

Watson Times

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September 2017



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 9/6: First day of school for grades 1-5
- 9/12 - Kindergarten orientation (9:00)
- 9/13: First day for kindergarten students
- 9/20: Open House (4:00 - 6:00)

The Nurse's Office

Welcome Back Students and Families!

I am very happy to be back at Watson School to start the new school year and thank you all for your cards and well wishes.

As usual we have a busy September planned. I will be starting the hearing and vision screens on the children during this month. I plan to start in the Kindergarten classes first and move my way up the grades. Any student needing a referral for further evaluation will be notified with a notice home to the family.

Also just a reminder, we are a peanut free school building. Please do not send your child to school with peanut products. We have a number of students with Severe Peanut Allergies. Please help us to keep our students safe at school.

And as always please free free to call me at any time if you have any questions.

Mrs. Couto

Hello! We are excited for this upcoming school year! If you would like to join the PTO or help the school in any way, please get in touch with us. There will be more information to come at the Open House.

Message From Principal Carvalho

Welcome back Watson families! The teachers, staff and I have worked very hard all summer preparing new exciting lessons for your children.

There will be more project-based learning and an amazing new science programs for grades 3-5. All grades will be using more technology in their classrooms allowing students more choice and the ability to move at their own pace.

As you know, we have changed our hours this year. Students begin their day at 8:35 but if they would like breakfast, they are welcome to line up in the schoolyard at 8:25. We no longer have an early release on Wednesday. Dismissal is at 2:52 every day of the week.

Morning Care has started and is still available at 7:00 each morning. This year the cost is \$3.00 per day as we are open longer than last year. Please enter through the front door, sign-in in the main office and escort your child to the cafeteria. Please be sure you exit by the front door as the side doors are now alarmed.

We hope to see all families at our Open House on September 20th from 4:00 - 6:00.

We are off to a great start and we look forward to working as partners in your child's education.

Mrs. Carvalho

**WELCOME BACK
TO SCHOOL**

ATTENDANCE

Hello Watson Families!

Welcome back to a new school year! Last year we ended the year with 93.7% That is amazing and we want to beat that number this year! That means that **all students** need to be **in school everyday, all day, and on time!** Please try to make doctor/dentist appointments after school and if not, bring child to school, pick up and bring to the appointment and then bring them back to school with a excusal note. This year the district has developed a new attendance policy that states:

- 5 days tardy (without doctor's excusal) = 1 Unexcused absence
- 5 dismissals (without doctor's excusal) = 1 Unexcused absence
- Permits for sick absences can only be submitted to the school nurse for up to two weeks following the doctor's excused absence. No permits will be accepted after that time.
- A family vacation that does not happen on a school vacation is not excused.

We will continue with our attendance contest between classrooms. The class with the best attendance percentage for the week will receive a free dress down day on the Wednesday of the next week. The classroom with the best attendance for the month gets posted in the entry and gets a free extra recess with their teacher. The grade level with the best attendance all year receives a free surprise field trip in June! So please support your children by sending them to school everyday!! Looking forward to a great year!!

What is Going on In...

<p>Kindergarten</p> <p>Welcome Kindergarten Families! We are so excited to start this journey with your children! We will spend a lot of time learning routines and expectations of the classroom. We will be sending home letters with the ClassDojo information so please keep an eye out for that.</p> <p>We are so excited for this year and all the fun that we will have!</p>	<p>Grade 1</p> <p>Welcome Back! We are so excited for this new school year with our fantastic first graders. We are learning routines and rituals in our classrooms as well as getting to know each other. We have lots of fun and exciting activities planned for this year. Please sign up for ClassDojo if you haven't already.</p>	<p>Grade 2</p> <p>Welcome back 2nd grade families! We are excited to get to know all of our new friends. This month we will be practicing our learning through rituals and routines. Ask your loved one to tell you some of our classroom expectations. We look forward to a great year!</p>
<p>Grade 3</p> <p>In third grade, we are off to a great start! The children have been learning the new routines and expectations. We are getting to know each other and have begun to build a strong community of learners.</p> <p>We have begun our first math unit on geometry. Students are able to categorize 2-dimensional shapes based on their attributes.</p> <p>In ELA we will begin our year by diving into fables! We will be looking at the characters, problem, solution, and moral.</p>	<p>Grade 4</p> <p>Welcome to fourth grade! We have had a great start to a great year. We have been working on our classroom norms and routines. If you haven't already, please join us on ClassDojo. We look forward to seeing everyone at our Open House. Let's make this a great year of working together and helping your children grow their brains!</p> <p>-Miss Castro and Mrs. Purnell</p>	<p>Grade 5</p> <p>Welcome back!!! We have a lot of fun activities planned, and we are looking forward to having an exciting school year! Please sign up for Classdojo so that we can communicate throughout the school year. We look forward to meeting you at Open House.</p>
<p>P.E./Music</p> <p>Greetings from Mr B, Summer flew by like the wind! I am glad to be back to start the year with all of the Watson family. We will start the year with melody and how it moves and inspires. Please stress the fact that music is important as it relates to all other subjects.</p> <p>Your music teacher ..MR B</p> <p>I'm very excited to begin my second year at Watson as your P.E teacher. Your children and I have developed a great bond, and I'm looking forward to the school year ahead. This month we will spend time on rituals and routines, as well as reviewing movement skills from last year.</p> <p>-Ms.Burke</p>	<p>STEM</p> <p>Welcome back to a new year of learning! We have a lot of exciting science to do and things to learn this year. I am really looking forward to a new year with some new friends and some old friends! For the month of September we will be setting routines in place to ensure that we can do our scientific discovery in the most fun and safe way possible.</p>	<p>Coaches</p> <p>MATH</p> <p>Teachers and coaches are reviewing each student's scores and data in order to prepare for intervention groups. Using this data we can group children according to their level of need so that each child may be better prepared by strengthening their math foundation.</p> <p>READING: My name is Mrs. Booth and I am the new reading coach in grades 3-5. I am really excited to be working with such an amazing staff. We are also focused on data. This is to ensure every child is getting the specific help they need. Reading at home is very important. Talking to your child helps with their academic development.</p> <p>"There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all." Jacqueline Kennedy</p>

