



August 2025

Dear W.L. Henry Families,

Hello, mark your calendars for Thursday, August 28th anytime between 4:30 - 6:00pm, to come and meet your student/s teacher, enjoy some ice cream and visit with other Wildcat families. We cannot wait to see our returning families and welcome those of you who are new to us. For those of you who are new, welcome to our Wildcat Familia! You are now part of a beautiful, caring, multilingual community. For all of our families, we value you and your student/s and work hard to support the social, emotional and academic growth in English and Spanish of each and every child. We look forward to working together to provide the best educational experience for our wonderful Wildcats. Our educators are caring, supportive, have high expectations and are devoted to providing a safe, welcoming classroom community for your child. I am honored to lead and serve this incredible dual language community for the 10th year! I have had the privilege of meeting and getting to know so many of you and I am grateful for your continued input and support. Thank you, I love our community and am excited to begin the 2025 - 2026 school year!

**Here are some important dates to remember:**

- August 15th - School office (503-844-1690) opens, 7:30am - 3:30pm.
- August 27th - Family Connections and Transitions (Welcome Outreach - we call you!)
- August 28th - Meet the Teachers/Ice Cream Social, anytime between 4:30 - 6:00pm

*We will have a backpack for any student who would like one. We are fortunate to have school supplies donated to us so we only ask that you purchase a water bottle for your student. You do not need to purchase any other school supplies. If you would like to send a snack to school with your student, that is helpful for them, and if you would like to donate a snack for the class (granola bars, crackers, no candy or chips please) we would appreciate that. If not, we provide a granola bar for students who do not bring a snack from home.*

- September 1st - Labor Day Holiday
- September 2nd - Teacher Preparation Day
- September 3rd - First Day of school for 1st - 6th Graders
- September 4th - First day of school for Kindergarteners

**School Hours:**

Our school hours are 8:00am - 2:20pm M/Tu/Th/F and 8:00am - 1:50pm on Wednesdays.

- Students who eat breakfast at school may enter the building at 7:35am
- Students who do not eat breakfast should arrive **no earlier than 7:55am.**
- Please do not leave children unattended before the above times. Let us know if you have a special circumstance and we will try our best to accommodate your needs.

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### **School Meals:**

We are pleased to announce that Hillsboro School District is approved to offer meals at no cost for all students through June 2028 under the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). **All** students attending any of HSD's 36 school sites are eligible to receive a healthy complete breakfast and lunch at **no cost**. No further action is required of you. Your children will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay for meals or submit a meal application. You can view menus at <https://lingconnect.com/public/menu/ERRCAH> or [Hillsboro School District Menus](#).

### **Family Involvement Opportunities:**

We hope that many of our community members can volunteer in our building or supervise on field trips during the 2025-26 school year. All volunteers need to be approved in advance through our school district. Please fill out the volunteer application or update/renew/check the status of your current application by visiting <https://www.hsd.k12.or.us/volunteering>. Please reach out to Brenda or David in our office for support if needed.

### **School Attendance:**

*Please do everything you can to help your student attend school consistently and on time. It is hard for children when they miss Morning Meeting and literacy or math instruction.* Every minute of every day matters in your child's education. Research suggests missing fewer than 9 days a year helps students succeed in school and later in life. Our goal is for every student to attend at least 90% of the school year. Missing school—whether excused or unexcused—means missing important learning and connections. Please help your child arrive on time daily (teachers pick students up from the cafeteria at 7:55, academics begin at 8:00), plan vacations around the [district calendar](#), and use the [Too Sick for School guidelines](#) when they're ill. If your child is absent, call **503-844-1693**. You'll receive an automated call if we don't hear from you around **9:30 a.m.** Please leave your child's name and reason for absence, including symptoms if they are ill. Thank you for your support.

**Bus Routes:** *W.L. Henry is a walking zone school (students live within 1 mile of school). Bus transportation is not provided except under very special circumstances.* There is an after school bus for students enrolled in Boys & Girls Club. Schedules and walk zone information are developed by the school district's Transportation department. They will send you directions on how to access this information online at the end of August. Please let us know of any childcare or address changes right away. You may call Transportation at 503-844-1123 if you have specific questions.

### **Going home plans:**

You will receive a paper copy to complete at the beginning of the school year to confirm your child's plan for getting from school to their after school destination. Once returned to our office, this document will serve as the daily plan for your child. **If a "day-of" change needs to be made, please call the office during the school day as early as possible to inform us of the change.**

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### **ParentVUE:**

The email addresses and phone numbers in our student information system are what we use to send families important news and updates, information about your child's attendance, and safety and emergency communications. In case of an emergency, it is extremely important that we have your current address, phone number and emergency contact information. Please verify your information by logging into [ParentVUE](#) and/or contact our main office staff if you have any information that needs to be updated.

### **Parent Drop-Off and Pick-Up:**

Please be respectful and safe when dropping off and picking up your student. Students are to be dropped off by the curb only. **You may wait at the curb to pick your child up but you may not leave your car or park in the fire lane at any time (if a curb is red that is a no parking zone).** People have received tickets from the Fire Marshall, we do not want you to receive a ticket and we need to keep our fire lanes open in case of an emergency. Please help us keep our students, staff and parents/guardians safe by driving slowly and carefully and by using the crosswalk at all times.

Thank you for helping us by being wonderful role models for your student/s and engaged in their learning. We are working hard to prepare for an excellent 2025 - 2026 school year. We can't wait to see you all and meet our new students and families. Have a wonderful rest of your summer. See you soon!

Respectfully,

**Lisa Aguilar Fasel**

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Principal

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