

START OF SCHOOL QUICK REFERENCE

August 2018

Below are a few reminders for the beginning of school. Our first event is **Wednesday, August 15th** when we have our **Supply Drop off**. This is a time to meet your child's teacher and visit with friends. If there are new families in your neighborhood, please encourage the parents to register their children at Welchester as soon as possible. All of our planning is based on the actual number of students enrolled before school starts. Thank you!

THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR WELCHESTER WILL BE THURSDAY, AUGUST 16th

SCHOOL HOURS

Grades K-5: **7:55 a.m. to 2:50 p.m.**

Half Day Kindergarten: **7:55 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

PHONE NUMBERS

Welchester Office 982-7450

Attendance - 982-7449

FAX - 982-7451

Please note:

Students are not to be on the school property before 7:45 unless they are eating breakfast. There is NO supervision before 7:45. Breakfast is served from 7:25 a.m. until 7:50 a.m. Students eating breakfast may not be on school property before 7:25 a.m.

CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS

All classroom assignments will be available in the main entrance Wednesday, August 15th at 3:00 pm prior to our Supply drop off. Teachers will be contacting families to introduce themselves personally.

A map of the school is included for your convenience. Teachers' names will be posted on the outside doors of classrooms. On the first day of school, Thursday, August 16, students are to report to the outside doors of classrooms by 7:45 a.m. for the bell at 7:55 a.m.

OPEN HOUSE - MEET YOUR TEACHER AND BRING YOUR SCHOOL SUPPLIES

On **Wednesday, August 15th** your child will have an opportunity to meet his/her teacher before school starts. Stop by the school between 2:30-3:30 (Kindergarten) and 3:00-4:00 p.m. (grades 1-5) to meet your teacher, and explore your room. Remember to bring your school supplies!

DAY CARE

Before and after school day care program is available at Welchester. It is sponsored by YMCA and is available for your children before and after school. For more information call the YMCA at 720-524-2700.

CLINIC

Please note that Kim Parker- Health Aide will be in the clinic during registration and on Wednesday, August 15th, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Please plan to drop off your child's medications along with physician and parent signed paperwork. All medications including over the counter medicine (Tylenol, Benadryl, cough drops etc.) must have a physician's signature. Please make sure all medications are current, no expired medicines will be accepted.

SCHOOL FEES

Colorado State Law (CRS 22-32-117) allows the Board of Education to authorize the collection of fees. The district supplies students with textbooks and instructional materials which are necessary for successful completion of approved courses of study. Students may be required to pay the cost of these, as well as materials for projects when the items produced will be retained by the student. Find out about the details of school and bus fees on the [Student Fees web page](#).

Students who qualify for [Free and Reduced Meals](#) may qualify to have additional fees waived. See the 2018-19 [Eligibility Guidelines](#). When completing the [Free and Reduced Price Meal Application](#), parents must consent to the disclosure of the application information for use as an application for other fee waivers. Check boxes designating what programs the information can be used for are included on the bottom of the meal application. **Please be sure to check the boxes if you want to apply for additional fee waivers.**

LUNCHES

Lunch credits may be purchased either daily or in advance in weekly, monthly or larger increments if desired. Please make checks payable to Jefferson County Schools Food Service and your child's account will be credited.

School lunches cost \$2.85 for students. Breakfasts cost \$1.85. Free & Reduced lunch cost is FREE for PK-5, for those who qualify. Adult lunches are \$4.15 plus beverage. Milk is sold individually to students with sack lunches for \$.85.

Applications for free or reduced lunches are available on line at:

http://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/services/food_services/free_reduced_meals

PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOKS & CALENDAR AND SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS

A revised edition of the Welchester Parent/Student Handbook and Calendar is available on the school website at: <http://welchester.jeffcopublicschools.org/>

It contains more information on the items above and on many other topics, such as bicycles, cell phones, skateboards, scooters, homework, attendance, dress code and school discipline.

A Principal Weekly Note goes out to all families on Sunday afternoons for the following week. The Welchester World, our school newsletter, is our main communication for school news. The newsletter, will be sent home monthly via School Messenger as well as on the school website. Please be sure to read the Welchester World to be informed about school events and to support your children's learning.

ABSENCES

If a student is to be absent from school due to illness or family business, the school office appreciates being notified before 8:30 a.m. on the day of the absence. Please call (303)982- 7449 to report an absence. Definitions of excused and unexcused absences are included in the Parent/Student Handbook. A student will be considered **tardy** if arrival to school is after 8:00 a.m.

To report an absence, parents notify the school by calling Welchester's Voice Mail.

VOICE MAIL TELEPHONE # 982-7449 (Press #1 for attendance line)

- * Name of child
- * Name of caller
- * Child's teacher and/or grade
- * Dates to be absent and reason

Welchester's Voice Mail is available to parents 24 hours a day every day. At approximately 8:30 a.m. each school day, attendance calls will be checked. Every reasonable effort will be made at that time to contact the parents of absent students who have not been excused.