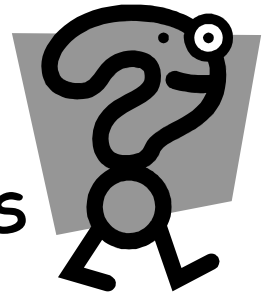




FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



HOW DO I REGISTER MY CHILD?

To register your child, you will need a birth certificate, immunization records, proof of residency, such as a WMECO bill (original, not a copy) or a lease agreement.

The school secretary will have registration forms to fill out.

I'M MOVING INTO THE DISTRICT. CAN I SCHEDULE A TOUR OF THE BUILDING?

Prospective residents should contact the principal of the school to arrange for a tour of the building after school hours so there is no interruption of daily instruction.

WHAT ARE THE HOURS OF THE SCHOOL DAY?

8:55 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Students are encouraged to arrive no later than 8:45.

WHY DO I GET THE VOICE MAIL WHEN I'M TRYING TO CALL THE SCHOOL?

Whately Elementary School has two in-coming phone lines. When both of these lines are being used, the voice mail automatically picks up the next call. Voice mail messages are checked frequently so please leave a message.

WHAT IS THE COST OF LUNCH?

\$2.75 for students

\$4.00 for adults

\$.50 extra milk

WHAT TIME DOES MY CHILD EAT LUNCH?

Grades 1-3 have lunch/recess from 11:20 - 12:00

Grades 4-6 have lunch/recess from 12:10 - 12:50

WHAT ARE THE BUS ROUTES?

Route W-1

- Start at approximately 8:05 a.m. on North Street.
- South on North Street to Haydenville Road at 8:10;
- West onto Haydenville Road to Strippe Road
- Strippe Road to Webber Road to West Whately Chapel, turn around at 8:20.
- Webber Road to Conway Road to Westbook Road, to Chestnut Plain Road to Route 5 & 10 at 8:25.
- Proceed north to Christian Lane, left onto Long Plain Road to Whately Elementary, arriving at 8:40.
 - NOTE: Students living on Christian Lane between Routes 5 & 10 and Long Plain Road will ride the W-1 bus. Any students south of the Haydenville Road/Strippe Road intersection will walk to the Strippe Road bus stop.

Route W-2

- Start at approximately 8:00 a.m. at the Whately Diner
- Proceed South on Routes 5&10 to Swamp Road at 8:05 a.m.
- To Christian Lane, Right onto Route 5 to Depot Road in Hatfield to Long Plain Road.
- North on Long Plain Road then right onto Straits Road to River Road at 8:25a.m.
- South on River Road to Hatfield town line at 8:30.
- Turn around and proceed north on River Road to Route 116 at 8:35 a.m.
- Proceed north on Route 116, left to tri-town beach
- Reverse to Pine Street at 8:40 to Long Plain Road to Whately Elementary School at 8:45 a.m.
 - NOTE: Any student living on Egypt Road will walk out to Long Plain Road.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY CHILD IS GOING TO BE LATE?

Your child will be considered tardy if he/she is not in their classroom at 8:55 a.m. Your child must be in school by 11:59 a.m. to be counted as attending for the day. A student must be present for at least $\frac{1}{2}$ the school day to not be counted as absent.

WHEN ARE SPECIALS?

Gym - Monday & Friday (students must wear sneakers)

Music - Wednesdays

Art - Thursdays

(4, 5 & 6th grades have instrumental lessons on Tuesdays if they choose to play an instrument)

IS THERE A BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM?

http://www.des.deerfield.ma.us/Out Of School/index_out_of_school.htm

Program opens in the mornings from 7:00 a.m. to 8:40 a.m. and Afterschool is open from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Extended care offered from 5:00-5:30 p.m.

WHO DO I CALL IF MY CHILD IS SICK?

Call Nurse Juli at 665-5560. Please leave a message if no one picks up the call.

WHEN SHOULD I KEEP MY CHILD HOME?

Fever of 100 degrees or more - A student with a fever will need to stay home the day the fever begins. A student may return to school after the fever has been gone for 24 hours.

Vomiting and Diarrhea - A student with either vomiting and/or diarrhea will need to stay home for 24 hours after the last episode. Encourage fluid.

Sore Throat - Mild sore throats can be common prior to simple cold. A very sore throat could be a sign of strep throat. At school, we suspect strep if there have been cases in the class, the child's sore throat lasts more than a day and is accompanied by headache, stomachache, fever, swollen or tender throat will likely be prescribed antibiotics. This student may return to school 24 hours after starting the medication.

Pinkeye or Conjunctivitis - Any student with sticky eyelashes with visible drainage or pink or red eye must be treated with a prescribed antibiotic eye medicine. The student may return to school 24 hours after starting the antibiotic medication.

Rashes, sores or severe itching - Please contact your health care provider for diagnosis of a new undiagnosed rash, red sores or severe itching. Your doctor will provide school attendance guidelines.

Runny nose, congestion and cough - Often a day of rest will help resolve a bad cold and may help limit the spread of nuisance colds and coughs at school.

WHEN CAN I VISIT MY CHILD'S CLASSROOM?

We ask that you come during your designated volunteer time set with the classroom teacher or after school. **Please do not drop in during arrival or during the day, as these are very busy times when the children and teachers need each other's undivided attention. If you are delivering something for your child, please leave it at the office with Ms. Williams.** Thank you for your understanding!

HOW DO I KNOW WHEN SCHOOL HAS BEEN CANCELED?

It will be announced no later than 6:30 a.m. on local radio stations. We have also instituted a "all call" system that will send an automated message to your home regarding cancellations.

IF SCHOOL IS GOING TO BE DELAYED, HOW WILL I KNOW?

If the 1 or 2 hour delay is in effect, it will be announced on the following radio and television stations: WWLP - Channel 22 / WGGB - Channel 40 / WHAI 98.3 / WHMP 1400 A.M. If school is delayed 1 or 2 hours, then bus transportation will be delayed accordingly. We have also instituted a "all call" system that will send an automated message to your home regarding delayed openings.

IF I WANT MY CHILD TO RIDE A DIFFERENT BUS HOME, WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Write a note to the school notifying us of the date of permission, the child's name and the address that you wish your child to travel to. The office will provide the bus driver with a note stating the change. *Note:* This procedure is to be used in both long term situations (such as riding to a grandparent's house each day) and short term situations (such as going to a friend's house one afternoon.)

HOW OFTEN WILL I RECEIVE PROGRESS REPORTS?

Progress reports are issued bi-annually, in late January and on the last day of school.

WHEN ARE PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES?

Conferences are held in the fall and spring. You can also schedule a conference at any time with your child's teacher.