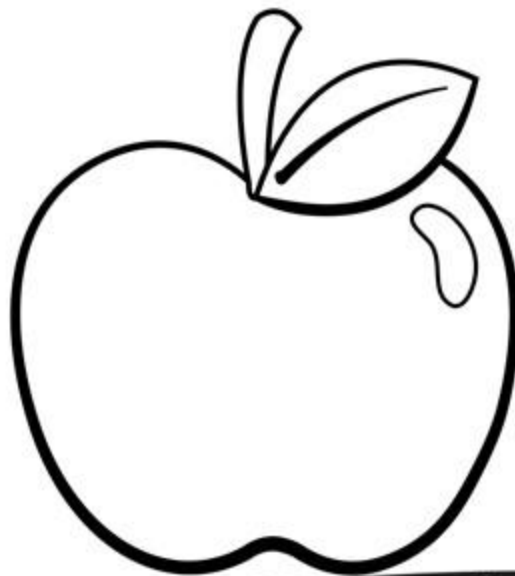


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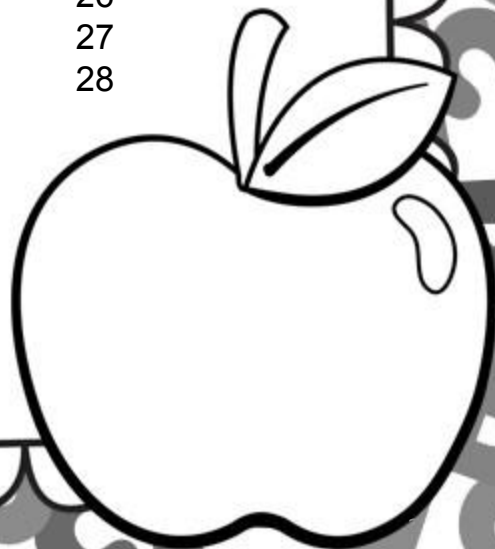
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# Welcome to Our Classroom

Dear Kindergarten Families:

We are looking forward to working with you and your children this year and helping them achieve their full potentials. Our days and weeks will be filled with many wonderful experiences and opportunities to learn and grow. We are so excited you will be part of our school family this year!

We believe that a good parent-teacher relationship is necessary for maximum school success. Throughout the year, we will communicate with you through notes, SchoolStatus Communications using phone calls, texts and emails, school telephone calls, school e-mail, report cards, and parent teacher conferences.

We encourage you to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year with you and your child!



# Checklist

Are you ready for the first day of school?

- ☐ Registration
- ☐ Backpack
- ☐ School Uniforms
- ☐ School Supplies
- ☐ Snack/Snack Money
- ☐ Extra Change of Clothes
- ☐ Transportation Information





# Philosophy

## **WCSD Mission Statement:**

The mission of the Wayne County School District is to provide all students with the skills and knowledge that are necessary to prepare them for success in college, workforce and to prepare them to be responsible citizens and lifelong learners.

## **WCSD Vision Statement:**

The vision of the Wayne County School District is to provide a safe environment to educate students for success in life and the workforce.



# CURRICULUM

Wayne County School District will follow the guidelines set forth by the Mississippi Department of Education as stated in the Mississippi College and Career Readiness Standards.

To view the Kindergarten MS College and Career Readiness Standards and Scaffolding Documents for English Language Arts, you may visit the following website:

[https://www.mdek12.org/sites/default/files/Offices/Secondary%20Ed/ELA/ccr/00.K-ELA-Scaffolding\\_2.pdf](https://www.mdek12.org/sites/default/files/Offices/Secondary%20Ed/ELA/ccr/00.K-ELA-Scaffolding_2.pdf)

ELA Pacing Guide:

[https://www.wayne.k12.ms.us/userfiles/12/my%20files/\\_pacing%20guides%2018-19/kindergarten%20ela%20pacing%20guide%20\(repaired\).pdf?id=16785](https://www.wayne.k12.ms.us/userfiles/12/my%20files/_pacing%20guides%2018-19/kindergarten%20ela%20pacing%20guide%20(repaired).pdf?id=16785)

To view the Kindergarten MS College and Career Readiness Standards and Scaffolding Documents for Mathematics, you may visit the following website:

<https://www.mdek12.org/sites/default/files/Offices/Secondary%20Ed/ELA/ccr/Math/00.K-Math-Scaffolding-Doc.pdf>



# CURRICULUM

Mathematics Pacing Guide:

[https://www.wayne.k12.ms.us/userfiles/12/my%20files/\\_pacing%20guides%2018-19/wcsd%20kindergarten%20math%20pacing%20guid.pdf?id=16775](https://www.wayne.k12.ms.us/userfiles/12/my%20files/_pacing%20guides%2018-19/wcsd%20kindergarten%20math%20pacing%20guid.pdf?id=16775)

Science, social studies, health, PE, visual arts, theatre, media arts, music, and dance will be integrated into the reading and math lessons based on the standards for each.

We use the following resources to ensure that the Mississippi College and Career Readiness Standards are met:

Ready Reading, Ready Math, Reading Street, Saxon Phonics, and Michael Heggerty.

All Kindergarten students will take the Mississippi Kindergarten Readiness Assessment. This test is also referred to as KRA. Students will take this test in the fall and again in the spring.



# Contact Information

Beat Four School.....601-735-2124  
Sandy Graham, Principal

Buckatunna School.....601-648-2501  
Michael Hall, Principal

Clara School.....601-735-2065  
Donna Hopkins, Principal

Wayne Central School.....601-735-2205  
Eric Smith, Principal

Waynesboro Riverview School..601-735-3159  
Shronda Turner, Principal





# Drop-Off & Pick Up

## **Drop Off:**

Students will be dropped by bus or car in the designated area at each school. Buses/Cars will begin unloading at 7:05. The tardy bell will ring at 7:25 and students that arrive after this time need to report to the office with a family member to sign in and receive a tardy pass.

## **Pick Up:**

Students will be picked up by bus or car in the designated area at each school. Buses/Cars will begin loading at 3:00.

**No Kindergarten student will be allowed to ride the bus if they are not five (5) years old on the first day of school. The parent must transport the student to and from school until their birthday of which they will turn five (5).**

**Any** changes to the way your child normally goes home need to be submitted in writing in advance.

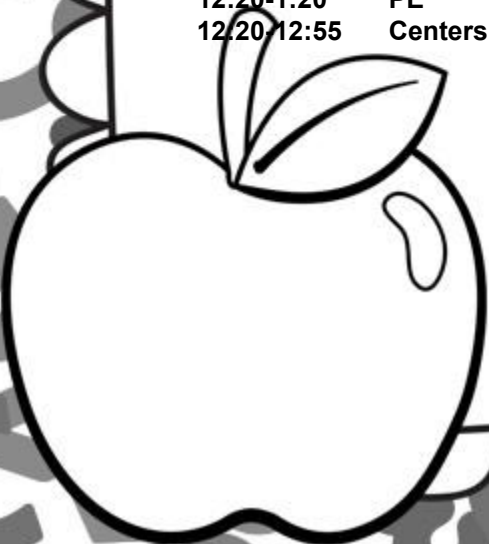
**No changes may be made over the phone.**



# Our daily Schedule

Listed below is a sample schedule of a kindergarten day in the Wayne County School District. This schedule may differ a little from school to school.

7:05	Buses Arrive/Carbell will follow
7:10	Arrive in class (Unpack, Restroom, and Pledge)
7:30	Breakfast
7:55-8:25	Morning Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Calendar</li><li>• Themed book read aloud</li><li>• Heggerty Phonemic Awareness</li><li>• Nursery Rhymes</li><li>• Songs for Day</li></ul>
8:25-9:00	Saxon Phonics and Ready Reading (Whole Group/Tables)
9:00-11:00	Centers <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Creative Arts</li><li>• Math</li><li>• Library</li><li>• Puppets</li><li>• Technology</li><li>• Listening</li><li>• Dramatic Play</li><li>• Sensory (Sand/Water)</li><li>• Language Arts</li><li>• Blocks</li><li>• Creative Writing</li><li>• Theatre</li><li>• Media Arts</li><li>• Visual Arts</li><li>• Music</li><li>• Dance</li></ul>
11:00-11:20	Lunch
11:20-12:20	Ready Math (Whole Group/Tables)
12:20-1:20	PE
12:20-12:55	Centers Continued (These listed below will be integrated)
	1:20-2:15 Science, Social Studies, and Health
	2:15-2:45 Computer
	2:45-3:00 Pack-up and Dismiss



# Breakfast Procedures

Breakfast is served in the cafeteria each morning. Kindergarten students will report to class, then will walk as a group to the cafeteria to eat at approximately 7:55 a.m.

**\*\*Please note that all meals in Wayne County School District are served FREE of charge.**



# lunch PROCEDURES

Lunch will be served in the cafeteria daily. Kindergarten students will walk as a class to eat lunch at approximately 11:00 a.m. each day.

If you are sending a lunch with your child, please make sure the contents can be easily opened by your child and the food does not require a microwave.

**\*\*Please note that all meals in Wayne County School District are served FREE of charge.**





# Snack

Students are encouraged to bring or buy a snack each day. Our students work hard through learning and play, and often need a small snack in the afternoons. Students may bring a snack from home, or they may purchase a snack from our concession stand. Snacks range in price from \$0.25 to \$1.00 depending on the item. Students typically spend an average of \$1.00 to \$2.00 per day. Please send your child's snack money in a small change purse or a ziplock bag labeled with their name on it.



# Attendance & Tardy Policy

Regular, on-time attendance at school is vital to your child's success. Most of our learning activities take place in a large group setting and involve interaction with classmates. Many of our learning experiences take place in the first half of the day, so it is important to be at school on time.

We understand that there may be instances when it is not possible to be here on time. However, please make every effort to have your child at school on time so we can begin our day together. Tardies will be noted on report cards and habitual tardiness may affect your child's academic progress.

Students may not check out after 2:00 p.m. Checkouts prior to 12:30 will result in students being counted absent for the entire day, because that is not a 60% day.

Students should be checked out for emergencies **ONLY!** All checkouts require that a note or doctor's excuse be submitted the following school day.

Please refer to pages 25-31 of the Wayne County School District handbook for official attendance guidelines. This may be found on the Wayne County School District website at <https://www.wayne.k12.ms.us/>.



# ABSENCE PROCEDURES

If you are not sending your child to school due to illness, please call the school and leave a message with the school office.

When your child returns to school, please send a note or doctor's excuse excusing them. A parent/guardian note must state the reason for the absence and be signed by the parent/guardian.

Students are allowed 7 handwritten excuses per academic year. After 5 unexcused absences, the truancy office will be notified according to the compulsory attendance law.



# daily folder

We will be sending home a daily communication folder.  
Please read the information in the folder every night.

Every Monday, we will send home a newsletter inside the folder; please make sure to read it carefully each week. Please return the folder to school every day. Important information regarding your child's education will be included in the weekly newsletter and daily folder.





# Report Card Schedule

Report cards will be sent home four times per year. We will notify you in advance so you can look in your child's folder for their report card.

Please read our weekly newsletter for the report card dates and instructions.

When you receive the report card, review it, then sign the page and return it to school.

Progress reports will be sent home every 4.5 weeks. Please monitor your child's progress closely throughout the year. If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact your child's teacher, and we will do the same.



# PARENT CONFERENCES

We will be holding parent conferences three times this year, once in the fall, once in winter, and again in the spring.

Please check your child's folder for the dates and scheduling details.



# GRADING POLICY

According to page 14 of the Wayne County School District Handbook, "All subjects grades K-12, will reflect as a minimum, the competencies, outlined in the State Curriculum Frameworks for each subject area. A passing grade in a course/subject will indicate mastery/learning of at least 70% of the course content in grades K-8."

91-100 A

81-90 B

71-80 C

61-70 D

60 and below F



# Medication

Teachers are not allowed to give medication to students. If your child requires medication, please fill out the medical form included in the registration packet.

The nurse will be responsible for giving out medication.

All students should be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school.

Please do not send Tylenol to school to treat your child's fever.

Refer to K-8 Student Handbook, pages 69-74 for guidelines on medication.





# Dress Code

For the K-8 dress code, please refer to the Dress/Grooming Policies on pages 61-64 of the WCSD Student Handbook found on the following website:

<https://www.wayne.k12.ms.us/userfiles/12/my%20files/handbooks/handbook%202019-2020%20k-8.pdf?id=18012>

## **Basic School Uniform Attire:**

**Khaki or navy pants, shorts, skirts, or dresses**

**Shirts must be polo style in school color, navy, or white**

Selected School Colors:

Beat Four: Black

Buckatunna: Royal Blue

Clara: Maroon

Wayne Central: Red

Waynesboro Riverview: Kelly Green



# Backpack Suggestions

All students will need a functional backpack large enough to hold a 9x12 inch folder without folding or bending.

**Backpacks with wheels are NOT allowed;** they are too cumbersome and impractical for young children to handle independently.

Backpacks will be used daily for bringing folders to and from school, so please make sure that your child brings his/her backpack each day. Many backpacks look alike; please **label your child's backpack** with his/her name visible on the **outside**.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD BRINGS A BACKPACK  
TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY.



# Extra Clothes

Please send an extra change of uniform clothes to school enclosed in a Ziploc bag in your child's backpack as soon as possible. Please label the bag with your child's name.

**\*\*Please include the following items:**

**Underwear, socks, shirt, pants or shorts\*\***

The change of clothes will be stored in your child's cubby in our classroom. If your child uses their set of extra clothes, the soiled clothes will be sent home in a plastic bag inside your child's backpack. Please return a new set as soon as possible.



# BIRTHDAY POLICY

You may bring cupcakes, cookies, or other goodies to school for your child's birthday. The birthday snacks will be distributed during recess.

We do not allow birthday cakes or parties in the classroom due to lack of time and space limitations. We do not have the tools for serving cakes (plates, knives, forks etc). The parent will need to supply plates and/napkins for birthday celebrations.





# PERSONAL BELONGINGS

For safety reasons, please do not allow your child to bring any toys, electronics or candy to school.

Toys can easily become broken, lost, or stolen. Teachers will not be responsible for toys brought to school.

Electronics are distracting to students and are against school policy.

Teachers are not responsible for lost or broken jewelry.



# CLASSROOM RULES

1. Follow directions quickly.
2. Raise your hand for permission to speak.
3. Raise your hand for permission to get out of your seat.
4. Make smart choices.
5. Keep your class happy.

## **Discipline Policy:**

You will be notified if any discipline issues arise. Please refer to the Wayne County School District handbook for official discipline policies.



# helping the teacher

There are many opportunities for parents to help the teachers and students, both in and out of the classroom.

We are always in need of parent volunteers to help in the classroom. If you are interested in helping, please see your child's teacher.

If you are unable to come to school to help but are interested in having projects sent home to cut or color, please let your teacher know.

If you would like to send extra snacks for children who forget theirs, please see your child's teacher for recommendations.

If you would like to send supplies for our classroom, we always welcome donations of disinfectant wipes, baby wipes, hand soap, hand sanitizer, individually wrapped candy, craft supplies, or small items for our prize box.



# helping My Child

**Please work with your child on the following skills at home:**

- Sharing
- Cleaning up
- Recognizing colors
- Recognizing shapes
- Recognizing/ identifying numbers 1-10
- Recognizing/ identifying letters
- Cutting with scissors
- Buttoning, snapping, zipping, buckling and tying
- Practicing manners
- Taking care of bathroom needs
- Read to and have your child read to you daily.

