West Rockhill Elementary School

2025-2026:

Arrival and Drop Off:

- Doors open **to all students at 8:35 AM**. Students are considered **late after 8:50 AM.**
- If you are dropping off your student in the morning, please pull into the car rider entrance on Washington Avenue any time from 8:25 AM to 8:49 AM, turn right into the playground area. Proceed around the playground area back toward the little circle at the end of the primary wing. Pull to the front of the drop-off line in the little circle.
- Students must exit and enter cars from the right-hand side of the car for their safety. **Drivers should remain in their cars, at all times.** Staff will assist children with instruments or anything else they need.
- Please exit by using the car rider entrance by which you entered the school property.
- If you are going to pick up your child on a regular basis, a form must be completed allowing your child to be a car rider on a specific day or days. This form is located on our website under the Families tab. If there is a change to your child's dismissal, please write a note and indicate who will be picking up your child.
- All families are given two signs containing your student's last name. If you misplaced your signs, please notify the office. Please keep this sign in the passenger side windshield during afternoon pick-up. All new families will be receiving two signs containing your student's last name.

Attendance:

- Parents/guardians are required to report their child's absence, late arrival and/or early departure in SafeArrival using one of three methods:
    1. Use the SchoolMessenger app downloaded to a mobile device
    2. Call the toll-free number: 1-888-292-9573
    3. Go to https://go.schoolmessenger.com

- Parents/guardians may also call the school at 215-257-9200 or email WREAttendance@pennridge.org to report an absence, late arrival and/or early departure.
- Absences shall be deemed 'unlawful' unless the school receives a written excuse explaining the reason for the absence within three (3) days of the absence. A detailed analysis regarding truancy can be found at www.elc-pa.org/truancy.

Back to School Night:

- Kindergarten – Grade 5 Back to School Night for parents/guardians is on Thursday, September 11, 2025:
    - Grades K-2 - 5:30 – 6:00 PM
        - Transition 6:00 – 6:30 PM
    - Grades 3-5 - 6:30-7:00 PM

Buses:

- The buses always run a few minutes late on the first days of school. Please be patient as our drivers learn their new routes.
- Pennridge School District Transportation can be reached at: 215-453-2725.

Clearances and Raptor:

- To volunteer at any school/classroom event or to chaperone a field trip you must have current clearances on file with the district. Once issued, clearances are valid for five years.
- When applying for clearances, begin the process well in advance of when you want to start volunteering to ensure the process is completed in time for your date of service. Feel free to contact the District Office prior to making a trip to turn in your clearances at 215-257-5011.
    - PA State Criminal History Report (obtained online; cost: (No Cost)
        - https://epatch.pa.gov
    - Child Abuse Certification (obtained online; cost: (No Cost)
        - https://www.compass.state.pa.us/CWIS
    - FBI Criminal History Report (fingerprinting required - apply online; cost: (Current Cost $26.20)
        - https://uenroll.identogo.com
        - Enter Service Code 1KG6ZJ
        - Choose Schedule or Manage an Appointment follow prompts
    - PDE Form 6004 - Arrest & Conviction Report
    - After you are fingerprinted, within 24 to 48 hours, you will receive an email message from Identogo with your certificate. (We are unable to use the receipt from your appointment). Please print your certificate and bring it to the DAO along with the other 3 clearances and your driver's license. We will verify your clearance documents and you will be put into the Raptor system.

- See district website for more information:
    - https://www.pennridge.org/departments/human-resources/clearances
- When entering the school for events, your license must be scanned into our Raptor system. If your license was scanned prior to May 20, 2021, your license must be scanned again.

Kindergarten Busing for Half-Day Programs:

- Kindergarten students will be bused one way to school each day. AM students will be bused to school in the morning with parent pick-up in the middle of the day. PM students will be parent drop-off in the middle of the day, and they will ride the bus home at the end of the day.

Meet and Greet for Students and Parents in Grades K-5:

- Thursday, August 21, 2025, 2:30 - 3:30 PM. This event gives students and parents an opportunity to have a “sneak-peak” at their new classroom and to meet their new teacher.

Parent Portal:

- It is imperative that each parent/guardian logs into PowerSchool Parent Portal annually to verify and update your student’s information. The information is not updated until you press **submit** and receive confirmation. The Tylenol and Antacid releases, Emergency Contact emails and phone numbers, Media Authorization, Computer User Agreement, etc. are all on this site.

Police Visits:

- We are excited to share that the Pennridge Regional Police Department will continue frequently visiting West Rockhill Elementary School to further establish a positive relationship between our local police department, students and staff.

PTO:

- Our Parent/Teacher Organization is looking for volunteers to join them in supporting the education of our students. There are different ways in which you can support our students, including things that can be done from home. In-Person meetings start at 6:30 PM and virtual meetings start at 7:00 PM. The 2025-2026 PTO meeting schedule is listed below:
    - Monday, September 8, 2025 at 6:30 PM – In person
    - Monday, October 6, 2025 at 7:00 PM – Teams
    - Monday, November 10, 2025 at 7:00 PM – Teams
    - December 2025 – No Meeting
    - January 2026 – No Meeting
    - Monday, February 2, 2026 at 7:00 PM – Teams
    - Monday, March 2, 2026 at 7:00 PM – Teams
    - Monday, April 13, 2026 at 7:00 PM – Teams (Rescheduling due to other events)
    - Monday, May 4, 2026 at 6:30 PM – In person

SchoolMessenger and Seesaw:

- It is important that you read the announcements and materials sent electronically via SchoolMessenger or Seesaw. Emergencies and weather announcements will be sent via SchoolMessenger.

West Rockhill Newsletter and Seesaw:

- An electronic newsletter/weekly communication will be sent via Seesaw. Each communication may contain important calendar events, as well as information from our guidance counselor, our cafeteria manager, our nurse, our PTO, and the main office.
- Student work will be communicated with parents via Seesaw on a regular basis. We encourage you to log into Seesaw to see what's "happening" in your child's classroom!