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IMPORTANT DATES

- ◆ August 27th and 28th P.T.F. Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser 5:30p.m. - 7p.m.
- ◆ August 27th - 5th Grade & Middle School Orientation 7 p.m.
- ◆ 28th Kindergarten - 4th Grade Orientation 7p.m.
- ◆ Sept 4 - First Day of School
- ◆ Sept 9 - Staff Introduction at TCC 10:45am
- ◆ Sept 20 - PTF Meeting
- ◆ Sept 25 - School Picture Day

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Don't Forget to Pick Up...

Starting August 6th you can pick up your Handbooks, Teacher Letter, and Supply list from the office.

Student Planners will be available for 2nd - 8th Graders. The cost is \$4.00 each

P.E. Uniforms are Mandatory for 4th - 8th Graders. They can be purchased the night of orientation or through the student store. They can be purchased individually or as a set. Sets include one t-shirt, shorts, sweatshirt, sweatpants, and a nylon bag for \$50.00. Pre-order forms are due on or before August 1st.

Project Fit America / C.A.T.C.H. News

WVCA is a "Project Fit" and CATCH school! We received grants enabling us to enhance our Physical Fitness program for all students in kindergarten - eighth grade, which will encourage participation in comprehensive PE classes twice a week. The Project Fit grant supplied our school with outdoor and indoor cardiovascular and physical fitness equipment and curriculum. Students will learn more about **GO, SLOW, WHOA, and TCC: Teamwork, Communication, & Cooperation**. CATCH stands for Coordinated Approach to Child Health. The four components to the program are: Classroom Curricula, Physical Education, Family and Eat Smart Programs. *Moving Monday* provides an opportunity for students, staff and parents to walk the field together before school starts. Join us at 8:15 every Monday morning for a fun way to get some exercise. All students love to participate in *Wellness Wednesday!* Send a piece of fruit to school with your child which they will enjoy eating with their teacher after chapel. Mrs. Martin is our full time physical education teacher. Please support her efforts by encouraging your child to participate in PE with a good attitude. If your child can't participate for any reason a doctors note will be required. Students in fourth grade - middle school will be required to change into PE uniforms.

School Safety / Drop Off and Pick Up Times

Drop off is no earlier than 8:15 a.m. If your child arrives between 8:15 and 8:24 they are to wait in the security of the cafeteria. They are **NOT ALLOWED** to wait by the classrooms. School begins at 8:30. Students are marked tardy at 8:35.

Please use the crosswalk when walking your children to class. Do not walk through the parking lot or drop your children off in front of the church or multi-purpose building. If you are dropping off your child, drive through the line; please have them get out of the car after you drive past the crosswalk. Make sure your children have their backpacks and other items they need ready before they get out of the car. This will help move the line more efficiently.

Please make sure that all pick-up arrangements are made prior to school. We will discourage the use of the office phone by any students for special arrangements.

P.T.F. Corner

P.T.F. is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser Monday, August 27th and Tuesday, August 28th from 5:30p.m. to 7p.m. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Orientation is to follow dinner promptly at 7p.m.

All parents are cordially invited to attend all of our P.T.F. meetings. It's a great way to participate in what is happening at our school, and to meet other parents and faculty. Our First meeting is on September 20th.

The Skyrocket Fundraiser begins on September 21st and ends on October 9th.

Pick up times are as follows:

Kindergarten	2:50 p.m.
1 st - 5 th Grade	3:00 p.m.
Middle School	3:15 p.m.

If your children are not picked up after 3:15 you will be charged \$10.00 for every 15 minutes. Please be prepared to make this payment at the time you arrive.

Payments

When making your checks out to the school or day care please be sure to put your child's name on the check. **Payments are due by the 10th of each month, August through May.**



*Extra... Extra...
Read All About It!*

School Rewards

Box Tops for Education - Look for these on participating General Mills products. Also, shopping online

boxtops4education.com or using the Box Tops for Education Visa Card helps our school. Please check with your child's teacher or the school office for more information.

Target - If you currently have a Target Credit card or are considering getting one, the school can earn money through your purchases. All you need to do is put WVCA as your school of choice.

Script - Paper script is available! Place your order for a gift certificate on Monday in the office and have it by Friday! (This is done on a monthly basis; however we do carry some Script on hand) This is a great way for our school to earn money. Here are just a few vendors from our list: Bath and Body 18%, Old Navy 8%, Big 5 8%, Olive Garden 8%, Blockbuster 15%

Dress Code Policy

Thank you for supporting W.V.C.A.'s uniform policy guidelines.

Uniforms are to be worn on Wednesday. Skirt or dresses for girls and uniform pants & shirts with tie for boys.

Denim can be worn with a WVCA Logo shirt on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Uniforms are required if students choose not to wear a Logo shirt with denim.

French Toast gives a broader selection of UNIFORMS than those that come from the UNIFORM line in a department store. WVCA School Source code is QSF473PF

The following are department store UNIFORM lines that are approved: Marshall's - IZOD uniforms, Target - @Class uniforms, Mervyn's - Lee uniforms, Old Navy - uniforms, JC Penney's - IZOD uniforms, Nordstrom's - NKids uniforms, Burlington Coat Factory - Lee, U.S. Polo and Oxford uniforms.

Please refer to the catalog for approved School colors.

School Pictures

School pictures will be **September 25th**. Please wear Sunday church clothes. Pictures will be taken by Jostens Photography. They are offering awesome packages!

Absent/Tardy Slips

The day following an absence each student must stop by the office before returning to class to receive an admit slip. The students cannot go back to class without a slip. Please send a note with your child to explain why the child was out. **Reminder:** Your child cannot return to school if it has not yet been 24 hours since vomiting or having diarrhea.

After 8:40 students will have to come to the office for a tardy pass. If a student arrives after 8:45 a.m. a parent needs to come to the office and sign the child in.

Before & After School Daycare

Parents please remember; if your child needs before and after school daycare you need to call the daycare office and speak with Diane regarding re-enrollment forms for 2007-2008 school year.

Lunch Fee

Please make checks payable to WEE CARE and do not include lunch fee with tuition payments. The cost for hot lunch is \$2.50 with or without milk.

Milk

Milk is available at lunchtime for \$0.25 for those bringing sack lunches.

PEANUT ALLERGIES

Students bringing anything containing peanut products will need to eat lunch at a "Reserved" table.

Reminders for 2007/2008 School Year

- Schoolwork pick up spot for absentee's is on the table across the lobby from the secretaries.
- We hope that you read your handbook thoroughly.
- Faculty badges. All faculty will wear picture ID badges. Please help your children recognize the importance of talking only to adults that are recognized as employees by seeing their ID badge.
- Lost & found is located outside. **Please label** all clothing, jackets, sweaters, and lunch boxes.
- Payment Drop Box. This system has worked out very well for everyone. No more standing in line to drop off a payment! Please make sure you do not put cash in the drop box. Those payments require a receipt from the office. **To avoid late fees, a tuition payment is considered late if received after the 10th of each month.**
- All medication must be given to the secretaries. A medication form must be filled out. Forms are available in the office.

Always Invited...

Parents are always invited to our chapel services every Wednesday. Kindergarten through 8th Grade has chapel at 8:45-9:15. Awards chapel is on the second Wednesday of the month. You will receive a phone call the week before your child is going to receive their award. **Don't forget to send your child to school in proper chapel attire EVERY Wednesday.**