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I want to express my gratitude to you, the students, and the staff at Lake Wilderness for making this a fantastic first week of school. It has truly been a pleasure to meet and talk with your children. Everyone on this staff has contributed to this week running smoothly with students enjoying the activities that are taking place in each classroom. It is a great beginning to what, I know, will be a wonderful year for your student.

Lake Wilderness has worked very hard to become a green school. What that means is other than the first Friday packet, almost all communication will be sent home via school messenger email and/or phone calls. If you don't have an email address a hard copy will be provided to your student.

Our website <http://www.tahomasd.us/SubSite/lwes/index.html> is a great resource for current building information including upcoming events.

Curriculum Nights

Curriculum Nights will be held on September 19th for preschool through second grade students and September 20th for third through fifth grades from 6:30-7:45 starting in Gym B. This will be your opportunity to meet Lake Wilderness administrators and your child's teacher. The teacher will give you information about the curriculum for the year including what you can do as a parent to support your child's success in school. Curriculum Night is for parents only.

We will offer childcare, from 6:15-7:45, in Gym A on both Curriculum Nights. Childcare is open for school-age Lake Wilderness students only. The space is very limited. We ask that parents use this service if they have no alternative person to watch their children on either of these evenings. Parents will need to reserve a space for their student(s) by completing the form that has been included in this packet. The form needs to be returned to Chris Bilka, Dean of Students, by Friday, September 12th. You will receive a confirmation back by email if we have space for your child (ren).

Staff Additions and Changes

Lake Wilderness is extremely fortunate to have quality teachers and support personnel. We have added the following staff to our ranks:

Deanna Sund has moved from 5th grade to teach in the

RAP Program

Rory Newbrey - 5th Grade Teacher

Jill Reyes - BIS/Special Ed Teacher

Faye Vincent - SLP Teachers

Leigh Campbell - /ECEAP/Preschool Teacher

Jennifer Fink - Night Custodian



Fire and Earthquake Drills

To insure that all students are safe during emergency situations, we schedule emergency preparedness drills. Our staff is knowledgeable of procedures for fire and earthquake drills, intruder/lockdown alerts, and other situations that might require emergency action. Please reassure your child that we have drills so everyone knows what to do. If you think the drills will produce extreme anxiety in your child, please talk to your child's teacher. Together, we will plan how to support your child during these drills. We will practice fire/earthquake and intruder/lockdown drills throughout the months of September and October. These drills will be held at different times and in several ways to ensure that all students participate (kindergarten AM and PM, during recesses, lunches, etc).



Calendar of Events

9/14	5th Grade Band Info Night, @ LWES Gym B, 4:30-7:00
9/19-23	PTSA Book Fair in Library A
9/19	Curriculum Night for Pre - 2nd Grade, (6:30-7:45)
9/20	ECEAP Begins
9/20	Curriculum Night for 3rd - 5th Grade (6:30-7:45)
9/23	Early Release at 1:10, PM Kdgn Attends No AM Kindergarten, Lunch will be served
9/27-28	Individual Student Pictures Taken
9/29	Clemens's Class to Shadow Lake Bog
9/30	Ives's Class to Shadow Lake Bog
10/1	PSE Classified Staff "Stuff the Bus", QFC parking lot
10/6	Next school newsletter home via email and website
10/7	Non Student Waiver Day
10/10-13	School Wide Vision Screening (volunteers needed)
10/11	(4) 2nd Grade Classes to Pioneer Farms
10/12	(3) 2nd Grade Classes to Pioneer Farms
10/24	3rd Grade Classes to Salmon Hatchery (Fisher, Skeen, Starr and Tughan attend)
10/26	3rd Grade Classes to Salmon Hatchery (Osborn, Pepper, and Rowe attend)
10/28	Early Release at 1:10, AM Kdgn Attends No PM Kindergarten, Lunch will be served

Parent Volunteer Information

To be a volunteer, you need to complete the volunteer training procedures which you can reference down below.

The scheduled dates we have for the volunteer training are:

Thursday, September 15 for 1st - 5th grade

10:00 a.m. or 5:45 p.m. in Library B

Monday, September 19 for Preschool and Kindergarten. Volunteer training will be done right after curriculum night.

Children will not be able to attend the volunteer training.

TAHOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT Procedures for Volunteers/Chaperones

All Classroom Volunteers and Field Trip Chaperones:

- Must watch two district videos (30 total minutes in length). These videos are not child appropriate.
- Attend the volunteer training in September or arrange a time to view by calling the Lake Wilderness Office at 425-413-3500
- Fill out volunteer application
- Application submitted to Tahoma School District and a WSP (Washington State Patrol) background check is done

This process for clearance takes two weeks but does not have to be renewed for six years.

LWES STUDENT PICK-UP PROCEDURES

School safety is a high priority for the Tahoma School District and Lake Wilderness Elementary School. As a result of our commitment to providing the safest possible environment for students, our school has developed the following policy for student pick-up:

Dismissal During the School Day:

1. The parent must send a note or call the office AND come into the office to sign out the student BEFORE 3:30. The office staff will call the classroom. The student will be sent to the office for pick-up.
2. After 3:30, students will be dismissed to the benches at the regular dismissal time of 3:40.

Permanent Pick-up at Dismissal Time:

1. Parents who intend to pick up their student on a permanent basis will need to send a signed and dated note to the classroom teacher. This note will be kept on file in the school office and a "Permanent Pick-Up Pass" will be issued to the parent.
2. If the parent's routine varies in any way, notification must be sent to the teacher or to the office. Please DO NOT enter the school, wait by the outside classroom door, or enter the bus area when picking up your child. Parents must wait for their child in the designated waiting area at the benches in the front of the school.

Occasional Pick-Up at Dismissal Time:

1. Please send the filled out pick-up pass, (pick-up pads are included in the First Friday envelopes) or note to the child's teacher or call the office before 3:25 pm., so the pick-up pass can be recorded and delivered to your child. At the end of the day, students will go to the pick-up area to meet their parents, bringing the pass with them.
2. No student will be released at the classroom door or inside the campus. The only exception is volunteer parents

who are in the room at the end of the day may take their child from the classroom IF they have a pick-up slip initialed by the office. The pick-up slip can be obtained when the parent signs in to volunteer. The daily pick-up slip is then given to the monitor at the benches.

Group pick-up: If your child needs to stay after school for a meeting or a class (except Zero Hour classes) please send a note to their teacher with the necessary details. This note will be routed to the office and if it is a permanent situation, it will be kept for reference in the school office files. The group leader will need to stop in the office to get a "Group Pick-Up" form and meet the students at the benches.

STUDENT DROP-OFF AND PICK UP

Student Drop Off:

The vehicle drop-off and loading zone is at the front of the school. Students may be dropped off starting at 8:50 at the curb; students will wait at the benches until 9:00 when they are dismissed to their classroom. **Do not walk your child to the classroom door.** If you are running late (after 9:10 AM), park your car and check in your child in Office A. Do not drop them off. They will receive a blue admit slip to give to their teacher.

Student Pick Up:

If you are picking up your child, you may use the curb or park in a marked parking space and meet your child at the pick-up area in front of the school. Use the crosswalks and sidewalks at all times. You will need a pass to pick up your child. This can be obtained in office A. A staff member will be out front for you to show the permanent or temporary pass to before you leave with your child.

Bus Information:

If you need bus information for your child to ride to/from school please contact transportation at 425-413-3220.



Safe Arrival

When your child is going to miss school or be late, please call our safe arrival line at 206.654.1856 by 9:00 am. Leave your student's first and last name, date of absence, and reason for absence.



SATURDAY, October 1st 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Maple Valley QFC at Wilderness Village



Tahoma Classified Employees from Public School Employees of Washington/SEIU local 1948 want to give back to community families and the organizations that serve them!!
Items and money collected will be all donated to the Maple Valley Food Bank



Canned and Packaged Food
Personal Hygiene & Household Cleaning Supplies
Christmas Gifts for Kids School Supplies
Cash donations gladly accepted

