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Dear Primary School Families:

We made it through the first week of school!

What a great first week back to school! Thank you to all of our families who joined us for Curriculum Night! We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to hear about what you can expect your child's experience to be like at school. We are looking forward to a wonderful school year together!

Smart Start Parent Feedback

We would love to capture feedback from parents regarding your Smart Start experience! [You can share feedback on our new back-to-school plan here.](#)

MAP Reading and Math Assessments Begins Next Week:

Every year our students participate in **MAP Reading and Math assessments** to help us better understand their individual strengths and areas for growth. By giving MAP three times a year we can measure student growth in between test sessions. This provides teachers with helpful information to guide instruction, plan learning experiences, and support each student throughout the year. Please review the schedule below for your child's testing dates and times.

	August 25th–August 26th MAP Reading	September 1st & 2nd MAP MATH
1st & 2nd	9:00AM–9:50AM	9:00AM–9:50AM
3rd	10:00AM–10:50AM	10:00AM–10:50AM
4th	11:00AM–11:50AM	11:00AM–11:50AM
Kindergarten*	August 31st–September 4th MAP Math	September 8th–10th Map Reading

**Kindergarten testing will occur in small groups over the course of a few days.*

Acadience Assessments- Kindergarten

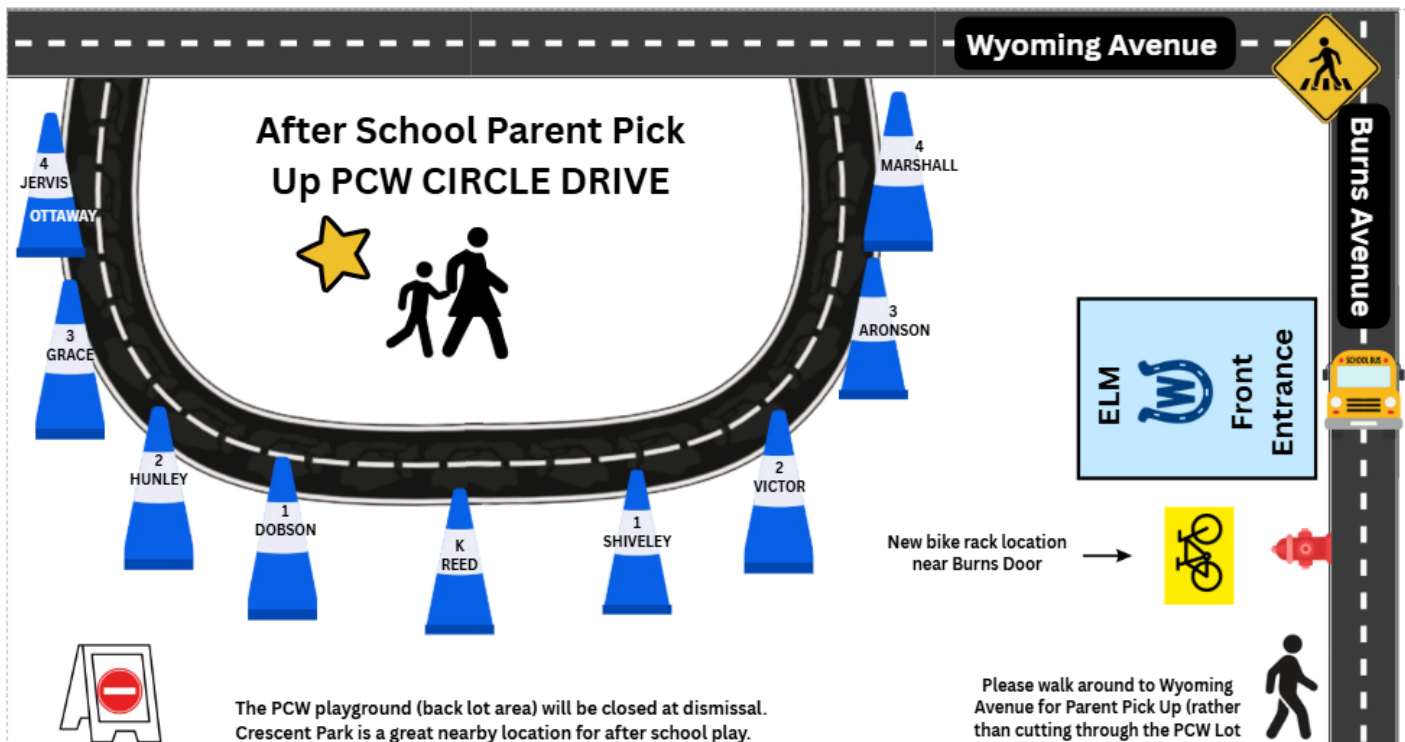
Next week, our kindergarten students will complete Acadience assessments. Acadience provides teachers with helpful information about students' early literacy skills, including areas such as letter knowledge, sounds, and other foundational reading skills. This information is one of several tools our teachers use to understand each child's strengths and determine where additional instruction or support may be helpful.

NEW UPDATE: Elm @PCW Arrival Dismissal Change

Our students have readily adapted to our new learning space at PCW! We are learning every day and working hard to improve our processes as we experience PCW in real time with our students. **Please note the changes we are making starting on Monday, August 24th:**

1. **The bike rack will be moved from the back playground area to the arrival space near the Burns Avenue door.** This allows us to have direct supervision of our bikers as the transition into the building. The bike rack.
2. **Our dismissal location is changing from the back parking lot area to PCW's Circle Drive on Wyoming Avenue.** Minimizing our dismissal footprint increases security and promotes a face-to-face exchange between teacher and parent. This promotes connection and community while enhancing safety, which is especially important for our youngest learners.

We greatly appreciate your support and flexibility as we fine tune our procedures and routines.



Hilltop Arrival & Dismissal Plan

Hilltop's school day is 8:30 AM–3:30 PM. Last year, Hilltop transitioned to a **car rider line using Pickup Patrol**. This year, our goal is to make morning arrival even more efficient so that we can maximize instructional time and get students settled and ready to learn as quickly as possible. Our routine for the first two weeks of school will vary a bit as we work out busing schedules and navigate arrival and dismissal procedures. With roughly fifty fewer students this year (our large 4th grade class is now at the Middle School and we have one full day kindergarten class instead of two), here is our goal:

August 17–August 28 First Two Weeks of School	August 31st and Beyond
• 8:20 AM: Doors open for walkers and bike riders • 8:20 AM: Car Rider Line begins • 8:30 AM: All students are inside the building/modular classroom	• 8:25 AM: Doors open for walkers and bike riders • 8:25 AM: Car Rider Line begins • 8:30 AM: All students are inside the building/modular classroom

A few things you can do to help increase efficiency at arrival:

1. **Stay alert, pull up close to the car in front of you and stay in your vehicle.**
2. **Ensure that your student can enter and exit your vehicle independently (school staff will support when needed).**
3. **If an unexpected event occurs and it prevents your child from transitioning from the car to the building, pull into a parking spot so the car line can continue. We will have two parent parking spots at the corner of the lot on the right.**

Please plan your morning routine accordingly so that students are ready to begin their school day on time. We appreciate your patience and partnership as we establish these routines!

Vermont Arrival & Dismissal Plan:

Please take a moment to review these very important reminders:

1. **Safe Drop-Off Zone:** Please drop off all students safely along the sidewalk, keeping our roadways and crosswalks clear.
2. **Neighborhood Courtesy:** Help us respect our neighbors by keeping their private driveways clear during arrival and dismissal..
3. **Flow of Traffic:** Ensure a smooth, continuous flow of traffic by avoiding U-turns.
4. **Bus Lane Access:** Keep the designated bus line open for buses and official daycare vans.

Elm Groundbreaking Celebration: 5 p.m. Tuesday August 25, 2026

All are invited to celebrate the groundbreaking for the new Elm School! Students, staff, families, residents and alumni – come join the fun! The ceremony will begin sharply at 5 p.m. We look forward to sharing this milestone with you!

Hilltop School On-Campus Community Update: 6 p.m. Monday September 14, 2026

All are invited to gather at the Hilltop Construction Site, 425 Oliver Road, by the construction fence for an on-site update on the new Hilltop School! We'll meet on the Oliver Road side of the site with representatives from the school district, architecture firm and construction management company.

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

- Finance Friday: FY27 Income Tax
- Elm School Ceremonial Groundbreaking on August 25
- Opportunity for Optional Parent Account for Student Health Info
- Upcoming Events
- Order your Primary Grad Year T-Shirt and/or Kindergarten Yard Sign now at online WyoSHOP
- Volunteer Opportunity: Help Out at the WyoSHOP
- Kick off the school year at the Wyoming PSA Back-to-School 3-Point Challenge on August 22

Have a wonderful weekend!



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"What we know matters but who we are matters more."
~Brene Brown