



FAIRHOPE WEST ELEMENTARY

July Parent Q & A Part 2

How do I find out who my child's teacher will be this year?

FIRST, your child must be registered through PowerSchool to have a teacher assigned to him/her. The deadline was July 19th. If you haven't registered, please do so by noon on Thursday, July 25th, in hopes your child will be assigned a teacher before Meet the Teacher. Don't forget – **2 DIFFERENT PROOFS of RESIDENCY ARE REQUIRED** (utilities mortgage/lease, internet – see BCBE website for examples). This year we are having a special digital "reveal" that will be sent to parents through Remind on July 30th. We will have a countdown and a specific time frame in which all "reveals" will be sent at the same time. We are so excited to make this special and exciting for our students! In this digital reveal, school information will be sent as well regarding carline, bus, etc. We hope having all the information right there at your fingers will be helpful as you prepare for this upcoming school year.

Does my child need to have up-to-date immunizations?

YES, ALL students must have updated immunization records with the school in order to start on August 8th. This mainly pertains to upcoming Kindergarten, 6th Grade, and any NEW student to Fairhope West. If you are unsure, please check with your healthcare provider. Also, please see the attached flier for upcoming vaccination clinics.

When is Meet the Teacher?

Parents/Guardians and child will be able to visit the school on Monday, August 5th during the designated times below (based on your child's last name) to meet your child's teacher! More detailed information will be coming soon on this exciting event. It's the most anticipated day of the summer!

| Last Name | Time |
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| A-H | 3:00 - 4:00 pm |
| I-Q | 4:00 - 5:00 pm |
| R-Z | 5:00 - 6:00 pm |
| PreK | 3:30 - 5:00 pm |

How can I find out what bus my child rides or information about carline?

Information will be sent in the teacher reveal on July 30th but more specific information will be available regarding buses at Meet the Teacher on August 5th. Parents will have the opportunity to find out your child's bus, meet the bus driver, and get a car line tag if needed. *If your child will be a car rider at any point this year, a guardian MUST have an FWE Car Rider tag displayed in the windshield, which they will receive at Meet the Teacher.* **Important Note: There will be no HOV car line due to the safety of our students who require special transportation.**

Does your child like to wear T-shirts to school? Check out our West apparel

T-shirts are available to purchase online through a separate company and will be delivered to the address used

through the online store. Order your t-shirts and sweatshirts using this link:
<https://fwes.costaprints.com/FWES/shop/home> Thank you for supporting West!

What is the Uniform Policy at West?

Baldwin County has a dress code – not an official uniform policy as in the past. Please refer to the BCBE student handbook, specifically pages 33-35. <https://www.bcbe.org/Page/24919> for the dress code.

What supplies does my child need?

On our school website, you will find a school supply list for each grade level.

If you ordered the supply kits through PTP, the kit will be delivered to your child's classroom by Meet the Teacher.

Parents and Guardians, please feel free to bring and drop off your child's school supplies to Meet the Teacher on August 5th. This way your child will have less to carry on the 1st day of school.

Will there be any type of orientation for new students coming to West?

Parents/Students NEW to FWE are invited to an orientation meeting on Thursday, August 1st at 5:30pm in our FWE Cafeteria with FWE Administration to learn more about our wonderful school!

I have a Kindergarten student, is there some type of orientation?

With our teacher reveal on July 30th and Meet the Teacher on August 5th, you and your child will learn all you need to know to be ready to start an amazing Kindergarten year! However, we will invite our Kindergarten parents for Breakfast with Principal Breazeale 1st quarter of the school year. More information to come later.

Is there a PreK Orientation?

PreK teachers will be reaching out by phone to each parent over the next couple of weeks with information. Along with that phone call, digital reveal, and meet the teacher, you and your child will be ready to start the year!

What time does school start and end at FWE?

Arrival/Dismissal Schedule

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| 7:15 | Buses and Carline unload and report to the Cafeteria for breakfast or Classroom |
| 7:35 | Breakfast ends |
| 7:45 | Car Line ends and doors are closed; Students should be in class <i>*After 7:45 am, parents must sign the student in through the office.</i> |
| 7:50 | Students are tardy and must report to office |
| 2:50 | Dismissal for Bus Riders |
| 2:55 | Dismissal for Car Riders, Walkers, or After School Care |

How can I find more information or make sure to stay updated with all the happenings at West?

You can find additional information through our school FaceBook, website, texts, as well as a newsletter Ms. Breazeale sends out each Friday. Your child's teacher will communicate weekly as well. We value our parent partnership and want to make sure we communicate effectively to help you and your child.

How can I celebrate my child's birthday at school?

Birthday ice cream packages are available to purchase through the front office for \$20 as well as displaying your child's name on our digital sign for \$5. We will not accept birthday treats sent from home or store bought. Contact the office for more information at (251) 928-8400.

Can I come eat lunch with my child?

We welcome our parents and guardians to our school. We have numerous events and opportunities planned throughout the year for our community to visit our school. Due to limited spacing in our cafeteria, a parent or guardian can eat lunch with their child for their birthday (actual day or sometime during that week or month).

Will visitors and volunteers be allowed on campus?

Volunteers and visitors must have a **purpose** for being on campus. We want to protect our instructional time, so we want to limit class interruptions. If you would like to help/volunteer at our school, please let your child's teacher know or our Parent Teacher Partnership. Teachers will communicate those class opportunities and our PTP will be emailing those as well to all parents at the beginning and throughout the school year. Working parents will also have opportunities to "help" as well by sending in various items to honor our staff with appreciation treats or lunches. We welcome our parents, grandparents, and guardians being involved in our school community and will have school events ALL throughout the year. We WANT our parents on our campus!

Does my child have snack and recess daily?

All students have snack and recess daily for 15 minutes. Students are encouraged to bring a snack from home or purchase a snack from our snack bar. Students in Grades 1st - 6th have the opportunity to purchase a snack daily for \$1. Options will be given at a later time.

When do students have physical activity throughout the day?

Students at West have Physical Education along with 15 minutes of recess every day. The state requirement for PE is 30 minutes, and recess is not required in elementary schools. However, we think it is vital for our students to learn the importance of being physically active and have healthy social interactions.

Save the Date:

Monday, August 5th: Meet the Teacher

Tuesday, August 6th: Kindergarten Popsicle Social 6:30 FWE Playground

Thursday, August 8th: 1st Day of School

Thursday, August 29th: PTP Volunteer Breakfast

Friday, August 30th: KONA Ice

Monday, September 2nd: Labor Day – No school

Friday, September 6th: GRANDS' Day!

The school year is almost here, and we are beyond excited to see all of you! It's going to be the BEST year yet at West!

Jenny Breazeale

Principal

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