



# Whitin Elementary School

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## Whitin Summer Parent Newsletter 2016

Dear Whitin Warrior Parents and Guardians:

**Welcome back students, parents & staff! We've missed you. Special welcome to our new Grade 3 students and our new enrolled students to WES.** Please join me in welcoming two new staff members to our WES community of learners: Mrs. Kayla Ledoux, Grade 4 teacher. Mrs. Ledoux is replacing Mrs. Remillard and comes to us from McCloskey Middle School where she taught Grade 6; Mr. Marc Clough, school psychologist, is replacing Dr. Iannuccilli. He comes to us from Sharon Public Schools in Sharon, Ma. We will be sharing Mr. Clough with Taft ELC.

Please go over the Whitin reminders, rules, upcoming events below for the start of the school year with your Whitin Warrior. Most importantly, please go onto the [www.uxbridgeschools.com](http://www.uxbridgeschools.com) website, click on Whitin Elementary School for the Principal's Message, \*Calendar of events for 2016-2017, our student handbook, and WES PTO Updates. \*MCAS dates not yet available – TBD-April-May.

### REMINDERS

School starts at 8:35. **Students can be dropped off for school at any time between 8:15 – 8:35 a.m. There is NO supervision for them prior to 8:15 a.m.**

All Grade 3 & 4 students will report to the Whitin Gymnasium on the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School.

All Grade 5 students will report to the Whitin Cafeteria on the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School.

Absentee – Call into Whitin office if your child is going to be absent 508-278-8640 by 9:00 a.m.

No parents will be allowed to park in circular driveway – BUSES ONLY

No parents will be allowed to park in the back of school – STAFF PARKING ONLY.

Visitor Parking is in the front of the cafeteria – guest parking signs are posted. Visitor Parking is allowed on Granite Street. NOTE: MARKED FIRE LANES – NO PARKING. UFD will ticket if parked there at dismissal.

Walkers will be dismissed from the cafeteria. Parents need to go into the cafeteria through door #16 to sign students out, not the main office. Walkers will be dismissed before buses. We need your full cooperation with this new procedure for safety reasons. Don't get upset if a staff member asks to see an ID until they get to know you.

Handicapped parking is in the front of the school (next to Principal's parking) and is in the first three spaces in the lot in front of the cafeteria.

Bus Route Information can be found on the website and newspaper in late August. **Please refrain from making play dates during the school year where your child has to take another bus. You should provide your own transportation for play dates. Thank you in advance for adhering to this rule.**

Lunch Prices - \$2.75 full lunch, \$.60 milk, \$2.00 entrée only, \$2.00 pizza slice, \$2.50 deli sandwich Menu can be found on website [www.uxbridgeschools.com](http://www.uxbridgeschools.com)

We are a **GREEN SCHOOL**, therefore, this is an on-line newsletter and will come out monthly to your email address or it can be found on our school's website at [www.uxbridgeschools.com](http://www.uxbridgeschools.com). Click on Whitin Elementary School and find the link to Newsletter.

### Whitin 3 R Rules

- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be Ready to Learn

**We will be practicing the 3 R's the first 3 days of school everywhere at WES. Parents will be getting these rules via email and at Meet the Teacher night. Please discuss with your child and feel free to implement the 3R's at home.**

### Start the School Year Right

- BE PREPARED
- ESTABLISH SPACE, TIME, TV ROUTINES
- BE FLEXIBLE DURING THE FIRST WEEK
- CREATE A POSITIVE LEARNING ATTITUDE

### Attention Grade 5 only!

We are looking for **three** more 5<sup>th</sup> grade students who would like to be on the Warrior News staff for the 2065-2017 school year. Students meet on Tuesday afternoons after school from 3:00 – 4:00 pm with Linda Boise, our volunteer retired reading specialist. Please email me if your child is interested in this event asap.

### Trading Pages

Thank you to those parents who have dropped off gently used books for Trading Pages at WES. We can still use more of them. There is a bin in the main office hallway where you can leave them for Linda Boise, our volunteer librarian and creator of this new endeavor for our students. This program will begin in September for students.

### WEE Deliver

Can you believe that between the staff and students, 3,000 letters were delivered through the WEE Deliver (Stamp out Illiteracy) Program? Grade 3 students will learn all about this soon and this year, our goal is to have parents get involved. Stay tuned for more news about WEE Deliver in September. Interviews for the postal positions will be taking place at the beginning of October.

## Nurse's Notes

Mrs. Donatelli, our school nurse, will be sending a monthly newsletter home about school health separate from the parent newsletter this coming school year. Please look for those informative newsletters via your email address.

## Upcoming Events

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| August 31, 2016    | First Day of School – Welcome Back!   |
| September 5, 2016  | Labor Day – NO SCHOOL   |
| September 6, 2016  | School Committee Meeting – 7:00 pm UHS Library  |
| September 7, 2016  | Grade 5 Student Instrument Info. Assembly 8:35 a.m. Whitin Café<br>Rick's Musical Instruments |
| September 7, 2016  | WES PTO Meeting – 7:00 pm WES Cafeteria   |
| September 8, 2016  | USEPAC Meeting – 7:00 pm UHS Library  |
| September 9, 2016  | PTO Welcome Back Movie Night (Zootopia) 5:30-9:00 p.m   |
| September 14, 2016 | Meet the Teacher Night – 6:30-8:00 p.m.   |
| September 15, 2016 | Rick's Musical Instruments Night for Grade 5 Parents 6:30 p.m. – Café                         |
| September 22, 2016 | Autumnal Equinox 10:21 a.m.   |
| September 23, 2016 | First Full Day of Autumn  |
| September 23, 2016 | School Pictures' Day  |
| September 30, 2016 | Warrior Colors Spirit Day   |



