



Winchester Potters Elementary School

Welcome Back to the 2024-2025 School Year!

I am very excited to be embarking on this new school year with all of you! I take great pride in being your child's building principal, and work very hard to ensure each student's academic success and social emotional safety. I have two boys of my own that will be in grade 4 and grade 6 this year, so I understand that supporting your child is your #1 priority! I encourage parent involvement, and ask that you reach out to me anytime you have questions or concerns. In addition, please consider becoming a member of the PTA and attending PTA meetings. Every voice counts, and we want to make your child's experience here at Winchester Potters positive!

Let's make this a great year!

Robyn Brady

Important Dates:

August 21: On My Way to K from 5-7 p.m. at West Senior

August 29: Parent Portal Opens at 4 p.m. with bus and teacher information

September 3: Open House from 4-6 p.m.

September 5: 1st Student Day!!!

September 18: PTA Ice Cream Social 5:30 p.m.

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Mrs. Brady
Building Principal

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Main Office: 677-3531
Attendance: 677-3582
Nurse: 677-3584

Winchester Potters

Open House and Supply
Drop-off!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2024

4:00 - 6:00 P.M.

Open House is a wonderful opportunity to meet your child's teacher, become oriented with the school, and receive important information for the year.

Grades K-4:

- Teacher overviews will take place at 4:15 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. Only one session needs to be attended per student. These overviews will provide specific information on grade level expectations, communication methods (Remind, DOJO), and give you an opportunity to learn about your student's teacher.
- 4:45 p.m. caregivers will be directed to the cafeteria for PTA, WNY Mental Health Advocates, and Winchester Potters PPS Team.

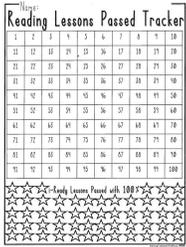
Grade 5:

- Teacher overviews will take place at 4:15 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. These overviews will provide specific information on grade level expectations, communication methods (Remind, DOJO), and give you an opportunity to learn about your student's teachers. Your child will have a homeroom teacher, and rotate classrooms for ELA, Social Studies/ Science, and Math.
- 4:45 p.m. caregivers will be directed to the cafeteria for PTA, WNY Mental Health Advocates, and Winchester Potters PPS Team.
- At 5:00 p.m. there will be an Orientation for the Parents/ Caregivers of 5th grade students in the cafeteria. Please plan to attend.

UPK: Specific times will be sent via mail for small group orientations.

**** Scavenger Hunt/ Punch card for prizes ****

Important Information:



A grid titled "Reading Lessons Passed Tracker" with columns for lessons 1 through 100 and rows for tracking progress. The grid is currently empty.

Summer iReady Trackers can be turned in through Friday, September 6 for WP Tickets! Submit to classroom your teacher and remember to write your name on top.

Chromebooks: Teachers will be asking all students to bring in Chromebooks over the next few weeks for iReady assessments. The Reading and Math iReady assessments allow teachers to see where the students are and provide individualized instruction and support.



You're Invited!

Winchester Potter PTA Ice Cream Social



When: Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Where: Winchester Potters Playground (rain location: Winchester Potters Cafeteria)

Please join our PTA for our first event of the school year! We will have membership sign ups, volunteer sign ups, a quick meeting, and of course ICE CREAM! There will be a non-dairy alternative too!



Breakfast and Lunch will continue to be free for all students for the 24-25 school year (second meals and snacks are not free and will need to be paid for at time of service).

This initiative aims to ensure that every student has access to nutritious meals, supporting their academic success and overall well-being.

Elementary Half Days

Date	Release Time
October 9, 2024	Parent Pick-Up: 11:35; Bus Dismissal: 11:45
December 6, 2024	Parent Pick-Up: 10:50; Bus Dismissal: 11:00
December 12, 2024	Parent Pick-Up: 11:35; Bus Dismissal: 11:45
February 5, 2025	Parent Pick-Up: 11:35; Bus Dismissal: 11:45
March 14, 2025	Parent Pick-Up: 10:50; Bus Dismissal: 11:00
May 14, 2025	Parent Pick-Up: 11:35; Bus Dismissal: 11:45
June 13, 2025	Parent Pick-Up: 10:50; Bus Dismissal: 11:00
June 23, 24, 25, 2025	Parent Pick-Up: 11:50; Bus Dismissal: 12:00



Transportation to and from Child Care (Baby-Sitting) Locations

If you have any changes due to daycare/ childcare, please contact transportation ASAP at 716-677-3820. All information needs to be submitted by August 16 to ensure a smooth start September.

Bus information will be available on the parent portal by 4pm on August 29th at 4:00 p.m.

What does my child need everyday?

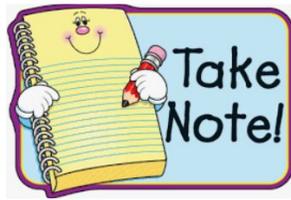
Art Class	PE	Playground	EVERYDAY
All K-5 students should bring a smock for art. This can be an oversized t-shirt.	All K-5 students should wear sneakers on PE days.	No flip-flops/ slides are allowed on the playground.	Water bottle

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WEAR your School Spirit!

PTA gifted all K-5 students a Winchester Potters t-shirt last year for field day. If you are new to WP and need a shirt, the PTA will have Spirit Wear fundraisers at the beginning of the year!

We show our school spirit and wear our Winchester Potters Elementary t-shirt or a blue and gold shirt EVERY Wednesday!



ARRIVAL and DISMISSAL:

AM: Parent Drop-Off and Bus Arrival begins at 8:30 a.m.
PM: Parent pick-up begins at 2:55 p.m. & bus dismissal is at 3:00 p.m.

Regular Parent Pick-up: Be sure to complete the "Pick-Up Authorization Form."

Early Dismissal/ Alternate Pick-Up: Please send in a note with your child or email the office at crupert@wscschools.org

If your child is absent, call 677-3582 and send in a note upon return to school.

IMPORTANT

Parents picking up their child(ren) in the afternoon **CANNOT** go in the bus loop prior to 2:45 p.m. We have UPK in the building, and the bus loop needs to be clear for those parents.

In addition, cars that come too early and block our fire lane will be asked to park in the lot.

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Parent/ Caregiver Morning Drop-Off And Afternoon Pick-up

Using the school bus is the most efficient and safe way for students to travel to and from school each day. We understand that some circumstances prevent bus use. The safety of our students is our top priority. If you need to drop-off and pick-up your student, *please be considerate and patient as you enter and exit our parking lot.*

Morning Procedures

Student drop-off in the morning will continue to occur in the designated car lane at 8:30 a.m.

Buses will arrive and unload at 8:30 a.m.



-There will be buses lined up in front of the school in the bus lane. Please do not block buses from entering the driveway.

-Parents should line up in the 1st and 2nd row of the parking lot. Please do not park in the lot for drop-off. This restricts access to parking for our staff.

-At 8:30 a.m. (and no sooner) staff will assist students crossing the parking lot and bus lane using the cross walks.

-Please do not block crosswalk with your vehicle.

Afternoon Procedures

Student pick-up begins at 2:50 p.m. Vehicles cannot enter the bus lane prior to 2:40 p.m.



-Your car tag must be displayed on your dashboard.

-The caregiver picking up needs:

- To be on the "Pick-up Authorization" list
- Have identification

Flow of Traffic:

In order to make our afternoon dismissal efficient, we ask that:

- Parents stay in their vehicles.
- Students practice buckling their seat belt.

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The WP Way

The Winchester Potters Way is a framework. Within that framework are specific research based components that have proven to improve the overall climate of a school. They include having a clear set of schoolwide expectations, acknowledgement system, consequence system, and a systematic way to collect and analyze data. As a building, we use data to direct all decisions.

A concerted effort was made to establish a consistent social culture and common language schoolwide, through the application of 3 common behavior expectations. These expectations are referred to as The 3R's: Respectful, Responsible, Ready to Learn.

Daily throughout the school day, these expectations are taught and reinforced with our students. Students are frequently acknowledged when they demonstrate these desired behaviors.

Support from Home

We are asking caregivers to continue this acknowledgement with their child at home. Praise your child each time you catch them demonstrating any of 3R's. Using this common language both in school and at home will increase the occurrence of positive behavior being demonstrated by your child in all their settings.

Acknowledgement System

Winchester Potters Tickets: Students observed demonstrating any of the 3R's receive positive praise and have the opportunity to receive tickets from building staff/faculty. These tickets can be used for "purchases" at the school store.

The School Store: is open during the school day. Students can go to the store and "purchase" items and/or experiences (ie. Lunch with the principal, lunch with a favorite teacher, homework pass, etc.).

Battle of the Buses: Expectations for using the bus and dismissal for parent-pick up and the after school program will be explicitly taught to students. Groups who demonstrate respectful and responsible behavior in these areas will be acknowledged throughout the year.

School-wide Celebrations: Students that consistently demonstrate **The 3R's** are nominated by staff members for Trimester Awards. Students are acknowledged at an assembly and receive a certificate.

The power of positive reinforcement:

Praise your students,
focus on their strengths,
tell them what you
believe they can do.
Then watch how quickly
they reach their full
potential!