



# Wyoming Primary Schools

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May 23, 2025

Dear WPS Families,

As we prepare to wrap up the 2024–2025 school year, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for the support, encouragement, and partnership you've shown throughout the year. It has been a true honor and joy to serve as the principal of Wyoming Primary Schools. I am so grateful for the relationships we've built, and I look forward to continuing to work alongside our incredible Wyoming families in my new role as Director of Pupil Services.

I'm also thrilled to welcome Mrs. Jenn Earhart as the next principal of WPS. Jenn brings strong leadership, deep experience in elementary education, and a warm, student-centered approach that will serve our schools well.

As we look ahead to next school year, here are some key August dates to mark on your calendar:

- **Monday, August 4** – Welcome Emails will be sent, including your child's class placement and important back-to-school information.
- **Monday, August 11** – **Hilltop Parent Meetings at Friendship United Methodist Church** (corner of Fleming Rd. and Springfield Pike) will be offered at **4:00 p.m.** and **6:00 p.m.** to provide flexibility for families. These meetings will include a chance to tour the space and learn more about arrival and dismissal logistics.
- **Tuesday, August 12 (8:00–8:30 a.m.)** – Open House for Grades 1–4
- **Wednesday, August 13** – First Day of School for Grades 1–12
- **Wednesday, August 13 & Thursday, August 14** – Kindergarten Phase-In Appointments (Sign-ups will be included in the August 4th Welcome Email)
- **Friday, August 15** – First Day of Kindergarten

**School Supply Lists** for the 2025–2026 school year are now available and can be found here: [WPS Supply Lists](#). Please take a moment to review the list for your child's grade level as you begin preparing for the year ahead.

We look forward to a strong finish next week! Thank you again for a wonderful school year. I hope your summer is filled with rest, joy, and time with loved ones—and we look forward to welcoming you back in August!

Warmly,  
Dr. Gina Kirchner  
Principal, Wyoming Primary Schools

## Counselor Corner

There is great excitement as we enter the summer months, but sometimes that excitement fades and some people start to feel lonely, stressed, sad and/or overwhelmed. Here are a few tips to help you through the summer:

1. Do Something Good for Others: Altruism is associated with a decreased sense of hopelessness and stress, less depression, increased physical health, and enhanced self-esteem.
2. Laugh: Individuals with a greater sense of humor are more cheerful and have higher self-esteem. They are also more likely to develop close, social relationships. Humor can help to minimize the importance of stressful experiences. Laughing can produce positive physiological effects such as reducing muscle tension, increasing the flow of oxygen to the blood, exercising the heart, and producing endorphins.
3. Keep a Routine: A routine helps build positive habits. Structure also helps increase feeling safe and comfortable with the transition from school to summer.
4. Exercise: Exercise is a great stress buster. Try to limit screen time and optimize outside time!
5. Sleep: Sleep allows our bodies to repair and refresh and prepare for the coming day. Children should be getting at least 8 hours of sleep each night.

\*Adapted from

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ob8fIHQPXSTQewkUHamohkUuj0uqrSkS/view?usp=sharing>

Have a great summer, and we look forward to seeing everyone in August!

## Field Day T-Shirts

Field Day t-shirts were sent home this week. Parents, please check your shirts and reach out to Sarah Greene at [wpsa.pacchair@gmail.com](mailto:wpsa.pacchair@gmail.com) with any errors.

## Volunteer Opportunities for 2025-2026 School Year

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we look ahead to the 2025–2026 school year, we're excited to continue building a strong, supportive school community—and we'd love your help!

Parent and guardian volunteers play a valuable role in enriching our school environment. Whether you're assisting with classroom activities, helping at special events, or supporting lunch and recess, your time and energy make a big difference for our students and staff.

If you're interested in volunteering, please take a few minutes to review and complete the **Volunteer Sign-Up Forms** attached. There are a variety of opportunities to match different schedules and interests.

The forms linked below include:

- **A QR code to a Google Form** to express your interest in being a room parent. PAC Reps will follow up in early August, once class rosters are finalized.
- **A QR code to a SignUp Genius (SUG)** to volunteer for lunch and recess duty. To help make these times safe and inclusive for all students, please review the following guidelines
  - Raptor approval - All volunteers must have current Raptor clearance (new or renewed - raptor is good for 3 years)
  - Orientation Video - Please watch the short orientation video linked in the form and complete the accompanying Google Form to confirm you've viewed it.
  - SUG Guidelines - To allow all families to volunteer we ask that each parent signs up for only **one shift per month**.
    - *Exception:* If you have children in different lunch periods (e.g., one in K-2 and one in 3-4), you may sign up for one shift in each group.
    - If multiple slots are taken beyond your allotment, PAC Reps will adjust the schedule and remove the excess sign-ups.
    - If additional help is needed during the year, we will reach out via email to open up more slots.

**Important:** Please make sure you open the attachment and complete the forms for your **correct school**, as each link is school-specific.

[Elm Volunteer Sign-Ups](#)

[Hilltop Volunteer Sign-Ups](#)

[Vermont Volunteer Sign-Ups](#)

Thank you for considering how you can get involved. Your support helps us make our school a wonderful place to learn and grow!

Warm regards,  
Sarah Greene - outgoing PAC Chair

Ellen Michael - incoming PAC Chair  
[wpsa.pacchair@gmail.com](mailto:wpsa.pacchair@gmail.com)

## Upcoming Dates

- **Field Day & Last Day of School** - May 29th

[View the full WCS calendar here.](#)

## News from Around Wyoming

[Click here for more Events and Information from around WCS & the community](#), including:

- Finance Friday - Call to Action: State Funding
- Volunteer Opportunities: CAC & BIC
- Summer Athletic Camps at Wyoming High School
- Upcoming Events
- PSA School Supply Kits: Place your order now!
- Wyoming Historical Society collecting Wyoming Primary Schools memories