



FAIRHOPE WEST ELEMENTARY

July Parent Q & A

Things you are pondering.....

IMPORTANT: Registration is open! Refer to the email sent from BCBE News for directions. To prepare for our Teacher Reveal and receive your child's teacher prior to Meet the Teacher, please register your child by July 21st.

How do I find out who my child's teacher will be this year?

FIRST, make sure to register your child by July 21st to ensure a teacher is assigned to him/her to receive our special teacher reveal. Our reveal will be sent to parents through Parent Square or Email prior to Meet the Teacher on August 7th. A confirmed date of the reveal will be sent later this month, so parents will know when to expect their text or email. We are thrilled to make this special and exciting for our students!

When is Meet the Teacher?

Parents/Guardians and child will be able to visit the school on Thursday, August 7th during the designated times below (based on your child's last name) to meet your child's teacher! More detailed information will be coming soon on this exciting event. It's the most anticipated day of the summer!

| Last Name | Time |
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| A-H | 3:00 - 4:00 pm |
| I-Q | 4:00 - 5:00 pm |
| R-Z | 5:00 - 6:00 pm |
| PreK | 3:30 - 5:00 |

How can I find out what bus my child rides or information about carline?

Specific information will be available regarding buses at Meet the Teacher on August 7th. Parents will have the opportunity to find out your child's bus, meet the bus driver, and get a car line tag if needed. *If your child will be a car rider at any point this year, a guardian MUST have an FWE Car Rider tag displayed in the windshield, which they will receive at Meet the Teacher.*

Does West have t-shirts to purchase for my child?

T-shirts are available to purchase online through a separate company and will be delivered to the address used through the online store. Order your t-shirts and sweatshirts using this link: <https://fwes.costaprints.com/FWES/shop/home> Please consider supporting our West community with this easy fundraiser for our school. There is a variety of designs (comfort color and dry-fit) as well as a grade level/field trip t-shirt. Thank you for supporting West!

What is the Uniform Policy at West?

Baldwin County has a dress code – not an official uniform policy as in the past. Please refer to the BCBE student handbook, specifically pages 33-35. <https://www.bcbe.org/Page/24919> for the dress code.

What supplies does my child need?

On our school website, you will find a school supply list for each grade level. You can also purchase school supplies through an online store sponsored by our PTO. Click the link: [PTO Store](#). Super easy! **Deadline to order is July 11th.** In the PTO Store, FWE yard signs are also available to purchase.

Parents and Guardians, please feel free to bring and drop off your child's school supplies to Meet the Teacher on August 7th. Many of you go over and beyond to help your child and our teachers, so feel free to ask your child's teacher if there is anything extra s/he may need.

I'm new to West. Will there be any type of orientation for new families coming to West?

Parents/Students are invited to an orientation meeting on Tuesday, August 5th at 5:30pm in our FWE Cafeteria with FWE Administration to learn more about our wonderful school! This is just a quick 30-minute introductory meeting to help our new families as they transition to West.

I have a Kindergarten student, is there some type of orientation?

With our teacher reveal and Meet the Teacher on August 7th, you and your child will learn all you need to know to be ready to start an amazing Kindergarten year! FWE PTO is sponsoring a Kindergarten Popsicle Play Date for all kinders and their parents on Sunday, August 10th at 4:30 at the FWE playground. What a "sweet" opportunity for our students to meet each other as well as parents to meet other Kinder parents!

Is there a PreK Orientation?

PreK teachers will be reaching out by phone to each parent later in the month of July with information. Along with that phone call, digital reveal, and meet the teacher, you and your child will be ready to start the year!

What time does school start and end at FWE?

Arrival/Dismissal Schedule

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| 7:15 | Buses and Carline unload and report to the cafeteria for breakfast or Classroom |
| 7:35 | Breakfast ends |
| 7:45 | Car Line ends and doors are closed; Students should be in class <i>*After 7:45 am, parents must sign the student in through the office.</i> |
| 7:50 | Students are tardy and must report to office |
| 2:50 | Dismissal for Bus Riders |
| 2:55 | Dismissal for Car Riders, Walkers, or After School Care |

How can I find more information or make sure to stay updated with all the happenings at West?

Facebook is an important resource we use to get information out to parents as well as text, email, and our school website. When you register your child, make sure you click the box to receive notifications, especially through text. We value our parent partnership and want to make sure we communicate effectively to help you and your child.

I will send another Parent Q & A later this month with more tidbits of information. We can't wait to see all of you at Meet the Teacher, Thursday, August 7th. It's going to be an AMAZING year!

Jenny Davis
Principal