

## Food Allergies

### Health

All of our primary children will have time during the day for a healthy snack. Please send in **healthy snack items** on a daily basis. Your child's teacher will inform you of the snack time.

Many children are allergic to many different types of food items. It is also important to remind children that they should not share food during snack and lunchtime.

### PTA

Our PTA meetings are held on a monthly basis. Dates and times are posted in the district calendar. We encourage all of our families to be involved in our PTA! Please join us on September 20th at 9:45 AM to learn more about all of the PTA committees.

Please join our district's email notification system.



Wood Park is only a phone call away! If you have a question, feel free to contact the Main Office. 631-858-3680

## Arrival and Dismissal

- During the first few days of school, we have many volunteers who assist with morning arrival. Please remember to remain on the grassy areas and keep the sidewalks free at all times. Arrival is a busy time of day and our goal is to create a smooth transition for our new arrivals and returning experts!
- If there is a change in your dismissal plan, parents must provide the classroom teacher with a note that clearly identifies the dismissal changes **including the first and last name of the new designee picking up**.
- In an emergency, if you do not send in a note and need to make a change to your dismissal plans, please email and call the main office prior to 1:00PM.
- Starting the day on time is imperative. We encourage parents to drop off children on time. Students should arrive at school no later than 9:15AM.
- Please try to schedule after school events after the close of the school day. Leaving early can be disruptive to the instructional day.
- Walker pick-up area will be located outside of the second grade wing. The door will open at 3:20 PM.
- **Please carry picture ID at all times when entering the school.**
- If you are utilizing the **quick drop-off** in the AM, please **DO NOT EXIT your vehicle**. The children should exit **independently** from the driver's side. Traffic build up on New Highway poses as a safety issue for all! Thank you~

September Welcome Back  
2023-2024



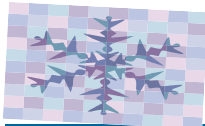
Wood Park  
Primary School



"Who We Want to  
Be Starts With  
Character!"

Telephone: 631-858-3680

## Inclement Weather



**SNOW!**

In the event of a school closing, the school district's School Messenger system will contact all families during the morning hours. It is imperative that you inform the school of any phone number changes that occur during the school year. In order for you to receive a phone call, we need your most recent and updated information. Please make sure your personal information is updated on the Parent Portal!

Please see the Parent's Page on the District website to make updates and changes to the Parent Portal.

In addition, you may utilize the district website, [www.commackschools.org](http://www.commackschools.org) for information pertaining to delays and openings.

**Delayed Openings** will be in effect if it appears that the school can be opened safely after one or two hours after the regularly scheduled arrival time. In the event of a delay, lunch times will follow the regular schedule.

**Early Dismissal** will occur if during the AM hours the weather conditions strengthen and appear to hinder the safety of regular dismissal procedures. At this time, your child will go to the home you have indicated on your early dismissal card. It is **IMPERATIVE** that your child is aware of your family's plan. As the winter months arrive, please be sure to review this plan as a family.

Dear Wood Park Family,

I would like to welcome you to another exciting and eventful school year. Over the past eighteen years, working together, we have created new initiatives, revisited Wood Park traditions, and enriched the curriculum through our various PTA programs.

This opening newsletter will provide you with important information that you can use as a resource during the school year.

Be sure to check our District's Social Media pages to keep you informed of our exciting school's events and classroom highlights!

In addition, if you should have questions about school policy or procedures, please refer to the Wood Park Parent Handbook which can be found on the District website under the Wood Park our schools tab.

During the summer months, our faculty have been very busy preparing for the opening of school. We are looking forward to greeting all of the Wood Park students on August 31st during our School Visitation!

I would like to thank the entire school community for their commitment and dedication in preparing for a clean, safe, organized, and successful opening day!

If questions arise during the school year that are related to in-class events, please ask to speak with the classroom teacher. If you have questions that deal with the overall program, curriculum, or activities, please feel free to contact me during the year.

I look forward to seeing all of our families at Open House on Wednesday, September 27th!

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Collison*

## PEACEFUL SCHOOL BUS RULES

### TRANSPORTATION

- ◆ Stay seated at all times; the driver may tell you where to sit.
- ◆ Always respect others, the bus, and yourself.
- ◆ Flinging things in or out of the bus is not allowed.
- ◆ Eating, drinking, or writing on the bus is not allowed.
- ◆ Talk quietly; no hurtful words.

Transportation is arranged through our transportation office. If you have concerns regarding pick-up times or bus stops, please contact the transportation office. All children are expected to observe safety procedures and conduct themselves in a courteous manner. If a child compromises the safety procedures, the bus driver will complete a Bus Conduct Report. **If a student receives repeated Conduct Reports, further disciplinary actions such as parent meetings or bus suspensions may occur.**

Telephone # 631-912-2020



**At the primary level, backpacks on wheels are not permitted on campus. They are cumbersome and can present many safety issues. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.**

**All electronic toys, phones and trading cards are not permitted in school.**

# 7 HABITS

*The work of Steven Covey*

- 1. Be Proactive**
- 2. Begin with the End in Mind**
- 3. Put First Things First**
- 4. Think Win-Win**
- 5. Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood**
- 6. Synergize**
- 7. Sharpen the Saw**

*Throughout the year the Wood Park children will be engaged in assemblies, lessons, and will be reading literature about Steven Covey's 7 Habits. Our goal is to develop independent leaders for the 21st century. Visit our website to learn more about the Habits.*



## OUR SCHOOL SONG

Wood Park, Wood Park  
We love our school,  
We have fun in every way.  
Our teachers help us  
To be strong,  
And guide us along each day.  
It's true we learn our lessons,  
But more than that you'll see  
We're working as a family,  
We're building our community.

## AUGUST & SEPTEMBER OVERVIEW

8/29-Kindergarten PTA Meet & Greet-10-11am

8/31- Student/Parent Visit 10-Noon

9/5- First Day of School

9/7- BOE Meeting @ Hubbs

9/15- Constitution Day

9/20-Class Parent Tea @8:45AM

9/20- PTA Meeting @9:45AM

9/25 -School Closed

9/27- Open House

9/29—Primary Spirit Day

## Recess/Lunch

- Each classroom is supervised by our lunch aides during lunch and recess.
- Please send your child to school with the appropriate footwear and outdoor clothing. Please see Backpack News for further information.
- Outdoor recreation is provided, weather permitting.

## Lunch Times

Kindergarten 11:30-12:20

1st Grade 1:10-2:00

2nd Grade 12:20-1:10

## MISSION STATEMENT

All children at Wood Park, in partnership with teachers and parents, will have the opportunity to:

- Think and communicate effectively
- Develop self-worth and respect
- Acquire a love of learning
- Be challenged in a learning environment where they are involved in their growth and development

The future is today at Wood Park!



## School Visitation

**Our Kindergarten Meet and Greet** will take place on the back field on August 29th. Check Backpack News for details.

We look forward to seeing all of our families during our school visitation on August 31, 2023 from 10-12pm.

All School Supply Kits that have been ordered will be delivered directly to your child's classroom. You will have the opportunity to label and organize your child's materials with your child on August 31st.

All supply lists can be located on Backpack News!