



Thomas Workman Elementary School

Greetings Wildcats,

The 2024/2025 school year is fast approaching, and I would like to welcome you back! I hope your family has enjoyed the summer and is looking forward to the new school year as much as we are. I am so excited to see all of you again, and I cannot wait to greet our new families. Workman is a wonderful school with caring and thoughtful students and staff. This promises to be the best year yet.

In this newsletter, you will find many pieces of important information that will help answer some questions as you prepare for the beginning of the school year. Please feel free to contact me anytime at cori.johnson@pccsk12.com.

As a part of our #iamworkman project, we will continue to focus on “Wildcat Kindness”. This phrase encompasses our responsibility as Workman Wildcats to show kindness every single day.

Last year we enjoyed Choosing Joy as our school-wide theme. This year we are looking forward to introducing our new theme in the coming weeks. During Open House next week, look for your opportunity to learn about our theme and “make your mark” to support our school-wide focus.

On Monday, August 26th, your student’s classroom teacher will be available in the MISTAR Parent Connection. Additionally, you will also receive a welcome letter from your student’s teacher. Our team works diligently to ensure that students are placed appropriately and in an environment that supports their learning. Thank you for your continued support.

Important Dates ~ Mark your Calendar

Aug 28 - Open House 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Sep 3 - **First day of school**; half day Y5K/K-5
Sep 4 - Gr. 1-5 Full Day; Y5 Kindergarten only half day
Sep 5 - Gr. 1-5 Full Day; Y5 Kindergarten only half day
Sep 6 - Full Day for all grades Y5 - 5
Oct 9 - No School (Teacher Professional Development)
Oct 31 - 1/2 day AM of school K-5

Nov 5 - No School (Teacher Professional Development)
Nov 13-14 - K-5 Students Half day of school; Parent-Teacher Conferences
Nov 27-29 - No school; Thanksgiving Break
Dec 23-Jan 3 - Winter break
Jan 6 - Classes Resume
Jan 16 - MLK Day; No school
Feb 14-17 - Mid-Winter Break
Mar 5 - No school (teacher Professional Development)
Mar 11-12 - 1/2 day AM of school K-5
Mar 24 -March 28 - Spring Break
March 31- Classes Resume
May 26 - No School; Memorial Day
Jun 10 - 1/2 K-12 AM
Jun 11 - 1/2 K-12 **Last day of School**

Bell Schedule -

Full day - 8:55 a.m. to 4:01 p.m.

Half day - 8:55 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.

Back to School Check-in Process - Everyone must complete this (just like in years past).

Please complete the Back to School Check-In for your student through the [Mistar Parent Connection](#) beginning August 14 and before September 30th. All families should complete this, including newly enrolled families.

If you require busing, please be sure to select whether or not your student(s) need transportation as soon as possible. The system defaults to “no” meaning your student will not be placed on a bus route unless you select “yes.” Please view [this page](#) for additional information.

*Once logged in, click on the red Back to School Check-in link in the upper right corner of the page. It will take you to a new page with a list of your students.

*Click on your student to complete the check-in process. The check-in process must be completed for all students.

Arrival and Dismissal - information will be provided in future communications regarding specific practices for both arrival and dismissal.

Food and Nutrition -

This year the district is offering universal feeding for all students.

We are asking that Families still complete the Free and Reduced Lunch Application. Parents must apply online for free and reduced nutrition benefits. [Please click on this link to access the application.](#)

The application supports other funding in areas of education as well, such as discounts for pay-to-play, access to computer WIFI, college application fees, and standardized testing fees.

Lunch Menus - can be found [here](#).

Snacks - Students may bring a snack to school each day. Snack choices are limited to the following items: fruits, vegetables, crackers, or pretzels. Individual classrooms may have additional food restrictions to address specific health issues. Please send a water bottle to school with your student to keep in their classroom.

Suggested Supply Lists

Kindergarten & Young 5s

1st Grade

2nd Grade

3rd Grade

4thGrade

5th Grade

Lastly, please join me in welcoming the following new staff member to our team:

April McCreery- Special Education

We also have some staff members who have changed grade levels:

Rebekka Darby is moving from Kindergarten to 1st

Nikki Caliskan is moving from 1st to 2nd

Amy Lauerma is moving from 5th to 4th

As always, I appreciate your attention to this letter, and I look forward to welcoming all of our students and families back to Workman School for the 2024-25 school year.

We're all in this together, Wildcats!

Best,

Cori Johnson, Principal

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