

# Washington Elementary School

September 2022



## Welcome to the 2022-23 school year!

We are excited to open our doors to a new school year on Tuesday, September 6!

Students should arrive for a start time of 8:45am and weather permitting, will be greeted by their teachers outside on the blacktop.

Our school day runs 8:55am to 3:30pm. Students will be welcomed in starting at 8:45am daily. Please do not drop students off prior to 8:45am as there is no supervision.

In this newsletter, you will find important information about the start of the school year.

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## Washington School Mission Statement

At Washington Elementary School, we foster a student-centered community where all students are inspired to discover their own passions, accept and appreciate the differences in one another, and make reflective and responsible choices that will make the world a better place.

**2022-23 Edison Township Public Schools  
Calendar**

# Welcome Letter--Superintendent Bragen

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Kindergarten Orientation--11am New Student Orientation--1pm	2 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	3
4	5 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Labor Day	6 <b>SCHOOL OPENS</b>	7	8	9	10
11 	12	13 <b>Start Strong Testing Grades 4-5</b>	14	15 <b>Back To School Night 6:30pm</b>	16 <b>SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY!</b> 	17
18	19	20	21	22	23  <b>CHUCK E CHEESE'S PTO EVENT</b>	24
25	26 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Rosh	27 <b>SCHOOL</b> Hashanah	28	29	30 <b>SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY!</b>   <b>ICE CREAM SOCIAL</b>	

## Homeroom Assignments & Bus Information

The Genesis Parent Portal opens on Monday, August 22nd. **\*\*NEW DATE\*\***

Before you have access to your child's teacher assignment, you will be prompted to electronically sign off on several important documents.

Once the forms are completed, you will find your classroom teacher assignment and bussing information. Please note that bussing information is updated right up until the first day of school. Please be patient and we will help you work through the process.

## Genesis Parent Portal

The Genesis Parent Portal includes important information such as beginning of the year forms, bus assignments, teacher assignments, student grades, report cards, attendance records, and conference sign ups.

Please ensure you have your Parent Portal account set up by clicking on this [link](#).

**The school main office cannot reset your account.** You must reach out to the Genesis Helpdesk directly by following instructions on the website.

We are excited to announce that WES is offering Parent Portal help sessions. More information on this will be coming out in the next few days.

## First Days of School

The first few days of school are critical for establishing routines and expectations at Washington School.

### Arrival and Dismissal

From arrival on the first day, we will set the expectations for the school community when transporting students to and from school. Our utmost priority is the safety of all students! If we all follow the set expectations, we will succeed at keeping everyone safe. Please obey the traffic rules and BE PATIENT! Cambridge Road is chaotic during these times of day.

### School Expectations

It is expected that students are respectful to other students, staff, and to themselves. We have a nurturing school community that fosters the growth of the whole student. It is just as much our job to help students grow socially and emotionally, as academically. We will spend the first few days establishing routines around the school and in the classrooms.

### School Supplies

All standard school supplies will be provided to each student when they arrive to school on 9/6. Teachers may request additional items over the first week. Each student should come to school with a backpack, water bottle, and lunch (if not purchasing).



## WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCHOOL SUPPLIES 2022-23



In-school supplies will be provided for **ALL** W.E.S. students through Title I Funding. Teachers may request additional supplies once the school year begins.

Each student should come to school with a backpack.

## Technology

All students will utilize a school provided device. These devices are an integral part of the learning process so proper care of them is necessary. It is strongly encouraged that all students purchase device insurance. Help with devices and insurance is available at the [Help Desk](#).

**Parent Helpdesk & Technology Support**

## Food Services

We are thrilled to announce that we are participating in a free breakfast program again this year. All students will be provided a free breakfast that will be ordered the day ahead. Lunch service is \$3.00 unless you have been approved to receive it at a free or reduced rate. See the flier below or our website for more information on how to set up a myschoolbucks account.

When packing student lunches, please keep in mind that they should be able to open packages and eat lunch independently. Of course, we have lunch aides to assist, but it is best to keep lunches simple. Please no soda or candy should be brought to school.

## Free and Reduced Lunch

If you are in need of financial assistance for free/reduced lunch, please complete [this form](#). It gets processed through the district. Other benefits are available for families who qualify for free/reduced lunch.



**Welcome Back to School  
2022-2023**  
Healthy Meals Grow *Healthy Kids!*

**Edison Township Elementary Schools**

Did you know your child's school lunch includes a wide variety of fruits, vegetables, and whole grain-rich foods? Maschio's school lunches have less saturated fat and sodium than other lunches and contain zero trans fat. Our meal portions are designed for your child's age and we offer a wide variety of healthy options like fat-free and low-fat milk. We take great pride in being able to offer your children healthier food choices so that they can fuel their bodies to get them through the school day and beyond!

**View your menu:** <https://edisontps.nutrislice.com/menu>  
**Register for an online payment account:** <https://www.myschoolbucks.com/>  
**Cash and check payments are also accepted for meals. For checks, please include your payment form and make check payable to: Edison Township Public Schools**

**Breakfast Begins: September 7, 2022**      **Student Breakfast: \$0.00**  
**Lunch Begins: September 6, 2022**      **Student Lunch: \$3.00**

All lunches include grains/breads, meat/meat alternative, fruit/juice/vegetable, and refreshing milk. Students must choose at least 3 items. Make sure 1 is a fruit, 100% fruit juice, or vegetable!

**Contact Information**  
 If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please contact  
 Armida Caldwell, Food Service Director      [acaldwell@maschiofood.com](mailto:acaldwell@maschiofood.com)  
 You can learn more about Maschio's by visiting [www.maschiofood.com](http://www.maschiofood.com)  
 If you would like to contact our corporate office please call (973) 598-0005  
 or email us at [comments@maschiofood.com](mailto:comments@maschiofood.com)

**We look forward to a GREAT year!**

**FOOD ALLERGIES?**  
 Please call us at (973) 598-0005 to speak to one of Maschio's Registered Dietitian Nutritionists.

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Healthy meals grow  
*healthy kids!*

**Student/Family Handbook**

**Dress Code**

As per [BOE Policy 5511](#):

All clothes should uphold the principles of safety, health, modesty and good grooming. For the safety of students, please do not send students to school with crocs or flip flops.

# After/Before Care

Before & after care is provided by the Edison Recreation Department. More information on price and registration can be viewed on their website [here](#).

## Title I

We are pleased to announce that Washington Elementary School qualifies for Title I funding for the 2022-23 school year.

Title I programming provides resources and guidance to schools to ensure economically disadvantaged children receive a fair, equitable, and high-quality education, by helping to close academic achievement gaps.

Utilizing Title I funding, all students at WES will begin the school year with the necessary school supplies. Keep a look out for future family night events sponsored through Title I funding.

## Upcoming Events:



### Welcome EHS Class of 2035

We are excited to have full day kindergarten this Fall. We are happy to welcome 75 new tigers to our school community.

### New Students

Welcome to our newest Tigers! We are happy to have you and look forward to meeting you on September 1st.

### Back To School

Parents only please! Grades 1-5 classes. Two sessions available so you won't miss out on any information.



SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS  
SEPTEMBER 16TH & 30TH

## Parent Teacher Organization

Join the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) and take pride knowing that you are playing an important role by being involved in your child's education.

Help to make a difference in the lives of the students at Washington Elementary School!  
Just \$10 per family for membership dues.

[Membership Form](#)

[Birthday Grams](#)



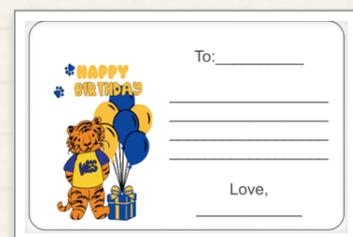
### PTO Event

Join your friends at Chuck E. Cheese for an afternoon of fun!



### Ice Cream Social

What a better way to end the first month of school!



### Send some birthday cheer!

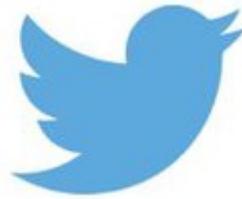
Birthday grams are available for purchase through the PTO. Keep an eye out for a flier going home the first few days of school.

Follow us on social media for the most up to date information including family events, school closings, calendar changes

**STAY CONNECTED WITH WASHINGTON SCHOOL**



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