

First Day of School

August 22, 2017

From Mrs. Stokke:

Welcome Back to Wasco or if you are new to the Wasco Community, WELCOME!

The following is a quick guide to the first day of school. I will send out future communications to provide school updates and other important information. As always, please contact the school if you ever have questions or concerns.

The forecast is good so it looks like we'll meet everyone outside tomorrow morning at 8:25. Parking will be tight-carpool if you are able.

Teachers will each have signs with their names on them holding them high for students and parents to see. All of our staff members will be outside to greet students and parents and to get them where they need to be.

Grades K-2 teachers will be lined up near the K-1 exterior doors on the blacktop adjacent to the Community Room exterior doors.

Grades 3-5 will be lined up on the black top near the black fence closer to the parking lot/drop off lane.

This is a perfect time for photos, smiles and high-fives! Once the 8:40 bell rings, teachers will lead students into the school to their new classrooms. Smile, wave and give a huge thumbs up to your child to give them the confidence and encouragement to have a great day. It is expected that parent not accompany their child to the classroom. Huge opportunity to build that independence!

Parents are invited to a PTO reception from 8:30-9:30 in the Community Room.

Driving/drop-off/pick-up safety instructions (first day and everyday)

- Please plan to arrive early as drop-off/pick-up lines can be long.
- Please be patient as we direct traffic and supervise the safety of our students.
- Please park **ONLY** in the school parking lot in front of the school. Do not park along School Street or in the bus lane behind the school. We have many buses that drop off/pick up students in the bus lane and/or driving along School Street while getting in line to drop off/pick up students.
- **NEVER** park, wait in or block the handicap parking spaces. Even for a moment.
- When dropping off/picking up students, please enter/exit the school parking lot slowly and follow the directional arrows around the lot into the drop off/pick up lane.
- Please pull all away up to the first open space.

- Students must be ready to enter/exit the vehicle immediately and should be able to independently exit/enter the vehicle and not require assistance.
- Students must enter/exit the car on the passenger side, closest to the school. **NEVER** allow students to exit the car on the *driver side*.
- If your student requires assistance entering/exiting the vehicle, please park in the parking lot and walk them to/from school using the crossing lane.
- **CELL PHONE USE IS PROHIBITED IN ALL SCHOOL ZONES, INCLUDING THE PARKING LOT! IT IS THE LAW!**
- We have staff members on duty to assist and who will gently remind you of our safety precautions as needed. Please know that these reminders are for the purpose of keeping our students safe at Wasco School and are not intended to upset or offend our community.
- Please drive slowly and safely while driving through or parking in our school parking lot. We have many small students and siblings that are hard to see as they navigate through the lot.
- Last year, Wasco School experienced several parking accidents resulting in automobile damage, door dings and fender benders. If you witness a parking lot accident, please alert our staff immediately.
- Safety is #1-thank you for your cooperation!

Visiting Wasco School

Any time/every time a parent or other visitor visits Wasco School for any reason, either outside on the playground or inside, a visitor's badge must be obtained through the main office. Always report to the main office to obtain a visitor's badge (ID required) before going to your destination. We must ensure everyone on our campus or in our building is safe and accounted for-**NO** exceptions. Thank you for understanding and for your cooperation to keep our students and staff safe!

We look forward to seeing you tomorrow and welcoming our students back for a fantastic year!

Barbara Stokke