



Happy New Year! The beginning of the school year always marks a time of promise and possibility—and the upcoming **2025–2026 school year** is no exception! With a talented staff and a supportive community, our students are prepared for another great year at Richard R. Wright Elementary School.

Wright is an educational community committed to providing a nurturing environment where students develop a passion for learning, a strong academic foundation, and the skills of persistence, collaboration, and perseverance that will serve them for years to come.

We will be sharing our school goals for the 2025–2026 school year in more detail during **Back to School Night** on **Thursday, August 28, from 3:00 PM- 5:00 PM**. We ask that **all families join us** to:

- Experience a “day in the life” of your child
- Meet our staff
- Build connections with our community

Wright is proud to be designated as a **Community School** by City and District officials, allowing us to form stronger partnerships that enhance student, family, and neighborhood engagement.

We are also an [Extended Day Extended Year \(EDEY\) school](#), providing year-round programming for families. Through our Out-of-School Time partner **Legacy Youth Tennis Education**, we offer Winter, Spring, and Summer Break camps.

Families can register at the following link: **(The program is first-come, first-served. Spots are limited.)**

👉 [Legacy OST Registration Form](#)

Once your application has been submitted, **Legacy staff will reach out directly when your registration has been approved.**

At Wright, we believe in **doing things the WRIGHT WAY:**

- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be a Peaceful Problem-Solver

The first day of school for the 2025-2026 school year is Monday, August 25, 2025 for grades K through 5th. Kindergarten students only will be dismissed at 11:00 am, August 25-29, 2025, at our main entrance.

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

School hours:

- **School Gates Open:** 7:00 AM
- **Instruction Begins:** 7:30 AM

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- **Dismissal:** 2:09 PM

- **Main Office Opens for Parents:** 8:00 AM (except for pre-scheduled meetings)

Arrival Procedures:

- All students enter the **Gymnasium doors** (K–5), then transition to the cafeteria for breakfast.
- **Bus Riders** enter via the **Dauphin Street** entrance until 7:45 am.

Breakfast:

- **Breakfast:** 7:00–7:30 AM in the cafeteria (**service stops at 7:45 AM**)

Dismissal Procedures:

- **Bus Riders:** Exit via Dauphin Street once transportation arrives.
- **Afterschool Program Students:** Escorted to the cafeteria
- **K–5 Pick-Up:** Parents meet children in the gym at their classroom designation

Early Dismissals:

- End at **1:30 PM** (full day) or **10:30 AM** (half day)
- Students will only be released to adults listed on their contact form and/or SIS profile (photo ID required)

Attendance Matters!

Daily on-time (7:30 am) attendance is essential to student success. Missing more than 9 days in a school year can negatively impact achievement. Our goal is 95% attendance for every student. If you need support, please reach out—we are here to help!

Click [here](#) to access family links/QR Codes. They will be reposted via ClassDojo & PBIS Rewards each Sunday afternoon. Classroom birthday celebration

Uniforms:

- Tops: **Hunter green**
- Bottoms: **Khaki**
- Gym days: Black sweatpants permitted
- Wright logo shirts are available in the main office
- Click [here](#) to view our uniform poster

Classroom Assignments: Supply List & Chromebooks:

- Class assignments will be posted in the **Parent Portal**.
- Supply lists posted on ClassDojo by 8/15/25 & provided **on the first day** of school
- Each student will be issued a Chromebook that will remain at school

We know you have entrusted us with your child's education. Together, we will nurture their curiosity, fuel their dreams, and guide them in a caring, safe, and uplifting environment where they can thrive.

Please complete all necessary forms (digital or paper) and contact our office at **215-400-7030** with any questions. Let's make 2025–2026 a year full of growth, joy, and success.



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In Service,

Principal Sakia Beard-Brinkley

Assistant Principal Kahlef Webb

Climate Manager Jeffrey Lites

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

CONNECTED

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?



64%

of kids with good attendance in K and 1st (missed 9 or fewer days both years)



43%

of kids with at-risk attendance (missed more than 9 days both years)



41%

of kids chronically absent in K or 1st (missed 18 or more days one year)



17%

of kids chronically absent in K and 1st (missed 18 or more days both years)

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





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