



## **WELLSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents and Students,

I hope you've been enjoying your summer and using it to "Sharpen the Saw". We are so looking forward to this upcoming "normal" school year. Thanks again for your support during our most unusual year, last school year. The upcoming school year really is going to be a great learning year. As of right now we are planning on school operating like we regularly did before our COVID year. This will include school pick up, which means we won't be picking up or exiting any students in the north classes out the back doors. All parent pick up will occur at the front of the school.

As you look ahead to the new school year we hope that this letter will contain some information that will be helpful to you. As a school, we're excited for the upcoming school year, and our staff is looking forward to seeing everyone again. We have had a couple of staffing changes since we communicated with you last. Brian Heinsohn has been hired by our district to be a District Elementary School Math Facilitator. He will work with 6 elementary schools, helping them to improve math instruction and student math achievement. In his place we have hired Annelise Hammond. Several years ago, she was a USU Practicum student in our 6<sup>th</sup> grade. We're excited to have her here now as a classroom teacher. Lah Poe Shi, our Art teacher, will be teaching Art in a Salt Lake Valley high school this coming school year. In her place we have hired Laura Johansen. Laura is an artist who graduated from USU in art education, and then stayed home to raise her family. She is now getting her foot back in the door of education. She is thrilled to have an opportunity to work with your children.

**School begins on Thursday, August 19, 2021**

**Kindergarten begins on Thursday, August 26, 2021**

The Daily Schedule will be as follows:

Monday-Thursday		9:00 a.m. - 3:35 p.m.
Friday		9:00 a.m. - 2:20 p.m.
Monday-Thursday	AM Kindergarten	9:00 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.
	PM Kindergarten	12:25 p.m. - 3:35 p.m.
Friday	AM Kindergarten	9:00 a.m. - 11:35 a.m.
	PM Kindergarten	11:50 a.m. - 2:20 p.m.

During August 19-August 25 kindergarteners will come with their parents to a one-on-one meeting with their teachers. Not only will you learn what to expect for the year, students will also be assessed with the state of Utah's KEEP assessment. Teachers will inform you of the times of these appointments shortly before August 19.

Once again, our teachers will be having their professional learning community (PLC) meetings on Fridays. This is why students have a shortened day on Fridays. During this time, teachers will be receiving training, discussing student and instructional improvement, reviewing data, etc. Most schools hold these PLC's right after school on Friday. Our school comes to school at 7:30 a.m. to hold these meetings. We have found that is a more effective time for us to meet, while we feel fresh for the day.

There will be 2 professional development days for teachers during the course of the school year. Students will not attend school on those days. They will be September 24 and Feb. 11, both of which are Fridays. Parent/Teacher Conferences will occur on November 18, 19 and February 3, 4. The first day of each of these conferences the students will be released at 1:30 p.m. with no kindergarten on that day and on the second day of the conferences there will be no school for all of the students.

We try to keep our on-line calendar up to date at our school website. Please refer to that for upcoming events and activities.

Here are a few other notes:

- Bus routes and schedules are posted online at the district web site under departments, then click on transportation ([www.ccsdut.org](http://www.ccsdut.org)).

- **Please keep your e-mail up to date. This is how all school to parent communication is facilitated.** If you are not receiving the weekly PTO Newsletter that comes out on Mondays by e-mail please let us know. Each weekly newsletter will also be posted on our school website. You can view it there if you don't get an e-mail. Lunch Menus also are sent out with these weekly newsletters.
- Arrival for school should be no earlier than **8:45 a.m.** We do not have supervision on the grounds before that time. The exception to this is for those who are eating school breakfast (they start serving at 8:40 a.m.) or those involved in before school activities like the Mountain West String orchestra.
- **Back to School Night** is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 17 5:30-7:00 p.m.** It will be an open house so come any time during the posted hours and meet your new teacher. Wellsville Elementary School folders will be handed out with dates, schedules, guidelines and policies. Please review this information.
- If anyone is interested in serving on our School Community Council please let me know. This council meets once a month. We have one open position this year, with currently one person interested in serving. If more than one person is interested in this position an election will be held to determine who will serve this 2-year term.
- To gain access to district forms and policies such as, Free and Reduced Lunch applications, District School Fee Notice, District policies for attendance, Bullying and Hazing, cell phone, student appropriate internet use, and the FERPA privacy act, go to our school webpage ([www.ccsdut.org/wellsville](http://www.ccsdut.org/wellsville)) and you'll find the link in our Quick Links called "School Forms and Documents", or [click here](#).

The theme of our school for this year will be, "*Let Leadership Shine*". Our schoolwide behavior initiative will once again be using the principles of the *Leader in Me* as taught by the book *7 Habits of Happy Kids*. Parents thanks for sending us such great kids to work with. Wellsville Elementary is a special place to learn, with a safe and positive learning environment. Our staff are an impressive group of educational professionals who love kids and love to help them achieve their best. It's a pleasure to be welcoming you back to school. At the bottom of this letter we have included our school dress policy. Please keep it in mind as you purchase new school clothes for the new school year.

See you soon!

Mr. Harris

#### **SCHOOL DRESS**

There appears to be a close relationship between good dress and grooming habits, good work and study habits, and proper school behavior. With this in mind we ask that you adhere to the dress code.

#### **Dress Code:**

The Cache County School District has established the following guidelines to aid parents and students in selection proper school attire:

1. Students should be clean and well groomed (hair, clothes, cosmetics). If safety is a factor, more stringent standards may be applied.
2. Shoes or sandals must be worn at all times while on campus.
  - a. Opened toed footwear is discouraged.
3. Except for religious or medical purposes, hats, capes, and other head coverings shall not be worn or displayed inside school facilities during school hours
4. Clothes shall sufficiently cover undergarments at all times.
5. See through or net fabrics, halter-tops, off the shoulder or low-cut tops, bare midriffs, and muscle shirts (sleeveless/bare midriff shirts) are prohibited.
6. Shorts and skirts must be worn nearer the knee.

Most importantly, please wear clothing appropriate for the weather and for the business of learning.