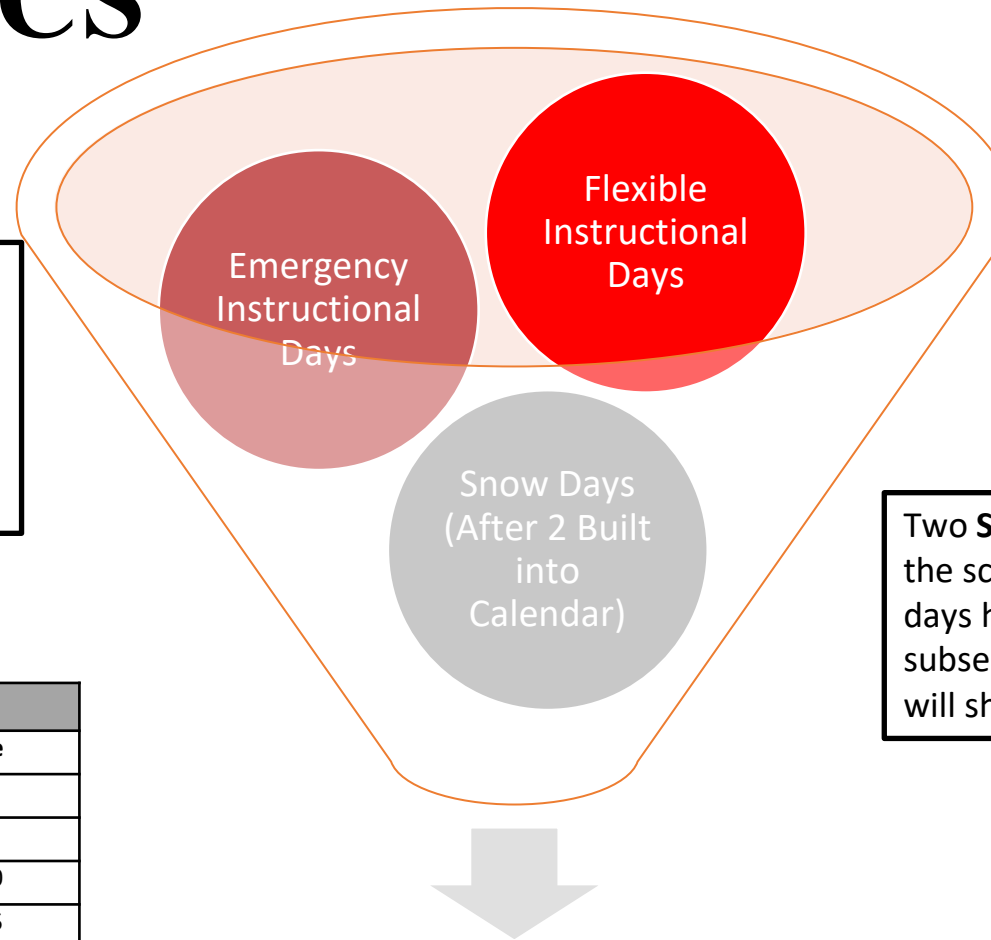
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# ACADEMICS

**Emergency Instructional Time** allows the District to utilize remote instruction to satisfy the minimum instructional time requirements based on a Pandemic related need for school closure.

A **Flexible Instructional Day (FID)** is a program available to public school entities to be used as an alternative approach to delivering instruction if a circumstance arises that prevents instruction in the customary manner. The District was granted up to five FIDs.



Two **Snow Days** have been built into the school calendar. After these two days have been exhausted, any subsequent snow related closure will shift to a remote learning day.

Remote Learning Schedule	
Period	Time Frame
1	9:00-9:30
2	9:35-10:05
3	10:10-10:40
4	10:45-11:15
5	11:20-11:50
6	11:55-12:25
7	12:30-1:00
8	1:05-1:35
9	1:40-2:10
Office Hours	2:15-3:00

## Remote Learning Plan 2.0

# ACADEMICS



PTC - CAD: Architectural Engineering Technology  
PTC - CAD: Mechanical Engineering Technology  
PTC - Electrician Technology  
PTC - HVAC Technology  
PTC - Welding Technology



9-12

- Intro to Algebra Course
- Into Literature ELA Program
- ECIHSA Expansion- 23 Programs at 4 Institutions (10 new)
- Freshmen Academy

High School

RMU - Business Administration (fast track to masters)  
RMU - Engineering (fast track to masters)

CCBC - Aerospace Management  
CCBC - Air Traffic Controller  
CCBC - Professional Pilot



6-8

- enVision Math Program
- Success Maker Math Intervention Program
- Into Literature ELA Program
- E-Sports Elective Course

Middle



K-5

- Expansion of Lexia to 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade
- Addition of Lexia English- ESL
- Year 2 of Reading Horizons
- Literacy Coach Support for Teachers

Elementary



College and Career Readiness

- Road to Readiness

K-12

K-12 Resetting Behavioral Expectations & PBIS (K-8) to Support Student Learning



# TECHNOLOGY



Secure online registration program for school paperwork.



MySchoolBucks gives parents the convenience and flexibility of one account to securely pay for school-based activities.



A communications platform allowing for chat and videoconferencing that will be used for remote learning and virtual meetings.



Cloud-based student safety and device management solution.

## District Website App



District website will be available via mobile app for convenience.  
**coming soon**

## District Device Insurance

District provided cost effective device insurance program for Chromebooks & Ipads.



## C.A.R.E

**C** Connections &  
Culture  
**A** Awareness  
**R** Relationships  
**E** Extra Support

# Preventive C.A.R.E. Measures

Balance

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# Emergency S.M.A.R.T. Measures

## S.M.A.R.T

**S** Security  
**M** Monitor  
**A** ALICE  
**R** Responsiveness  
**T** Training

### Enhanced CARE Measures

- Increased to nine mental health therapists
- Added 3 full-time School Resource Officers; 5 SROs
- Continued Expansion of School Camera Coverage

### Enhanced SMART Measures

- Enhancing Social Media Measures including: Navigation 360 Detect; BARK parent app; Digital Threat Assessment Safer Schools Together
- Resetting ALICE training for staff and students; continuation of drills
- Added doors, gates, and remote access card readers to restrict access to specific areas of schools
- Focusing on outdoor classroom areas



# HEALTH & SAFETY PLAN UPDATES

PDE is requiring Districts are to continue to review, update and make public their Health and Safety Plan through 9/30/24.

Key Aspect	SY 2022-23	SY 2021-22
Face Coverings In-School and Buses	Optional Recommended when CDC designation is high	Required through Feb 28 Optional/Recommended Mar-June
Social Distancing	Classrooms and Cafeterias are configured to optimize student learning, socialization and safety	Six feet to the greatest extent possible; multiple smaller eating pods
Hand Sanitizing and Disinfecting	Hand sanitizing stations remain available in classrooms and high traffic areas; disinfectant wipes and desk sprays available to students	Hand sanitizing stations available in classrooms and high traffic areas; disinfectant wipes/sprays provided by teachers K-8 desks and 6-12 eating spaces
Water Fountains and Lockers	All water fountains and water bottle filling stations open Lockers will be assigned and fully in use	Limited to water bottle filling stations second semester; no water fountains and no lockers
Cleaning, Disinfecting and Ventilation	Maintain industry best practices and increase as needed	CDC and industry best practices and increase as needed
Visitors and Volunteers	Essential visitors and essential parent volunteers	Essential visitors Parent volunteers Mar-June
Case Investigation	Will continue to case investigate and report; no longer quarantining close contacts but will provide notification; continue to report positive cases to pandemic nurses	Quarantined for illness and close contacts exposures



# HEALTH & SAFETY PLAN QUARANTINE

- West Allegheny School District will continue to conduct case investigations with appropriate isolation and quarantine procedures, with consideration of health organization guidelines and recommendations.
- **Quarantine for Illness (QI):** Day 0-5 of isolation, if no symptoms are present or symptoms are resolving (fever free 24 hrs, w/o medication) then return on Day 6 with mandatory mask wearing through Day 10.
  - If symptoms are present, remain in isolation until 24 hours of being fever free and symptoms begin to get better.
  - If return to school between days 6-10, mandatory mask wearing through day 10, unless you produce a negative rapid test.
  - Day 0 is your first day of symptoms or a positive viral test.
  - If unable to wear a mask, refusal to wear a mask, or not able to test, not able to return to school and must comply with 10-day isolation
- **Close Contacts Unvaccinated/Vaccinated Exposure:** Quarantine not necessary but strongly recommended mask wearing days 1-10. Highly recommended to test on day 5. This includes living with someone who is positive.
- Isolation period starts from symptom onset date or positive test date for asymptomatic persons.





**WA**  
**WEST ALLEGHENY**  
**ANNUAL**  
**DAY OF CARING**



**SATURDAY**  
**AUGUST 20**

**8:30-10:30 A.M.**

**WA STAFF WILL BE VISITING THE FOLLOWING  
NEIGHBORHOODS COLLECTING NONPERISHABLE  
ITEMS TO SUPPORT THE  
WEST ALLEGHENY FOOD PANTRY**

Walden Woods  
Homes/Townhomes  
Stonebridge Homes/Townhomes  
Hankey Farms  
Brooktree  
Forestbrooke  
Jeffreytown Heights/Trails  
Seabright  
Fayette Farms  
Princeton Plan  
Canterbury Townhomes  
Point West

Preserves  
Holly Hill  
Glen Gormley  
Imperial Ridge  
Westbury  
Westbury Townhomes  
Sun Ridge and Lenox Place  
Imperial Point  
Marion Estate  
Maronda Farms  
Twin Lakes  
Clinton on the Lake

**PLEASE CONSIDER LEAVING NONPERISHABLE DONATIONS  
AT YOUR CURB BY 8:30 A.M. FOR PICK-UP.**

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# The Nutrition Group

- Starting this school year (22-23), programs across the nation will return to normal, pre- pandemic operations.
- Families will once again be asked to complete and submit a current school year Free/Reduced Meal Application if they would like to see if their students qualify based on income.
- Ensure your student continues to receive free meals for the 2022/2023 school year **if eligible** by completing a USDA application before the start of the school year.
- The USDA's 2022-2023 meal application is available, and they may be completed in one of two ways:
  1. Meal applications can be picked up in any of the school offices. These meal applications need to be completed in entirety and returned to the student's home school office or food service department.
  2. Meal applications can be completed online at School Café.



Turkey  
Chef Salad

*Welcome Back*

**for the 22/23 School Year!**



## Meal Prices

	K-5	6-12
Breakfast	\$1.10	\$1.25
Lunch	\$2.75	\$2.85





# Go to [www.schoolcafe.com](http://www.schoolcafe.com)



## For Parents

SchoolCafé Support Hours: 6:00 am to 6:00 pm CST

Phone: 855.PAY2EAT (855) 729-2328

Email: [customercare@schoolcafe.com](mailto:customercare@schoolcafe.com)

Website: [www.schoolcafe.com](http://www.schoolcafe.com)

SchoolCafé provides a secure, online system for parents to

- Make payments to their student(s) cafeteria-meal account(s)
- View school menus and menu item nutrition information
- Review your student's buying history

### Quick Answers

✓ **How do I add money/make a payment to my child's account?**

You can continue to send money to school with your student or you can add money through SchoolCafé. Follow the steps in Make a Payment in this guide.

✓ **I made an online payment. When can my student use the payment?**

Your student's cafeteria account at the school is credited within 24 hours but may become available as quickly as 2 hours.

✓ **Is there a fee or service charge for making online payments?**

A convenience fee may be charged for each online payment transaction. For example, if you make a \$20.00 payment and the convenience fee is \$1.00, the total debited from your credit card is \$21.00. The available funds for your child will be \$20.00. Convenience fee amounts vary by school district.

✓ **Can I receive notification when my student's account balance is low?**

Yes! Follow the steps in **Set Up a Low Balance Alert** in this guide.

✓ **Why was my account locked when making a payment?**

After three failed payment attempts, payment function is locked. Contact SchoolCafé to remove the lock.

✓ **What if I have several students in different schools?**

Include as many students as you need in your account. The students can attend any school within the same district. Payments for each student are made separately.

✓ **Can I transfer money from one child to another?**

Contact the Child Nutrition Services office at the school district for assistance with a transfer.

✓ **What happens to the money in my account at the end of the school year?**

Your account balance moves with your student(s) from grade to grade and school to school within the district. Contact the Child Nutrition Services office at the school district for assistance with a refund.

✓ **How do I receive a refund if my child changes school districts?**

Contact the Child Nutrition Services office at the school district for assistance with a refund.

## 1 Register

\* You will be asked to verify your security answer and contact information when you request help with your username or password, or other information on your Profile page.

- Click [Register](#)
- Verify "I'm registering as a Parent" is selected and click [Next Step](#)
- Enter your school district name and then click [Next Step](#)
- Enter your name and contact information, and then click [Next Step](#)
- Set up your username and password
- Select a [Security Question](#) and enter a [Security Answer](#), and click [Next Step](#)
- Click [I'm not a robot](#) and follow the reCAPTCHA prompts
- Check [I accept the Terms & Conditions](#) and click [Create My Account](#)

## 2 Add Your Student(s)

- Click [Students](#) → [Student Accounts](#)
- Click [Add a Student](#)
- Enter your [Student's ID](#) [and [Lunch PIN](#), if asked] and select your student's [School](#)
- Click [Search & Verify Student](#)
- Click [Add this Student](#)

## 3 Add Payment Source

- Click [My Account](#) → [Payment Sources](#)
- Click [Add a Card](#)
- Enter your [Card Number](#) and [Card Expiration](#) date
- Enter a name to associate with this card, if wanted
- Click [Add Card](#)

## 4 Make a Payment

- Click [Students](#) → [Student Accounts](#)
- Click [Make a Payment](#)
- Enter [Payment](#) dollar amount
- Click [Next](#)
- Select a [Payment Method](#), or enter card information for a one-time payment
- Click [Submit Payment](#)

## Set Automatic Payment

- Click [Students](#) → [Student Accounts](#)
- Click [Automatic Payment](#) (🔄) in a student listing
- Enter [Payment Amount](#)
- Enter amount in [Balance Threshold](#) to trigger payment
- Select a [Payment Source](#)
- Set [Auto Pay Expiration Date](#) for stop payment date
- Click [Add Automatic Payment](#)

## Set Low Balance Alerts

- Click [Students](#) → [Student Accounts](#)
- Click [Low Balance Alert](#) (🔔) in a student listing
- Enter [Threshold](#) amount
- Enter number of days to elapse between alerts
- Click [Set](#)



# MCKEE PARENTS VIRTUAL MEETING

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# Welcome to the 2022-23 School Year!!!

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Today's presentation will prepare you for the 2022-23 School year and provide a space for you to ask questions to get the answers you need.

Thank you for joining us today!



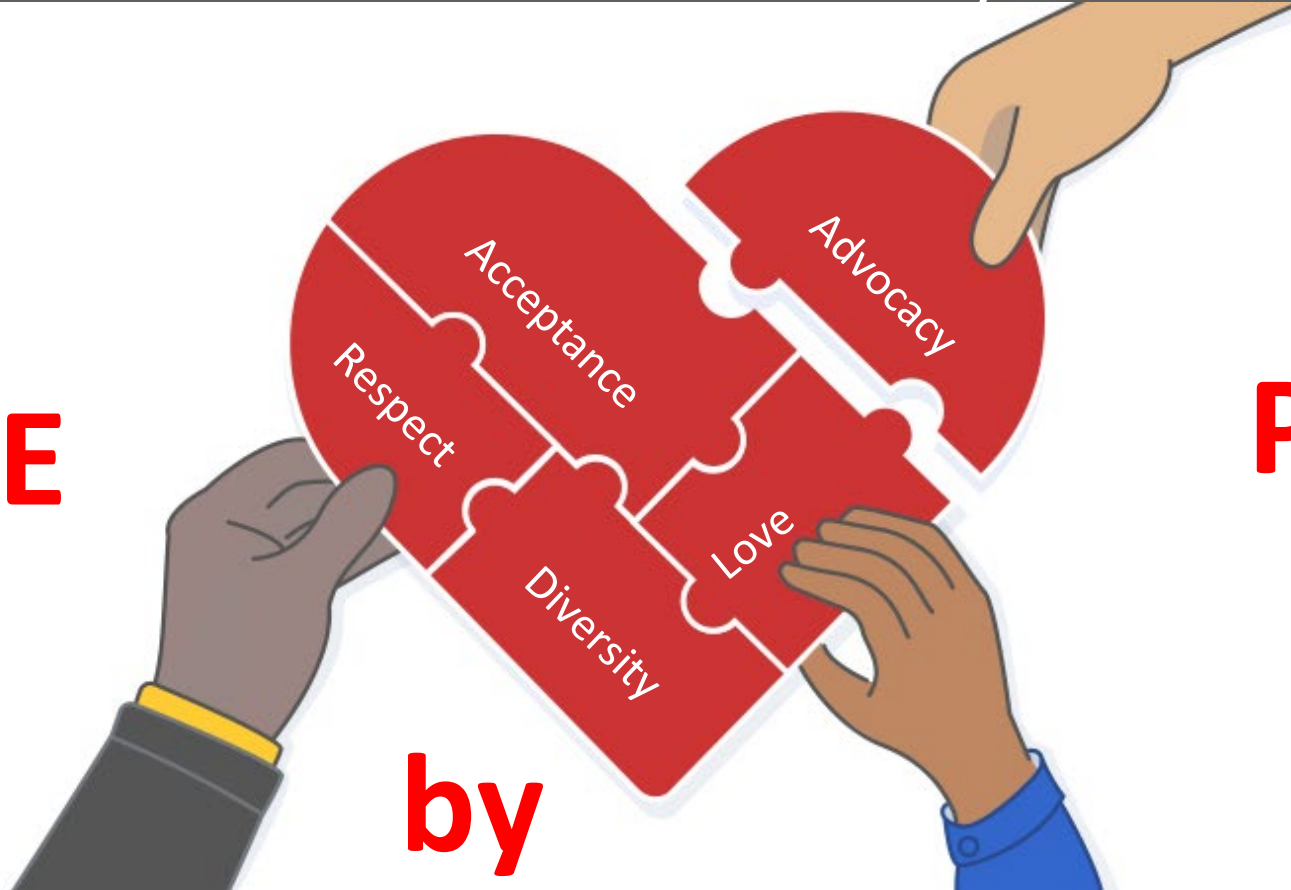
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McKee Family

**PIECE**



**by**

**PEACE**



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# McKee Staff Updates:

## New Staff

- Megan Napoleone, Third Grade ELA Teacher
- Christiana Butler, ESL Teacher
- Renee Gilpatrick, Para

## Staff Changes for the 2022-23 School Year:

- Tom Hamm- Teaching 1st Grade Math
- Shara Shook- Teaching 2nd Grade Self Contained: ELA/Math
- Kirsten Davis, Elementary Literacy Coach
- Karen Fittipaldo, Paraprofessional/ES
- Renee Gillpatrick, Paraprofessional/LS
- Vicky Lauff, ESL Para



# Arrival & Dismissal

## Arrival

- Buses 8:25-8:30
- Parent Drop-off 8:25-8:35
- Start of Day 8:30
- Breakfast will be grab and go

## Dismissal

- Dismissal Buses 3:20
- Parent Pick-up 3:20
- Avoid last minute changes to your child's dismissal but if necessary, it must be communicated to the school office and teacher before 2:00.

**We will follow same bus drop-off lanes and parent drop-off lanes.**







Be Safe,  
Be Respectful,  
Be Responsible.

## Bus Riders:

Students must ride their assigned bus only.

Arrangements to ride a different bus outside of pre- approved reasons will not be allowed.

The bus will pick students up and drop students off at their bus stop

Please have your child at the stop 10mn prior

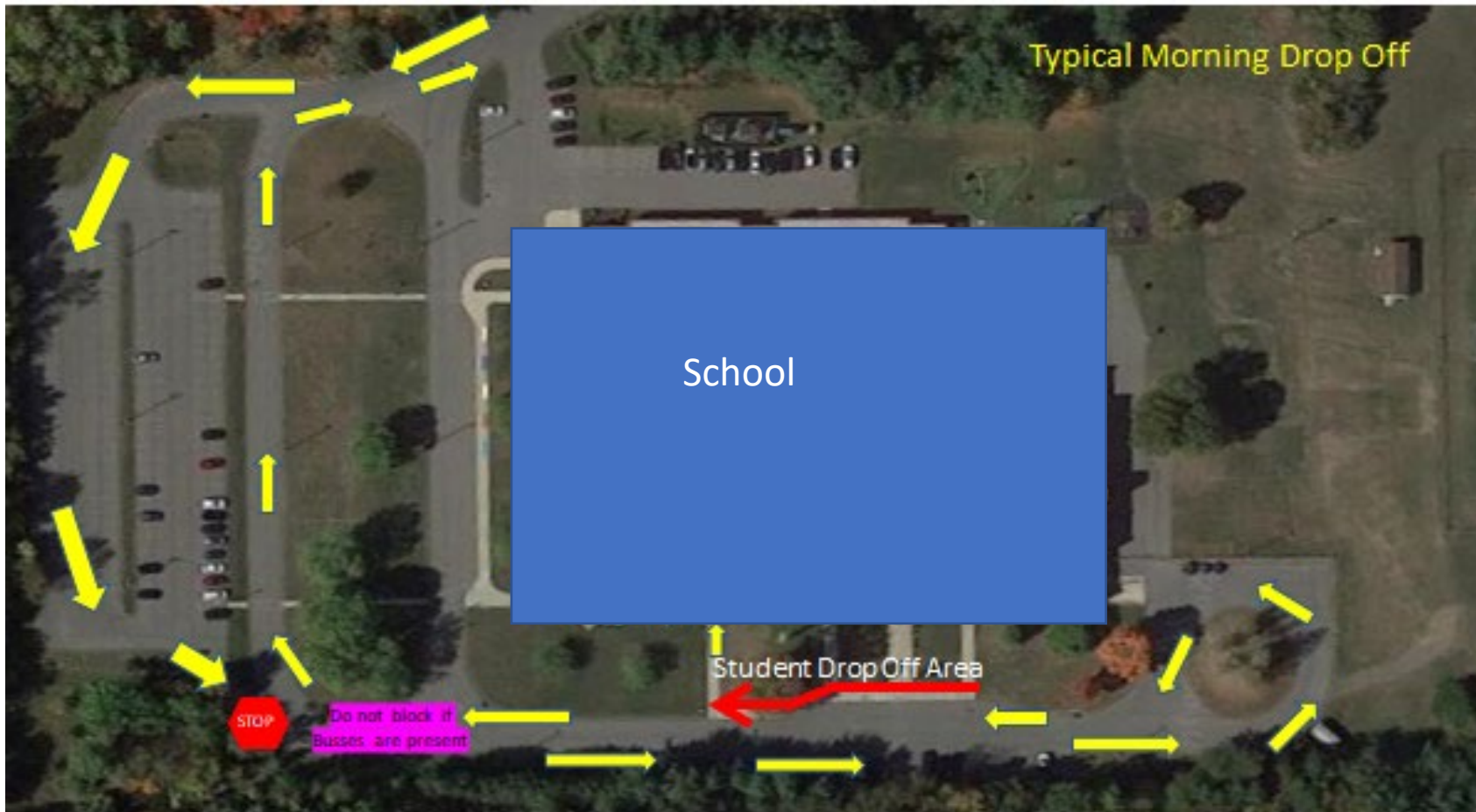
Students must sit in their assigned seat facing forward



# Car Riders

- Each family will be assigned and display their family dismissal number in the front window of the car. The number will be entered into a google form to communicate with staff.
- Students will enter through A4 and be dismissed from the cafeteria.
- Parents are to remain in their car.

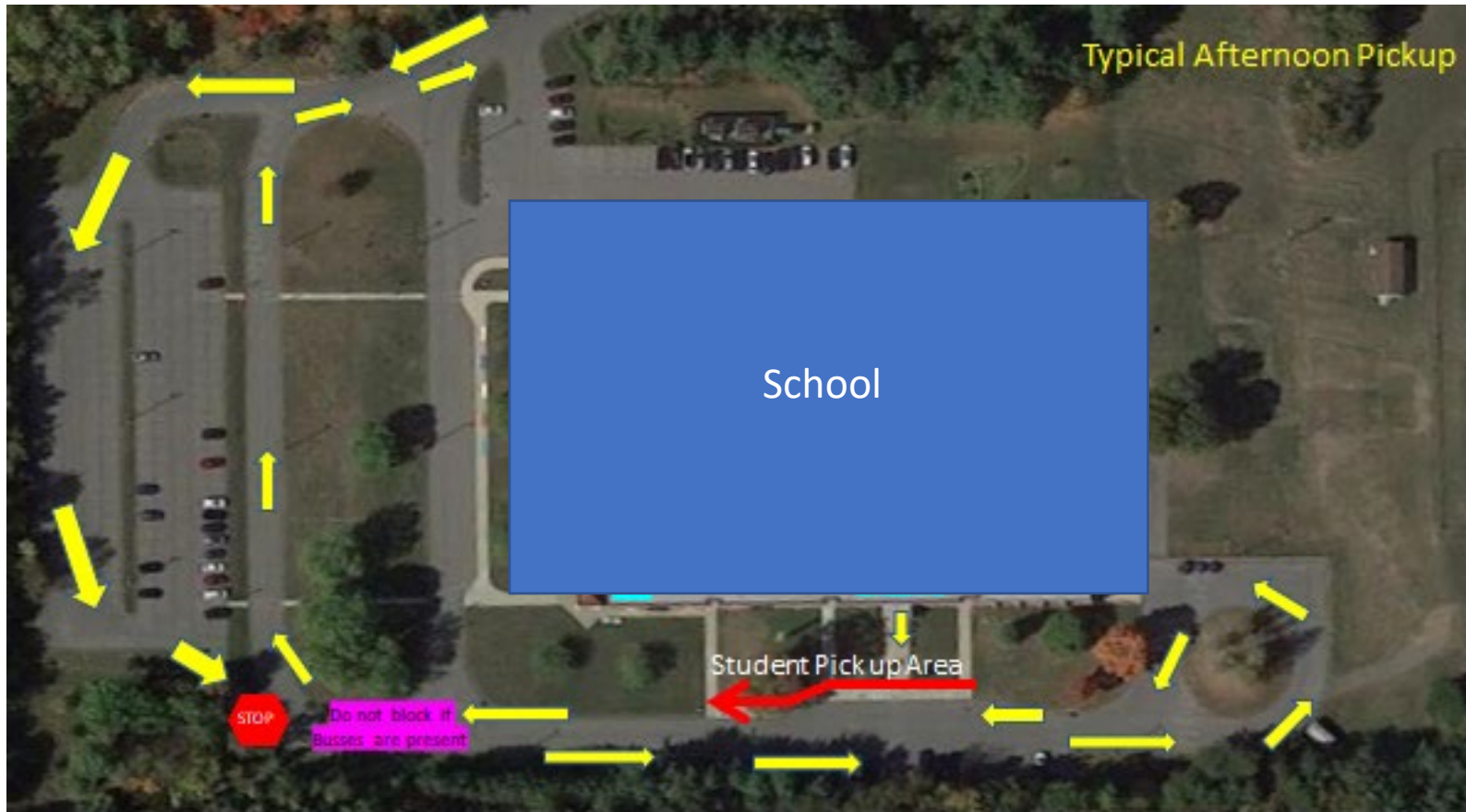




- Doors Open at 8:25 AM
- School Starts at 8:35 AM
- Pull forward as far as you can to drop off your student
- Do not wait to the front of the line to release students.

- For Safety's sake:
  - Drop Students off at sidewalk
  - Have students exit from the **Passenger (right)** side of the vehicle
  - Do not get out of your car – Staff will be available to help students





- Doors Open at 3:15 PM
- Have **Family number** in car as staff will be recording them in the order you arrive
- Students will be picked up in order from the sidewalk
- They are placed in assigned spaces for their safety
- Please pull up as far forward as possible to allow every car to fit in the drop off area
- If your child needs additional assistance, please pull forward to a safe location (parking lot) to exit the vehicle and assist them.

# Lunch

- Students will eat lunch in the CAFETERIA!

20 minutes for lunch, 20 minutes for recess

- Per 4: Grades K & 1
- Per 5: Grades 2 & 3
- Per 6: Grades 4 & 5

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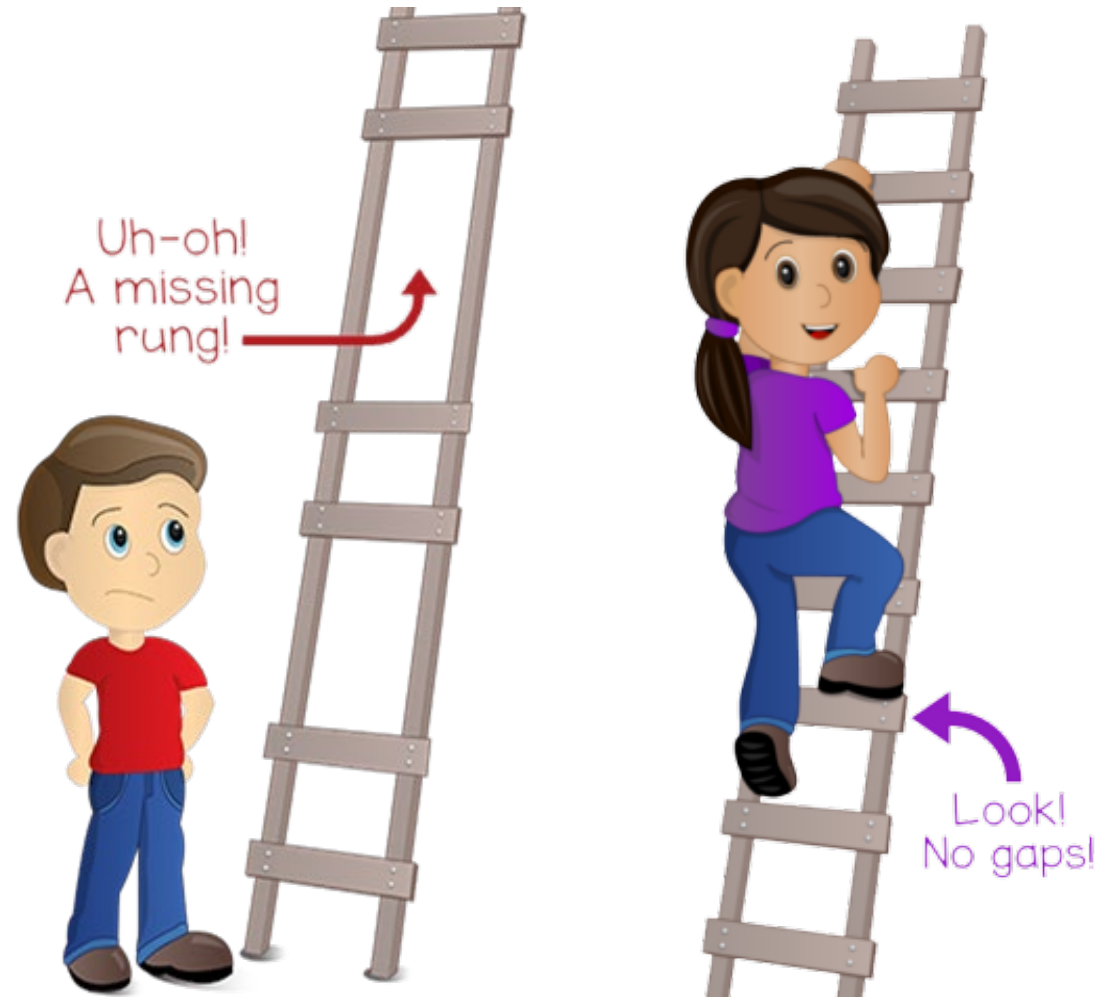
# Attendance:

- If your child is absent:
  - please call the McKee Call-Off Line at 724-695-5264
  - please send a written excuse within three days of the absence
- Excuses can be sent to the following :
  - the kindergarten teacher
  - [rbollman@westasd.org](mailto:rbollman@westasd.org)
  - [bkelly@westasd.org](mailto:bkelly@westasd.org)
- If you are planning a vacation, please complete the educational trip form with the office at least a week prior to the vacation.



# Attendance Matters

- Each minute of the school day provides opportunities for learning and academic growth. Each day or minute your child misses can add up.



Restroom to be used by

**5th Grade**

ONLY



Restrooms will  
be assigned by  
grade level.





# SWIMMING

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- First – Fifth Grade students will swim for 10 weeks this school year.
- McKee's 10 weeks will begin towards the end of the third quarter and
- continue throughout the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter
- Parents will be notified of exact swim dates at least 2 weeks prior to the start date.



- **Be Safe**
- **Be Respectful**
- **Be Responsible**

The MC-KEY to Success!



- Positive behavioral interventions and supports (PBIS) is an approach schools use to promote school safety and good behavior.
- With PBIS, schools teach kids about behavior expectations and strategies.
- The focus of PBIS is prevention, not punishment.
- **PBIS is not a program or a curriculum.** It is a team-based process for systematic problem solving, planning and evaluation. **It is an approach to creating a safe and productive learning environment!**



## Canvas and Skyward Functions



- Snapshot into your into your student's course
  - Grades throughout the term
  - Daily Assignments
- Inbox to communicate with teachers
  - Calendar



- Attendance
- Report Cards
- Demographic Information
- Student Schedules



# Student Chromebook or iPad Insurance

- The District is pleased to provide each K-12 student with a Chromebook/iPad to support learning in and out of the classroom.
- Families are strongly encouraged to take advantage of the District's cost-effective device insurance protection program for the 2022-2023 school year, which is now offered at a lower cost of \$15 per device.
- Families who do not elect to receive coverage will be fully responsible for associated costs in the event of damage or loss, which could be as high as \$294.
- **Students who qualify for free & reduced meals are NOT required to pay the protection fee but must still complete the form for record-keeping purposes. Please select the free & reduced option when completing the enrollment form if your child qualifies.**



# Student Chromebook or iPad Insurance

- To enroll in Chromebook/iPad Insurance Protection, we are excited to launch FamilyID, an online platform that will significantly streamline the District's registration processes for families while greatly reducing the need for paper forms. Through the FamilyID website, you will be able to register and pay (when applicable) through MySchoolBucks for various programs offered by the District.
- **The Chromebook/iPad Insurance Protection enrollment deadline is September 2, 2022.**



# VISITOR/VOLUNTEER POLICY

- If you dropping off late or picking your child up early, please park car in front of building, call main office, and remain in car.
- Visitors/volunteers require approval from the administrator before entering the school.
- ALL visitors/volunteers must have their clearance records on file at the school.
- ALL approved visitors/volunteers must be screened in the main office before entering the school.



# Upcoming Important Dates

- **August 1st-31st:** Device insurance enrollment/renewal period for all students
- **August 12th & 15th:** First grade device pick-up at each elementary school 10-4pm
- **August 11th:**
  - Kindergarten Orientation 9:00 a.m. & New Family Orientation 1:00 p.m.
- **August 20th:** District Day of Caring
- **August 23rd-** First Day for Students
- **August 30th -** PTA Meet and Greet
- **September 5th-** No school - Labor Day
- **September 14th-** PTA Meeting
- **September 22nd-** Open House for Elementary Schools



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