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Richard R Wright Families-

Happy New Year! The beginning of the school year always marks a time of promise and possibility. The upcoming 2024-25 school year is no exception! With a talented staff and a supportive community, our students are prepared to have another great year at Richard R. Wright Elementary School. Wright is an educational community committed to providing a nurturing environment. Our students will develop a passion for learning that will result in a strong foundation that they can use to achieve future success through the development of persistence, collaboration, and exercising perseverance.

I will be sharing our school goals for the 2024-25 school year in more detail during our **Back to School Night, scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 21 at 3:00 pm.** I ask that ALL families please join us to walk in the shoes of their children, meet our staff and build community. Some highlights for this year include the launch of our STEM intervention class, which will focus on hands-on learning with real-world applications to help our students develop a variety of skill sets, including creativity and 21st century skills. This year, some of our partnerships include the University of Pennsylvania, St. Joseph's University, Temple University, Cheyney University, Philabundance and HopeFUL. At Wright, we want to help create **awesome humans** by doing things the WRIGHT WAY: being respectful, being responsible and being peaceful problem-solvers. I am truly looking forward to this school year getting to know your children and working together to build an awesome school community. Below I've included some info that will help us have a **Great First Day!**

**The first day of school for the 2024-2025 school year is Monday, August 26, 2024
for grades K through 5th. Kindergarten students only will be dismissed at 11:00 am on August 26- August 30, 2024**

****As a reminder, we must have all required paperwork in order for your child to enroll.***

School hours:

School gates open everyday at 7:15 am with school starting officially at 7:30 am. The school day ends at 2:09pm.

Please note that we DO NOT have before school care. Therefore, we are unable to supervise students on the school grounds before **7:30am**. Also, the main office will be open to parents at **8:00 am** with the exception of pre-scheduled meetings. We cannot service parents before 8:00 am without a scheduled meeting as we are welcoming our students.

Arrival:

Our doors to the school open at 7:25 am. Students in all grades will be admitted through the Gymnasium doors. Grades K-5 will report to the gym to meet with their teachers and transition to their classroom where they will receive breakfast. **Bus Riders** will enter the building through the Dauphin Street entrance. Wright Staff will be present and visible to escort or direct students to their assigned admission location.

Breakfast:

Breakfast is still provided to every student. Breakfast will be served from 7:30-8:00 am. Breakfast service will stop at 8:00 am.

Dismissal:

- ★ All students riding the bus are dismissed via Dauphin Street entrance.
- ★ Students attending an afterschool program will be escorted to their assigned location in the cafeteria



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- ★ Please communicate our dismissal procedures to your child's After School Programs.
- ★ Grades K -5 will be called to dismiss through the gymnasium. Please meet your child's teacher in the gym at the classroom designation.
- ★ Early Dismissals will stop at 1:30pm (full day) & 10:30am (½ day) so that we can prepare for school wide dismissal. Please bring current photo identification for any student being dismissed early. Students are ONLY released via early dismissal to an adult previously listed on their contact information. It is required and there will be no exceptions.

Attendance Matters!

Attendance matters for achieving school success beginning in Kindergarten. Absences can add up before you know it! As a parent, you are responsible for making sure your child develops the habit of regular attendance. If you are facing any challenges, seek support from the school and community. WE ARE HERE TO HELP! Your children can suffer academically if they miss more than 18 school days, which is equivalent to one day every two weeks, that can happen very quickly if attendance is not closely monitored. **At Wright, our goal is for every student to attend school 95% of the time, which means that a student cannot be absent more than 9 times in the school year.** When students are in school, we are able to support them academically and set them up for success!

Uniforms:

Our uniform tops are hunter green and our uniform bottoms are khaki. School uniform shirts with the Wright logo can be purchased in the main office

Classroom Assignments: Supply List & Chromebooks:

Your child's class assignment will be communicated to you via the parent portal. School supply lists will be provided to all students on the first day of school. Every student will be assigned a Chromebook. It is important that Chromebooks be in the building, so that they can be used in the classroom.

We know you have entrusted your child's education to us, and we promise to work as hard as possible to educate every student in a caring, safe, supportive and uplifting environment. We look forward to the 2024-2025 school year. It is truly a privilege to be a part of a community where parents, teachers, and students care and strive to build positive relationships that support academic and social growth. Please be sure to complete all necessary forms digitally OR by paper copy. Please always feel free to reach out to our main office or Administration with any questions at 215-400-7030. We want to assure a smooth school opening and a successful school year. Cheers to a GREAT school year!

In Service,

Principal Sakia Beard-Brinkley

Principal Jeanine Wells-Hughes

Principal Kahlef Webb

Climate Manager Jeffrey Lites



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ATTENDANCE

in the early grades

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP YOUR CHILD REACH 90% ATTENDANCE

- Avoid extended vacations that require your children to miss school. Try to line up vacations with the school's schedule. The same goes for doctor's appointments.
- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine. Make sure they get 9 to 11 hours of sleep. You can lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Get to know the teachers and school supports. Be sure to introduce yourself to your child's teachers before school starts and keep in touch. School officials can help you stay on top of academic progress and social contacts to make sure your child is staying on track.

Are You Ready for This Year's Attendance Challenge?

90% MONTHLY ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE?

Meet each monthly challenge to earn Wright swag, parent prizes, certificates, raffles and more!

STAY

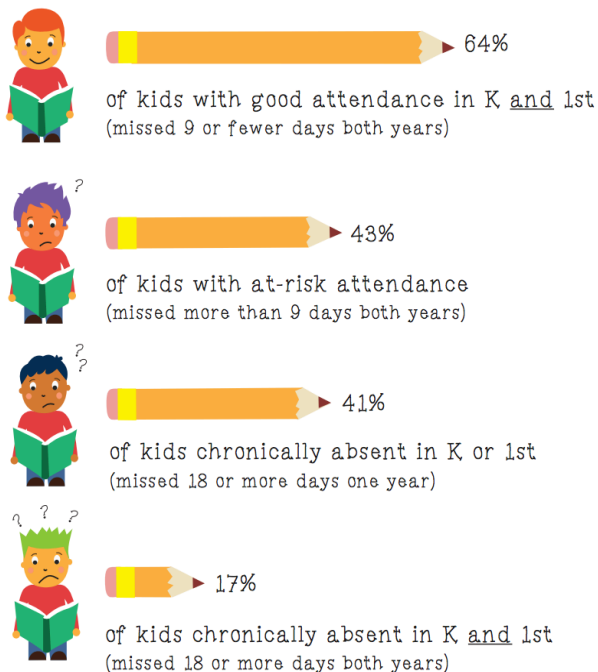
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Why It Matters

If children don't show up for school regularly, they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills and the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and careers.

Preliminary data from a California study found that children who were chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade were far less likely to read proficiently at the end of 3rd grade.

Who Can Read on Grade Level After 3rd Grade?!



Parent and Family Portal

Knowledge is Power

The School District of Philadelphia is proud to offer a tool that parents and family members may use to stay connected to their child and their school. The School District of Philadelphia's Parent & Family Portal gives you access to valuable information about your child's education and school. You will be able to view your child's academic history, test results, attendance, and more. You can also request to receive text messages, emails and/or phone calls about important issues that might impact your child, (i.e. weather-related school closures and delays, attendance alerts and upcoming events of interest to families).

