



It is with great excitement that I welcome our NEW and returning families to Watson Elementary.

We have so many exciting things happening this school year from our Family Literacy & Math Nights to our many UNITE sponsored events. Please make sure you take a few minutes to read each of our monthly newsletters. Also, please make sure that you visit our Watson Webpage & Building Calendar regularly. We are constantly posting and updating information to help you stay up to date.

Happy New Year,
Stacy Daugherty, Principal

~Security Reminder~

As we find ourselves back in full swing, we want to remind you that **ALL visitors** will be required to provide us a **Photo ID** in exchange for a visitor badge.



Even if we know who you are, this practice enables us to know (at all times) who is in the building.

This year we changed to visitor stickers. Please make sure you fill in all spots on the sticker-- name, date, time and location. In addition, active visibility of visitor stickers is part of our staff training and designed to help ensure the safety of all of our students and their families.

Teaching Expectations...

This year at Watson Elementary we are starting off by systematically teaching expected behaviors to ALL of our students. While we have always worked hard to teach appropriate behavior to students, this year we began to ramp up that effort. A core group of teachers has been receiving training and is working through a national initiative called *Positive Behavior Interventions and Support* (PBIS). Through that work we have updated our building-wide expectations, created videos, and developed lessons to use with students during the opening weeks of school. The expectations (matrix) and videos can be viewed by visiting the *PARENTS* tab on our Watson Webpage and clicking on *Behavior Expectations*.

In addition to teaching students about expected behavior, we are rewarding good behavior with school wide positive behavior opportunities. To assist us with this effort, we are asking that you talk with your child each week about their behavior at school, making good choices, and doing the right thing when nobody is looking. Together, we can make a difference.

GOOD MANNERS WILL OPEN DOORS THAT EVEN THE BEST EDUCATION CANNOT!!!

Upcoming Events

Below is a listing of specific events scheduled for this coming month!

Wednesday	August 23	Watson Night Out: Handel's 3-9
Wednesday	August 31	1 st full day for all kindergartens
Monday	September 4	Labor Day-No School
Thursday	September 14	Positive Behavior Party #1
Friday	September 15	No school-Teacher Inservice Day
Tuesday	September 19	Fall Picture Day Watson Night Out: Papa Bears 11-8
Thursday	September 28	UNITE meeting 6:30 P.M. cafeteria
Friday	September 29	Fundraiser Kick off

Staying Connected with Social Media...

Make sure you take a few minutes to BOOKMARK our school webpage, LIKE us on Facebook! Social media sites will be yet another avenue we will use to connect with our students and families!

Search Facebook:

Watson Elementary

(With the school as the profile picture.)



General Housekeeping...

- Please make sure you submit your updated Emergency Medical Information ASAP!
- When sending a note or calling your child off from school, please make sure to include the following: your name, your child's name, and the classroom teacher's name.
Remember: Slips must now be received within 3 days!
- If you pick up/drop off your child from a doctor or dentist appointment, please provide a slip signed by the doctor.
- Students wearing sandals (of any type) will not be permitted on the outside equipment surrounded by mulch. This is designed to protect our students from splinters.

Cafeteria News

Here is the schedule if you wish to join your student for lunch.

Grade Level	Recess Time	Lunch Time
First Grade	10:50-11:10	11:10-11:30
Fourth Grade	11:15-11:35	11:35-11:55
Silva/Frantz	11:30-11:50	11:50-12:10
Kindergarten	11:40-12:00	12:00-12:20
Second Grade	12:05-12:25	12:25-12:45
Third Grade	12:30-12:50	12:50-1:10

We simply ask that you wait until the third week of September before coming in to allow us to get ALL students into a consistent routine.

Please remember, if you are purchasing a lunch you will want to come a few minutes early to pay. Also, don't forget NO outside food is permitted (except a home packed lunch). And, similar to the end of last year, we are asking you to just join in where your student is sitting and not sit off to the side.

If your student has allergies that require adjustments to their lunch (ex: milk/dairy) you will need to provide us with a doctor's note stating **exactly** what they are permitted to have/not have. This means, if it says no milk/dairy your child will not be permitted to have anything containing milk.

PARENT INTERNET VIEWER (PIV)

All parents should have now received directions and their password enabling them to view their child's grades online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. **The ID number for your child is also the same number you use for the "Pay-For-It" program to put money on your child's lunch account.** Because parents have continuous access to their child's grades, **interims are no longer sent home** at the halfway point of the nine weeks. Report cards will still be issued at the end of the nine weeks. If you have any questions about viewing your child's grades online, please call the school office: (330) 832-8100.

New Start Times:

Breakfast Bell: 8:40 A.M.
School Opens: 8:50 A.M.
Tardy Bell: 9:00 A.M.

Afternoon Parent Pick up will begin at 3:33 P.M.
Please be patient with after-school bus rides home as we figure new routes out.

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NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome back everyone and a special "Hello!" to all the new Kindergarten families! Also, welcome to the new teachers/staff! It was great to see so many parents at Open House. We look forward to seeing you at the many events we have here at school.

To start off with; Wednesday, August 23, is our first Watson Night Out. Please join us at Handel's. This is always a fun time! Be looking for informational flier to come home in your child's backpack.

New times this year for our monthly meetings. We will hold them on the last Thursday of each month, skipping December. Our first UNITE meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 28 at 6:30 P.M. in the cafeteria. All are welcome and encouraged to come. You will stay informed about school news and meet many of the parents of your children's friends. We have many committees that also need volunteers, so take this opportunity to come and ask questions or to sign up.

With Perry Pride,
Jennifer Jones, UNITE President



