

Wellsville Elementary

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Dear Wellsville Families,

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying these last few days of summer. On behalf of the Wellsville Elementary School faculty and staff, we are so excited to get the school year rolling. Our building is almost ready for the start of the new school year, and we are eager to welcome back students and families. To support a smooth start to the school year, please read this entire back-to-school message; a lot of important information is included below.

- **Wednesday, August 31, 2022: Elementary School Meet the Teacher/ Open House from 3:30- 5:00 pm**
 - Welcome back packets will be available in your child's classrooms. If you are unable to attend, this packet will be sent home with your child on the first day of school
 - This packet includes important student identification information that can be updated that night and turned into the main office- the current contact information is very important!
 - You will have an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and explore the classroom and building before the first day of school
 - School bus information will be provided
 - Parent drop-off/ pick-up ticket will be provided (in your packet)
 - Cafeteria staff will be available to provide information or answer questions
 - Information and staff from the after-school YMCA program
 - PTA (Parent-Teacher Organization) will have information about their organization

- **Tuesday, September 6, 2022: First Day of School**
 - Doors open from 8:55-9:10; please stagger your arrival & drop your child off at their assigned grade level door (yellow paper)
 - Parent arrival & dismissal will be IN FRONT of the school
 - Bus arrival & dismissal will be in the LOWER BACK parking lot
 - Free Breakfast and lunch is available to all students
 - Students must be in the classrooms by 9:15
 - Dismissal for students will also be staggered between 3:05-3:15
 - Any parent who needs to pick up their child during the school day must come into the main office to sign out their child. Your child will meet you in the main office.
 - To ensure the safety of the Wellsville Elementary School Building we limit those within the building during school hours to essential personnel.
 - If your child is taking the bus, please remember there will be **NO** changes to transportation requests unless there is an **EMERGENCY**. Any changes **MUST** be in written form and into the main office prior to 1:00 PM.

- Please be patient with pick-up and drop-off times (self-transport & buses) the first few days of school. As our bus drivers are acclimating to new routes and new faces there may be some delays. Please make sure your children are ready to exit personal vehicles at their grade level doors when self-transporting students.
- **Back to School Shopping:**
 - The Wellsville Central School District was able to purchase the majority of your student's supplies for the 2022-2023 school year. However, families will still need to purchase personal items such as water bottles, PE sneakers, backpacks, and pencil cases.
- **Snacks & Celebration Treats:**
 - To account for the health and safety for all of our students, including those with food allergies, all snacks or celebration food items (aka- Birthday treats) must be store-bought or provided in individual pre-packaged sealed items (no homemade or home packaged items). We encourage parents and guardians to have a conversation with their student's classroom teacher before sending food items into school. All items should arrive a couple days in advance, when possible.
 - The school cafeteria offers party snacks for purchase. Please have a conversation with your child's teacher and arrange purchase with the cafeteria manager.
- **Student iPads:**
 - All Elementary student iPads will remain in school this year. An emergency packet will be sent home with all students this fall. If we need to move to remote learning for an extended period of time, iPads will be distributed.
- **Tuesday, October 4, 2022: School Picture Day**
 - More information will be sent home closer to this event.

Communication is key! We cannot stress how important it is for parents to be involved in their child's education. Check the school website, the district's Facebook page, student folders, the Remind App or even becoming a member of the PTA are excellent ways of staying 'in the know' related to Wellsville Elementary School. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Wellsville Elementary Office- we would be happy to help you!

Once again, we are looking forward to having our ONE PRIDE family back for the first day of school, September 6th, and working with you to provide an excellent educational experience for all students.

Enjoy the rest of your summer,

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