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Lagway Parents,

We hope you are having a great week. I apologize in advance for the lengthy email, but hopefully we are able to answer your questions before school starts. Here's a checklist to help you get ready! Our website is a great source of information when you have questions; however, our district is rolling out a new website in the coming days, so be on the lookout for things to look a little different.

1. Meet the Teacher

August 8th- 5:30pm-7:00pm for Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd
August 9th- 5:30pm-7:00pm for 3rd, 4th, 5th

- Log on to your Parent Self Serve as early as 9am on August 8th to view who your child's teacher is for this upcoming school year. Look under the tab "Schedule." If your child has multiple teachers, the attendance teacher is the homeroom teacher.
- Bus riders must know their bus number to tell your teacher. Find this on the My Ride K-12 (formerly Traversa Ride 360) App
- Car Rider signs will be available in your child's classroom if you registered for one in [SchoolPay](#).
- Bring school supplies!

2. Lagway Calendar and District Calendar

It is time to pull out your calendar to mark all of the school holidays, early release dates, and staff development dates. We strive to have our students present every day. Hopefully, this will help you plan those visits to the dentist, other appointments, and family vacations. Please see attachment for our district calendar.

3. Registration Forms

Returning students rolled over to the new school year; however, we need you to update and fill out all the important forms we need for successful communication. [Click here](#) to fill out this year's information. New students, these forms were filled out when you registered.

4. How is your student getting home?

It's imperative we know how your child is getting home from school. Please visit [schoolpay.com](#) to fill out the necessary information. SchoolPay is a system our district uses to help with payments such as library fines but also RSVP to events, field trips, etc. **FYI-**You are not being charged for a car rider sign, but it does look like you are checking out. **Please fill this out by August 4th.**

Car Rider Signs

Signs will be available at Meet The Teacher. If you plan on picking your child up in the car rider line (even if it is the 1st day of school only), you will need a car rider sign for this school year. We change the color every year and update information on the back, so you will need a new one.

If you don't have a car sign, you will be asked to park and go inside to pick up your child. We apologize for the inconvenience, but it is for the safety of your child.

Car Rider Line Videos

Please view our videos to see how we run our car line. The best way for us to view your car sign is on a "shorts" hanger on your rear view mirror. Please leave it visible until you get to the cone/curb where your child is standing.

- [Morning Line Video](#)
- [Afternoon Pick up Video](#)

Bus

If your child is riding the bus, we need a bus form. You can do that by filling out and updating the registration forms we talked about in #3.

You must register your child with the My Ride K-12 App. This is where you will find your bus stop information. If your child does not have a bus stop, click on the Contact Us link on the website and it will direct you to our transportation department. You can let them know your child does not have a stop. Returning students will need to do this by August 4th, so you can tell your child's teacher what bus he/she will be riding. This will help avoid the long lines at Meet The Teacher. We will have someone here from transportation at Meet the Teacher if needed. **Bus Stops on the App will be active July 31st.**

Daycare

If your child will be going home via daycare, you will select that specific daycare in SchoolPay as well to let us know where they are attending.

5. Kindergarten Parent Meeting August 1st at 5:30 PM

This is an informational meeting to let you know what to expect in Kindergarten, plus helpful information about Lagway Elementary.

6. Frequently Asked Questions

Some items have changed for this school year so please take a moment to read our Frequently Asked Questions that is attached to the email. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call our front office.

7. Lunch Account and Free/Reduced Lunch Application

Apply today to receive a free or reduced lunch. A [new application](#) is required every year. If you are not able to access digitally, an application is attached to the email.

8. Volunteer Application- Opens August 1st

We have a fabulous PTO and WatchDOGS program, and we welcome opportunities for you to volunteer at our school. You must have an approved volunteer application on file before you can be on campus and work with our students. This includes being a chaperone on field trips, helping out at fun runs, field day events, etc. Please keep in mind it takes up to 2 weeks to process so you don't want to delay.

9. Early Bird

Willis ISD offers the Early Bird Program for students needing before school care. Students can be dropped off as early as 6:30 AM. Visit the website under the Students & Families tab for more information and to get your payment in through SchoolPay.




10. Mabels Labels

These fantastic labels are an option for you to purchase so jackets, coats, lunch boxes, water bottles, etc. can be returned to your child from our Lost/Found. You would be amazed at the number of items donated to charity from our Lost/Found. While we love donating to those in need, we'd rather get these items back to you. It is an ongoing fundraiser and proceeds go towards student activity.

We look forward to seeing you! Our mission is to cultivate a community of learners to be the leaders of tomorrow. I'm excited to partner with you as we educate your child(ren).

Mrs. Wilder

Attachments:

-  [24_-25_WISD_Academic_Calendar.pdf](#) (390.4 KB)
 -  [LunchApplication.pdf](#) (2.9 MB)
 -  [Hard_Copy-FrequentlyAskedQuestions2024.docx.pdf](#) (375.4 KB)
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