

Wheeling News and Views

Wheeling Elementary School

“Where Learning is a Family Affair”

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Greetings from Wheeling Elementary!

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the staff of Wheeling Elementary, I would like to welcome you and your children to our school. We are looking forward to an exciting and stimulating year. We are happy to have you as part of our learning community.

We believe that parents are a child's first and most important teachers. The partnership between the home and school is essential for your child to get the most out of the school experience. Please remember that parents are always welcome and encouraged to visit our school and to attend scheduled meetings and events.

Remember, at Wheeling Elementary, “ Learning is a Family Affair”.

Sincerely,

Kaye Penn
Principal

Activities For The Month of September

Monday, September 5	Labor Day
Friday, September 16	Individual Student Pictures
Thursday, September 22	Field Day!
Friday, September 23	District Inservice Day – NO SCHOOL!
Friday September 23 – Friday October 07	October Count

IMPORTANT FUTURE DATES:

20035-2004 SCHOOL YEAR

Thursday, October 20	First Quarter Ends
Friday, October 21	Teacher Workday – NO SCHOOL!
Monday, October 24 – Friday, October 28	FALL BREAK- NO SCHOOL!
Monday, October 31	District Inservice Day – NO SCHOOL!



School Nurse Notes: Students and Medication at School

It's that time of year again and the new school year is upon us. This means that new permission forms for medications given at school are required as well as new health plans for children with health concerns such as asthma, diabetes, allergies, etc.

Students are not allowed to have prescription or over-the-counter medications in their possession at any time during school hours. If a student is found with medication it will be taken to the Health Clinic and returned to the student at the end of the day.

In the event your child needs medication, prescription or over-the-counter, at school please contact the Health Clinic so the correct permission form(s) can be sent home.

Also, if your phone number(s) or address has changed from last year we ask that you please contact the main office so we can get that valuable information.

Welcome Back and I look forward to having a safe and healthy school year!

Miss Pacheco
Health Para
Wheeling Elementary



Delayed Start Time for Elementary Schools During Storms or Emergencies

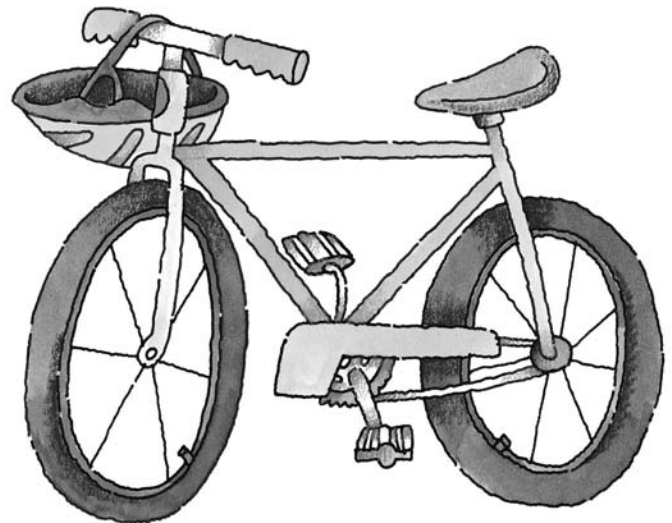
In the event of storms or emergencies, an elementary school late start schedule (one hour) will be implemented beginning this fall. Transportation, breakfast programs and all other services will begin one hour later than normally scheduled. High schools and middle schools will not be affected, and will begin at their regularly scheduled time. The media will not make this distinction when they present information about a delay. Please remember, for Aurora Public Schools, **ONLY** elementary school students will be impacted by an announced delayed start.

Visiting School

Parents are encouraged to visit their child's classroom throughout the year. Arrangements are to be made in advance with the child's teacher. Short well-planned visits provide a better understanding of the child's school experience than long, unscheduled visits. An adult must accompany all children not enrolled at the school at all times. All visitors are required to check in at the office upon entering the school.

Bicycles

The Aurora Public School District supports the Aurora Police Department Guidelines on children riding bikes. Bike riding is permitted for students in grades 4 and 5. Bikes are to be locked in the racks provided. Please note that the security of bicycles are not the responsibility of the school. Supervision of each child's conduct on bicycles are the responsibility of the parent. No other student-driven wheeled vehicles (scooters, skateboards, etc.) are allowed at school.



Be Alert to Parking Regulations

The Aurora Police Department has received numerous complaints from Wheeling neighbors about illegally parked cars and inconsiderate drivers, especially during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up times. Since it is important for us to be good neighbors to those who live in this neighborhood and for our students to learn from the good example of their parents, please observe the following rules:

- DO NOT park in or block driveways. The law states there is no parking within 5' of either a public or private driveway.
- DO NOT double park or otherwise block traffic. This is an obvious safety issue for everyone.
- DO park on Wheeling Street in front of Wheeling or around the corner on Alaska Avenue if you need to come into the school.
- DO NOT drive through the driveway or parking lots when buses are arriving at (8:05-8:15 a.m.) or during dismissal at (2:30-2:45 p.m.).



Just A Reminder!

The Wheeling Elementary main office and hours are 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. The school hours are 8:15 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. The school hours for students are 8:15 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. We ask that parents please pick your students up at no later than 2:55 p.m.

October count is coming. It will start on Friday September 23rd and end on Friday October 7th, 2005. This attendance period is crucial to Wheeling Elementary. Please make any and all efforts to have your children here during that week.
