

EVW Times Newsletter

June 2023 Edition



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Principal's Monthly Bulletin ~ June 2023



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 K-2 Field Day PreK Ice-Pop Social	2	3
4 K-2 Field Day PreK Ice-Pop Social (Rain Date) Board of Education Meeting	5 Primary Election Day Schools Closed "Give Back Day"	6 PTA Meeting @ 7:00pm	7 2nd Grade Finale Families Invited	8	9	10
11 Incoming Grade 3 Orientation to TLS & JCS	12	13 Grade 2 Yearbook Signing Celebration & "Grade 2 Clap Out"	14	15 End of Marking Period IV	16	17
18 Father's Day	19 Schools Closed Juneteenth	20 FMG Moving Up Ceremony	21 Early Dismissal JDHS Graduation Summer Sobriety	22 Early Dismissal Last Day of School Report Cards Available	23 Schools Closed "Give Back Day"	24
25 First Day of Summer School Board of Education Meeting	26	27	28	29	30	

Events to Kick-Off the Month

June 2nd: EVW PreK Ice Pop Social & K-2 Field Day

June 6th: Schools Closed "Give Back Day"

June 7th: PTA Meeting @ 7:00pm

June 8th: 2nd Grade Finale

EVW School Lunch Menu June 2023

JUNE 2023 Springfield Public Schools Walton School				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
#1 - Chicken Tenders w/ Dinner Roll #2 - Ham Sandwich #3 - Muffin & Yogurt Bag	SCHOOLS CLOSED NO LUNCH SERVICE	#1 - Hamburger w/ Tater Tots #2 - Italian Sub #3 - Muffin & Yogurt Bag	#1 - Pizza Crunchers #2 - Ham & Cheese Sandwich #3 - Muffin & Yogurt Bag	FIELD DAY #1 - Ham & Cheese Sandwich #2 - Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad w/ a Roll #3 - Muffin & Yogurt Bag
#1 - Popcorn Chicken w/ Dinner Roll #2 - Turkey Sandwich #3 - Breakfast Bento	#1 - Mozzarella Sticks w/ Marinara Sauce #2 - Ham Sandwich #3 - Breakfast Bento	#1 - Pizza Crunchers #2 - Ham Sandwich #3 - Breakfast Bento	#1 - Mini Waffles w/ Chicken Sausage #2 - Turkey & Cheese Sandwich #3 - Breakfast Bento	#1 - Pizzeria Pizza #2 - Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad w/ a Roll #3 - Muffin & Yogurt Bag
SCHOOLS CLOSED NO LUNCH SERVICE	#1 - Pizzeria Pizza #2 - Ham Sandwich #3 - Breakfast Bento	EARLY DISMISSAL NO LUNCH SERVICE	EARLY DISMISSAL NO LUNCH SERVICE	EARLY DISMISSAL NO LUNCH SERVICE
Breakfast Bento: 2oz Bagel, 4oz Yogurt, Cream Cheese, String Cheese	Muffin & Yogurt Bag: 2oz Muffin, 4oz Yogurt, Cheese Stick, Granola	A Complete Lunch Includes: Entree (with Protein/Grain) Trip to The Farm Stand (students must select at least a serving of fruit or vegetable) Homemade Fresh Milk		

Main Office Happenings

For your convenience, a school calendar, a school lunch menu, message from our main office staff, nurse's office, and counselor is included to provide you with information on upcoming events / programs at the Edward V. Walton Early Childhood Center for the month of June.

We would like to take a moment to acknowledge the dedication and hard work of the faculty and staff of Walton School. Our faculty and staff are simply the best and our students have made such incredible progress under their care. We are extremely grateful to the faculty and staff as they are the key component of the children's success.

Furthermore, a special thank you to the strong partnership between families and teachers and the support of the curriculum, as we have completed a successful school year in ensuring that the academic and social emotional needs were met for all children.

We are also truly excited to witness all of our young students move up to the next stage of learning. The school is very proud of its students who displayed a strong work ethic to be the best that they can be! Our students are simply incredible! We wish our current second graders luck as incoming third graders at either TLS or JCS in the fall. And to our returning and new students, we welcome and challenge you to an exciting 2023-24 school year. For our returning families, please know that upcoming notifications will be made regarding key dates to the upcoming 2023-24 school year. Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

JUNE 2023 HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE NATION

June is Pride Month!



This annual celebration commemorates (LGBTQ)+ contributions and achievements throughout history, society and cultures worldwide. It is an opportunity to learn how this community has strengthened the diversity and progress of our nation.

Juneteenth



Juneteenth

Juneteenth is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans. Deriving its name from combining "June" and "nineteenth", it is celebrated on the anniversary of the order, issued by Major General Gordon Granger on June 19, 1865, proclaiming freedom for slaves in Texas.

Springfield Public Schools 2022- 2023 District Calendar

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September '22						
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November '22						
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20/20						

9/5	Schools Closed- Labor Day
9/6-9/7	Schools Close- Staff Development Days
9/8	First Day of School!
9/26 & 9/27	Schools Closed- Rosh Hashanah
10/5	Schools Closed- Yom Kippur
	School Closed- Columbus Day/ Indigenous People's Day
10/10	
11/8	Schools Closed- Staff Development
11/10 & 11/11	Schools Closed- NJEA Convention
11/21	PK-8 Only: Early Dismissal P/T Conf.
11/22	PK-8 Only: Delayed Opening P/T Conf.
11/23	Early Dismissal- Thanksgiving
11/24 & 11/25	Schools Closed- Thanksgiving
12/23	Early Dismissal- Winter Break
12/26-1/2	Schools Closed- Winter Break
1/16	Schools Closed- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
2/8	Early Dismissal- Staff Development
2/20	Schools Closed- President's Day
3/2	PK-8 Only: Early Dismissal P/T Conf.
3/3	PK-8 Only: Delayed Opening P/T Conf.
4/3-4/7	Schools Closed- Spring Break
5/26 & 5/29	Schools Closed- Memorial Day
6/19	Schools Closed- Juneteenth
6/20	FMG Moving Up Ceremony
6/21	Early Dismissal
	JDHS Graduation/Report Cards
6/22	Early Dismissal-Last Day of School**

	Regular Schedule	Delayed Opening Start	Early Dismissal
Walton K-2	8:50 AM-3:10 PM	10:20 AM	1:00 PM
Walton AM PK	8:50 AM-11:30 PM	10:20 AM	10:40 AM
Walton PM PK	12:30 AM- 3:10 PM	1:15 PM	1:00 PM
Caldwell & Sandmeier	8:40 AM-3:00 PM	10:10 AM	12:50 PM
FMG	7:45 AM- 2:30 PM	9:15 AM	12:13 PM
JDHS	7:40 AM- 2:31 PM	9:10 AM	12:07 PM

Report Cards	
Parent/Teacher Conferences	Schools Closed
Early Dismissal Days	Staff Development
**5/26, 6/6, 6/23 are Inclement Weather Days.	
Inclement weather days will be taken in the following order: 6/23, 5/26, 6/6. The last day of school will be early dismissal. If more than 3 inclement weather days are taken, necessary days will be taken from Spring Break starting 4/3 going forward. Please be aware of this when planning for the school year.	

February '23						
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March '23						
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April '23						
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30	*end of marking period 15/15					

May '23						
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21/21						

June '23						
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Cultivating compassionate and extraordinary learners!

Board Approved: March 27, 2023

Marking Period IV (Key Dates)

Marking Period IV Ends: June 16th

Report Cards Available: June 22nd (Last Day of School)

(*Families may access their child's report via their OnCourse parent/guardian portal account*)

Student Arrival/Dismissal Procedures

The safety of our students is of the utmost importance. Arrival and dismissal are very busy times for every member of our school. Increased traffic volume and weather conditions can cause an even greater deal of congestion within our school ground lanes. Please follow all arrival and dismissal procedures accordingly. If your child is a "walker," parking is prohibited on our school grounds, as this creates congestion and safety concerns. In addition, please do not block the box upon entering school by car. This creates congestion and delays our busses from entering the grounds. When entering school by vehicle, please follow the correct lane (by grade level) and reduce speed to ensure everyone's safety. In addition, if you are a walker, please be sure to utilize any one of our cross-walks. Please do not walk through the parking lot areas of the grounds. We thank you for your cooperation to make our arrival and dismissal procedures safe and efficient for all of our students and their families. Please refer to the student handbook (beginning on page #5), which outlines our arrival and dismissal procedures in depth.

Additional Arrival/Dismissal Reminders:

Family Drivers:

All cars waiting on Mountain Avenue must have their directional signals on and remain in their vehicles. Please "Do Not Block the Box/Driveway" upon entering school property. Please remain in your vehicle during pick-up and drop-off. Do not leave your vehicle unattended. Please drive slowly at 5 mph. Please stop at each crosswalk and check for families crossing for their safety/well-being. Walkers always have the right of way. Please stop your vehicle (and look both ways) when you approach a STOP SIGN (unless directed otherwise). Please park only in designated parking spots, NOT on the loop/traveling lanes. Please do not block residential driveways.

Family Walkers:

Please keep your children close to you as you walk around the school property, especially in the parking lot and by the arrival and dismissal locations. Please remember to use the designated crosswalks on school property. Parents must accompany their children when using crosswalks. Do not walk between vehicles, as this creates a safety concern for you and your family and others.

Emergency Closings

If you have any questions regarding school closing or delayed opening, please call the school closing hotline number 973-376-1025 and press 8. This information is updated regularly on questionable weather days. You will still receive automated calls.

Walton School's Student "Call for Safety" Absence Line

If your child will not be in school or will be late please call the "Call for Safety Line" at 973-376-1025 ext. 2650. You may leave a voice message the night of and/or in the morning on the day of prior to the start of school if your child is going to be out. When your child is going to be late please remember they are marked absent until they enter the building. The office staff will change the absence once the student is signed in. Please do not use email as a form of calling your child out from school.

Walton School's Lost and Found

Please remind your child that if they are missing any personal belongings to ask his/her teacher for assistance to the lost and found, which is located in our main office hallway wing.

June/2023 PreK-2 Student Lunch Menu & School Lunch Order Form:

To view the Student Lunch Menu for the month of June, as well as the weekly school lunch order form for your child, please utilize the following link for instant access:

<https://www.springfieldschools.com/3/Content2/190>

EVW Student Handbook

Please refer to our student handbook as it includes important information pertaining to start/end times, arrival dismissal procedures, as well as health and safety guidelines and protocols within our school community.

EVW's 2022-2023 Student Handbook Webpage Link:

<https://www.springfieldschools.com/3/Content2/1476>

Springfield Public Schools ~ 2023 Summer Enrichment Program

Reminder: Registration for the 2023 Summer Enrichment Program **OPEN**

Summer Registration (Brochure) Link:

<https://www.springfieldschools.com/docs/district/summer%20enrichment/2023summerenrichmentbrochure20230501.pdf?id=12598>

School Nurse Happenings

Stay in the shade whenever possible especially during mid-day when the sun rays are the strongest. Drink plenty of water even if you are swimming! If you must be in the sun, cover up with light clothing, a hat, and sunglasses. Apply sunscreen 30 minutes before entering the sun and reapply often. Monitor for signs of heat exhaustion to treat it before it progresses to heat stroke, which is a medical emergency.



Have a safe and healthy summer!

Please contact our school nurse, Ms. Lassen with any questions regarding this information at 973-376-1025 ext. 2491 or ewnurse@springfieldschools.com

Thank you for your cooperation regarding this important matter.

Rebecca Lassen, School Nurse

School Counselor Happenings

June Theme: Citizenship

As we quickly approach the end of the year, we can reflect on the school year we have had, as well as looking forward moving to the next grade. Throughout the year, our students have had the opportunity to learn how to behave outside of their homes and how to become a citizen of Walton school.

The month of June character theme is **CITIZENSHIP**. Students who show that they are fair in their actions and words will be recognized by their teachers, awarded a certificate, and will pose for a picture for Mrs. Saliceti.

Through our character education program and our social emotional themed weeks, our children have had the opportunity to be able to recognize and name their emotions, make responsible decisions, establish and maintain healthy and supportive relationships, and how to communicate, collaborate, and listen to be able to problem solve and resolve conflicts constructively with their peers.

Over the summer, I encourage you to continue to reading books geared to social, emotional learning with your children. Here are a few recommendations:

SEL Recommended Books

- Just Ask by Sonia Sotomayor
- Steps and Stones by Gail Silver
- When Miles Got Mad by Sam Kurtzman-Counter
- The Invisible Boy by Patrice Barton
- A Little Bit Brave by Nicola Kinnear
- The Way I Feel by Janan Cain
- The Bad Seed by Jory John
- Big Feelings by Alexandra Penfold

We hope you all have a safe and healthy summer vacation, practicing the skills of friendship and always following the "Golden Rule". We wish our second graders the best of luck and hope that you come back to visit and say "hello".

Warm Regards,
Mrs. Saliceti, EVW School Counselor
Mrs. Marchese (TLS) & Ms. Oliveira (JCS), EVW Grade 2 School Counselors








School Spirit Month Happenings

School Spirit celebrates and enables students to become enthusiastic and supportive of our wonderful school in participating in optional full school activities. School Spirit Dress Up themes create and encourage a common bond between fellow classmates, faculty, and staff within our school community. To promote school spirit and unity, our school will be implementing a school spirit theme for an entire week (which is optional). Character Education themes and other school initiatives (ex. peace, acceptance, respect, etc.) will be the focal point of these themes.

Please note that each Friday of the month we will celebrate Walton School Spirit Day, in which our school community will proudly wear (optional) either their BLUE & ORANGE SCHOOL COLORS to school or EVW School Spirit T-Shirt provided by our very own PTA. The June School Spirit Theme will be held during the school week from June 12-16, 2023. Walton School would like to invite our entire community (students and staff) to participate in a fun and inspiring school spirit week (last one of the school year), which is listed as follows:

*Edward V. Walton Early Childhood Center
School Spirit Week Theme
June 12-16, 2023*

Monday 6/12/2023	PARTY IN THE USA  Wear Red, White and Blue Attire
Tuesday 6/13/2023	ALOHA DAY  Wear attire with Hawaiian or flower prints, lei and more!
Wednesday 6/14/2023	NEON "FUN IN THE SUN" DAY  Wear your brightest NEON colors!

<p>Thursday 6/15/2023</p>	<p>"BEAT THE HEAT" SUMMER DAY</p>  <p>Dress up in BEACH ATTIRE (No swimsuits and for safety; no flip flops, sandals, crocks)</p>
<p>Friday 6/16/2023</p>	<p>SCHOOL SPIRIT COLORS</p>  <p>Wear WALTON attire and show your Walton Unity!</p>

On behalf of the Walton Staff, we wish our families a safe, enjoyable, and restful SUMMER BREAK in advance!