



BALDWIN-WHITEHALL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Whitehall Elementary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year at Whitehall Elementary School! We are delighted to have your child join us for an exciting year of learning and growth in grades 1 and 2.

I am Mrs. Heatherlyn Wessel, and I am thrilled to be stepping into the role of principal here at Whitehall Elementary. This marks my 18th year in the Baldwin-Whitehall School District, and I am deeply passionate about working with primary learners. I look forward to partnering with you to create a nurturing and inspiring environment for your child.

We are also fortunate to have Ms. Melissa Ferguson returning as our assistant principal. Ms. Ferguson has been a dedicated member of the Baldwin-Whitehall School District for 12 years, and her commitment to our school community continues to make a positive impact. Together, we are eager to support your child's educational journey.

This year, we will be implementing flexible grouping during intervention time for English Language Arts (ELA) and Math across grades 1 and 2. This instructional strategy involves organizing students into groups based on their specific learning needs and strengths in each subject. These groups are dynamic and can change as your child's skills develop. By using this approach, our teachers can tailor instruction more effectively, ensuring that every child receives the targeted support or challenges they need to succeed. More information will be shared regarding this initiative as the year progresses.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. Our school office is open from 7:45AM-4:30 during the school year and you can reach us at wesoffice@bwschools.net or by calling 412-885-7525.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. We look forward to a wonderful school year filled with learning, discovery, and growth!

Warm regards,

Mrs. Heatherlyn Wessel
Principal

Ms. Melissa Ferguson
Assistant Principal

Important Details:

- **First Day of School:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024
- **Arrival Time:** 8:45 AM- 9:00 AM
- **Dismissal Time:** 3:30 PM- 4:00PM
 - Please complete this form if you know your learner will be a car rider every day: [PikMyKid- WES Car Rider Information](#)
- **Student schedules:** Student classroom information including homeroom teacher room number will be released in Skyward on August 23rd.
- **Open House:** [Click here to access the WES Open House Flyer](#)
 - First Grade: Wednesday, August 28th
 - Second Grade: Monday, September 9th
- All schools will continue adhering to a No Bag policy within our buildings. All visitors are required to leave bags of any kind, including purses, in their vehicles prior to entering the school.
- Suggested supply lists:
 - [First Grade Supply List](#)
 - [Second Grade Supply List](#)