The Wegner Connection

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A Note From Principal Janet Gruenwald

Last week, our students gathered for a special school-wide assembly focused on kindness, bullying prevention, and the incredible power of our words. To make this concept memorable, we conducted a visual experiment using a simple tube of toothpaste.



We invited student volunteers to squeeze a whole tube of toothpaste onto a plate - a task that took less than 30 seconds. Next, we challenged them to use spoons to put every single drop of paste back into the tube. As you can guess, it was messy and completely impossible!

We used this demonstration to teach two important lessons:

1. **Words are permanent:** Saying mean words or rumors is quick and easy. But just like the toothpaste couldn't go back in the tube, we cannot completely take back the hurt once those words are out in the world. Even if we say "I'm sorry," "It was just a joke," or "I didn't mean it."
2. **The 30-Second Rule:** We are coaching students to pause before they speak. If a peer cannot physically fix something about themselves in 30 seconds or less (like their hair, body, or clothing style), we do not comment on it.

How you can help at home:
Ask your child about the "toothpaste lesson" this week! You can reinforce this at home by practicing the 30-Second Rule together and discussing how your family uses words to build each other up rather than tear each other down. Thank you for partnering with us to keep our school community safe, kind, and supportive!

As we move into the month of November our school focus will be on our Core Value of Responsibility. Throughout the month, we will focus on what it means to be responsible for our actions both in how we treat each other, and how we make sure we are ready to learn. The visuals

we use at school are always available to any family who would like them. Just reach out to our front office or your child's teacher, and we will happily provide a copy for you to use at home.

Here's to a Spooktacular end to October!
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Important Upcoming Dates

10/27 Trunk or Treat 4:30 - 6:30
10/29 Evening Parent / Teacher Conferences
10/30 Halloween Parade and Parties
11/3 No School - Professional Development Day
11/3 PTO Meeting 6:00 at Wegner
11/13 End of Trimester 1
11/16 Picture Retake Day
11/18 No Clubs After School
11/20 Report Cards Live in PowerSchool
11/23 - 11/27 Fall Break - No School
12/1 PTO Meeting 6:00 at Wegner





Wegner Updates

Surprise Attendance Day

At Wegner, we're adding a little mystery and excitement to our school days! Once each month, we will secretly choose one school day for a special surprise or experience. Our Eagles know a surprise is coming, but they won't know the date or exactly what is planned. The mystery is part of the fun!

This is also a great way to celebrate our Core Value of **Readiness to Learn**! Being at school, prepared and ready to participate, helps students make the most of every learning opportunity and be part of all the fun happening at Wegner. With only a few days left in October, our students know this month's surprise day is coming soon. We've given a couple clues already, so check in with your student and see if they think they know what the surprise might be!

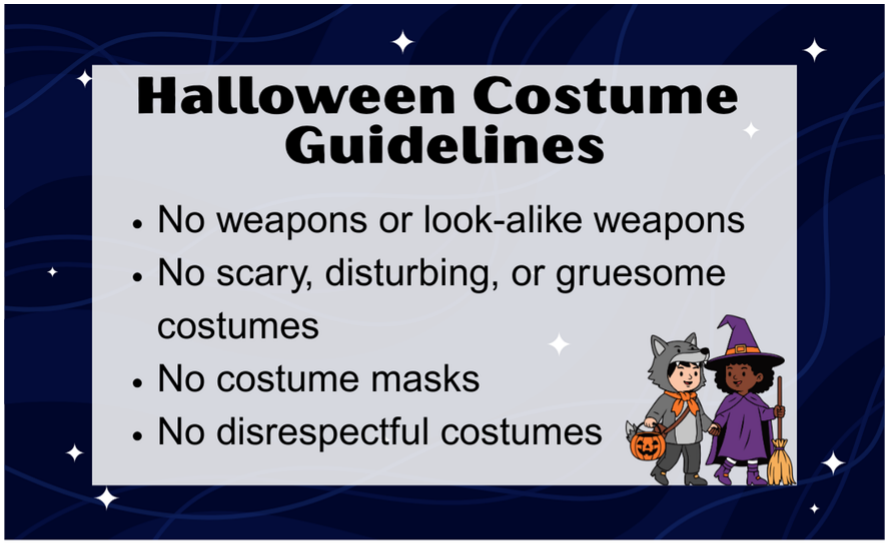
As always, students who are sick should stay home and return when they are feeling well. We can't wait to share some exciting surprises with our Eagles!

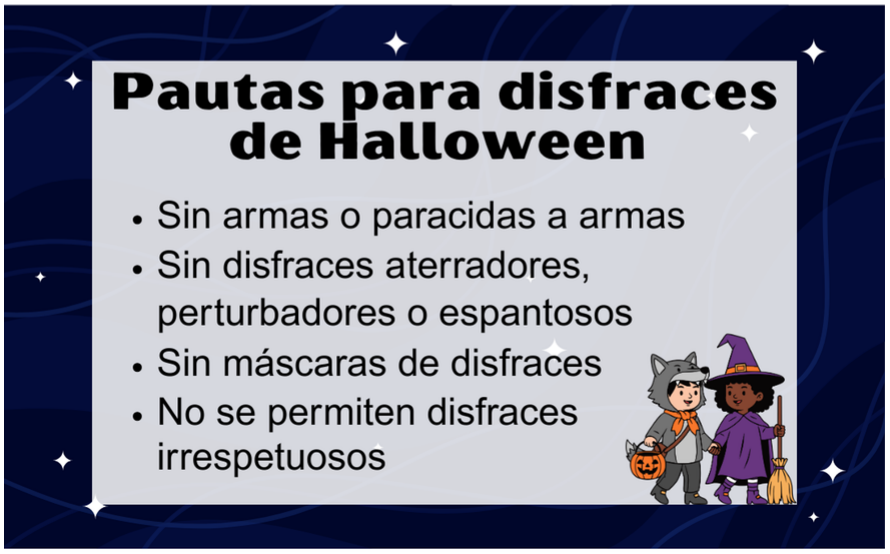
Important Costume Guidelines

Students in grades K-5 are welcome to wear their costumes to school as long as they do not significantly disrupt the learning environment during the day. If your child will have a hard time

participating in learning while wearing their costume, please send the costume (or parts of the costume) to school in a bag labeled with your child's name and they can change into their costume prior to our school parade. Students wearing a full-body inflatable costume will not be able to wear it all day.

While students are NOT allowed to wear masks as part of their costume during the school day, they WILL be able to wear their masks during our school parade.





Parade Information

Parade will begin at 2:00. Parents are welcome to begin gathering at 1:45 in any of the yellow designated ‘Parent Area’ spaces on the map below.

Students will exit Door 5, beginning with Kindergarten.

Students will parade around the front of the building and re-enter at Door 5.

If the weather is rainy, we will switch to an indoor parade that is recorded and shared with families.

Halloween Parade Route



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Parents are welcome to begin gathering at 1:45 in any of the yellow designated yellow 'Parent Area' spaces.

El desfile comenzará a las 2:00.

Los estudiantes saldrán por la Puerta 5, comenzando con Kindergarten.

Los estudiantes desfilarán por el frente del edificio y volverán a entrar por la Puerta 5.

Los padres pueden comenzar a reunirse a la 1:45 en cualquiera de las áreas designadas en amarillo como "Área para Padres."

Book Vending Machine

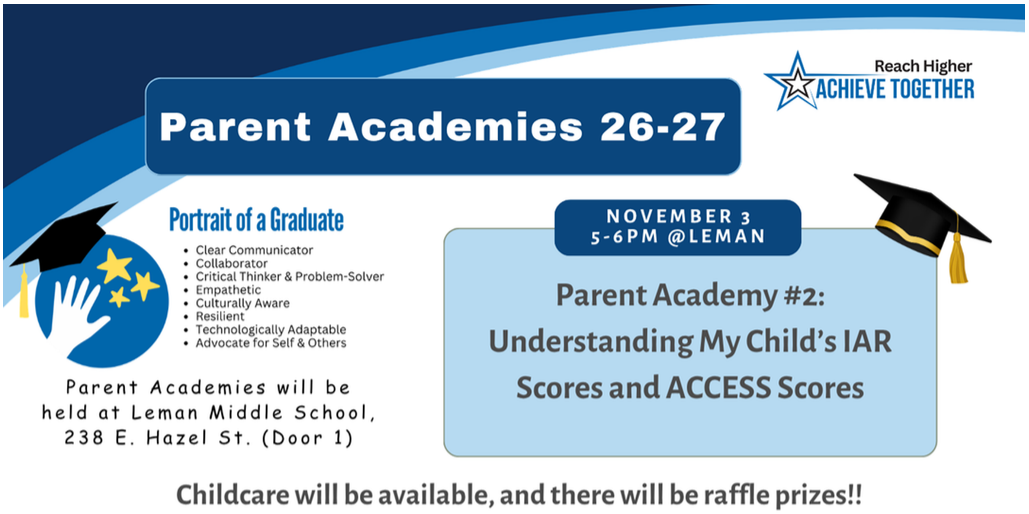


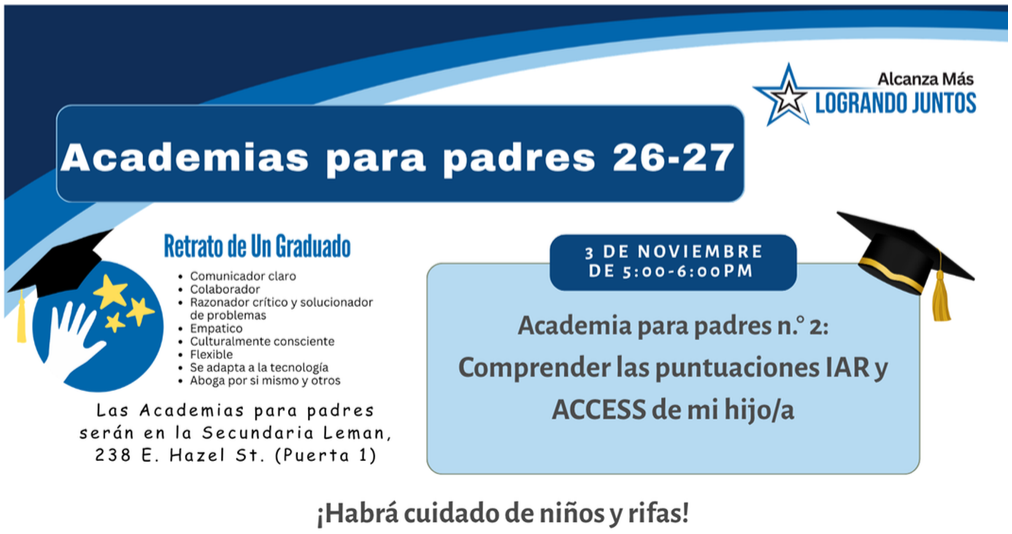
A HUGE thank you to We Go Together For Kids for all their support in getting our book vending machine up and running! Ms. Mendiola recently met with representatives from each classroom to teach them about the machine. Throughout the year, students who participate in our monthly reading challenge, have lunch with the principal, or use their Birdie Bucks to purchase a book coupon, will receive a token to pick their very own book from the machine!

Parent Academy #2

Our Second Parent Academy session is coming up on November 3rd. Please use this form to sign up, even if you already registered for the first one! Each session requires a separate registration so we can plan for enough food and childcare for everyone.

Where: Leman Middle School (Community Room & Library)
Details: Childcare and dinner provided!





Community Opportunities



PTO Updates

Trunk-or-Trunk

Trunk-or-Treat is tomorrow! If you volunteered to donate a bag of candy, please bring it to the office tomorrow, Tuesday 10/27, by 9am. Thank you for the help!



Join the PTO!

Our Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO) welcomes any family to join our upcoming meetings! If you are interested in helping plan fun events for the school, volunteering in the building, or sharing your input and ideas, we would love to have you join us at our next meeting!

Upcoming Meetings:

All Meetings begin at 6:00 in the Wegner library, and will be available to join virtually.

11/3

12/1

1/5

2/1 **MONDAY MEETING

3/2

4/6

5/4

Important School Year Information

2026-27

Wegner Elementary School
Calendar Highlights

First Day of School — August 19 / 20 (1-8 K)

Last Day of School — June 3 (½ day)

Holidays & Breaks

Thanksgiving Break
November 23 - 27

Winter Break
December 21 -January 1

Spring Break
March 26 - April 2

School Closures

Sept. 7 - Labor Day
Oct. 12 - Indigenous Peoples Day
Oct. 22 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
Oct. 23 - School Improvement Day
Nov. 3 - Professional Development Day
Jan. 18 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Feb. 12 - Lincoln's Birthday
Feb. 15 - Presidents' Day *(or Emergency Day)*
Feb. 23 - Professional Development Day
Feb. 26 - Institute Day
March 1 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
April 6 - Election / School Imprvmt. Day
May 21 - Professional Development Day
May 31 - Memorial Day

Report Cards

T1 November 20
T2 March 12
T3 June 3

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Special Events

9/10 Curriculum Night
10/1 Fall Picture Day
10/27 Trunk or Treat
1/28 Literacy / Math Night
3/3 Spring Picture Day
3/24 We are Wegner - Family Culture Night
4/15 Family Art Night

Absences

School Hours: 8:40 - 3:25

Please report your child absent by 8:30 AM
(630) 293-6400 ext 8207
****ALL Changes to a student's end of day pick-up MUST BE MADE BY 2:00 PM to ensure a smooth dismissal routine.**

2026-27

Wegner Elementary School
Fechas importantes del calendario

Primer día de clases — agosto 19 / 20 (1-5 K)

Último día de clases — junio 3 (MEDIO DÍA DE CLASES)

Días Festivos & Descansos

Receso de Acción de Gracias
23-27 de noviembre

Receso de invierno
21 de diciembre-1 de enero

Receso de primavera
26 de marzo - 2 de abril

No Hay Clases

septiembre 7- Día del Trabajo
octubre 12- Día de los Pueblos Indígenas
octubre 22 - Conferencias de Padres y Maestros
octubre 23- Mejoramiento Escolar
noviembre 3- Día de Desarrollo Profesional
enero 18- Dia de Martin Luther King Jr
febrero 12 - Dia de Lincoln
febrero 15- Día de los Presidentes *(o Día de Emergencia)*
febrero 23- Día de Desarrollo Profesional
febrero 26- Día de Instituto del Condado
marzo 1- Conferencias de Padres y Maestros
marzo 26 - Día de inasistencia
abril 6 - Día de elección / Mejoramiento Escolar
mayo 21 - Día de Desarrollo Profesional
mayo 31 - Memorial Day

Boletas de calificaciones

T1 noviembre 20
T2 marzo 12
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Eventos Especiales

9/10 Noche de Currículo
10/1 Día de la fotografía
10/27 Trunk-Or-Treat
1/28 Noche de Alfabetismo y Matemáticas
3/3 Día de la fotografía
3/24 We are Wegner - Noche Cultural Familiar
4/15 Noche de Arte Familiar

Ausencia del estudiante

Horas escolares: 8:40 - 3:25

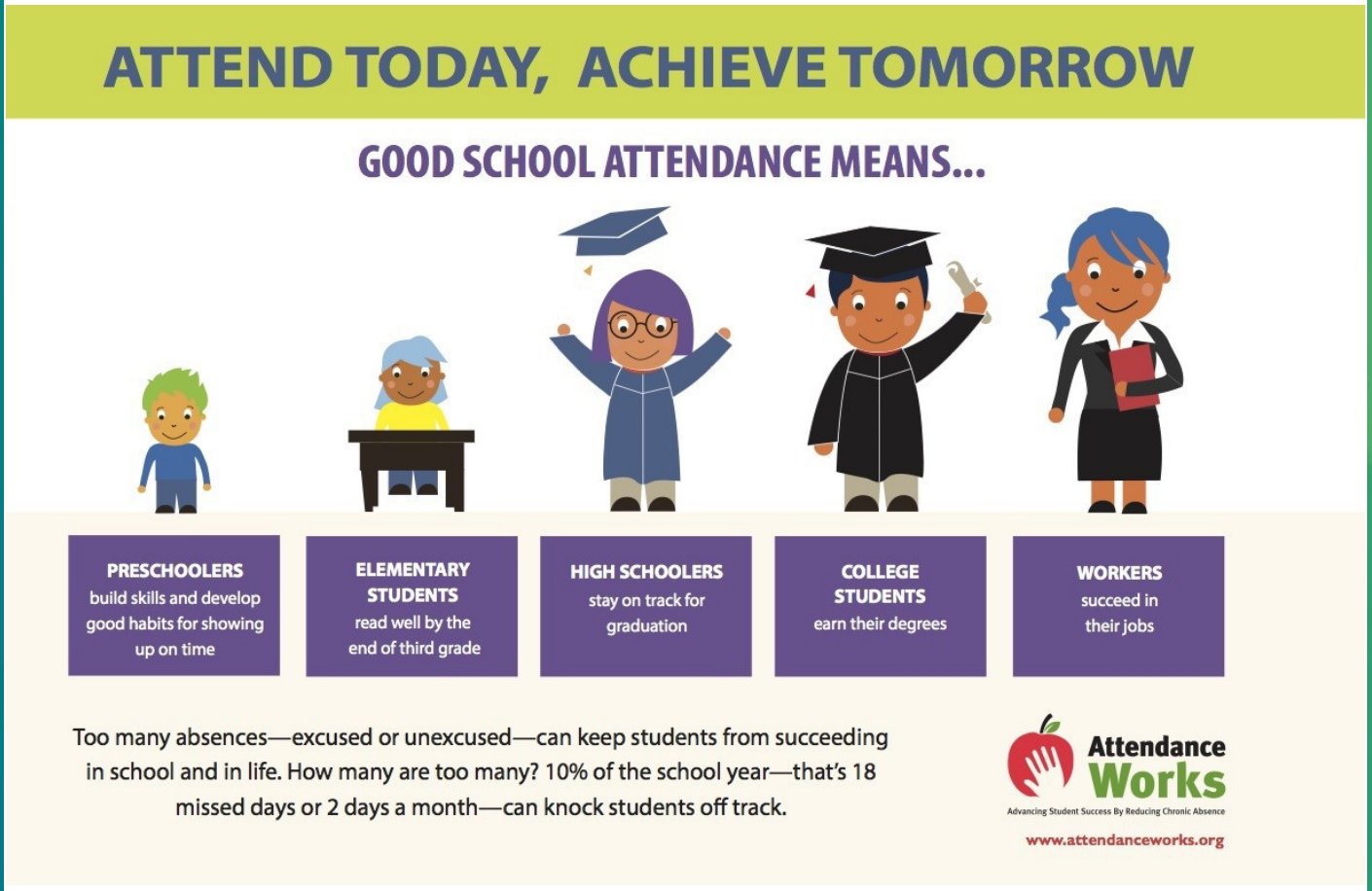
Por favor, reporte la ausencia de su hijo/a antes de las 8:30 AM.
(630) 293-6400 ext 8207
CUALQUIER cambio en el horario de recogida de un estudiante al final del día DEBE SER REALIZADO ANTES DE LAS 2:00 PM para garantizar una rutina de salida fluida.

Student Attendance

School Hours: 8:40 - 3:25

Doors open for breakfast at 8:15
Doors open for all students NOT eating breakfast at 8:30

Why does attendance matter? Regular attendance is critical in ensuring excellent student performance. So when we're here, every day, ready and on-time... we move the needle on student success. So, let's show up TOGETHER!



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Student Absences

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End of Day Pick-Up Changes

We know that sometimes families need to make alternate arrangements for student pick up at the end of the day. If you need your child take alternate transportation (walking, riding with a friend, etc.) please follow these procedures:

- **A parent or guardian MUST notify the office of the change by 2pm**
  - A parent or guardian may send a note to school with their child, call the office, or send a ParentSquare message (by 2pm) if that's easier!
  - Emergencies will be handled on a case by case basis
- **If someone is picking up your child from the office, that person MUST be listed as an alternate pick up person in PowerSchool.**
  - Please call or visit the office to add someone to your child's pick up list!
  - Anyone coming to pick up a child MUST have a photo ID so that we can match the person with the name in PowerSchool.

We take the safety of our students very seriously, which is why these procedures are in place. Thank you for your support in helping us keep students safe and minimizing any confusion at dismissal.

Tardy Students

- If your child arrives to school after 8:40am, they must enter through the front doors.
- We will provide breakfast for tardy children until 9:15am
- CHILDREN WHO ARRIVE AFTER 9:10 WILL RECEIVE ONE OF THE COLD LUNCH OPTIONS.
- If you know your child will arrive AFTER 9:10 and would like to call ahead to request a specific lunch, you may do so until 9:10.

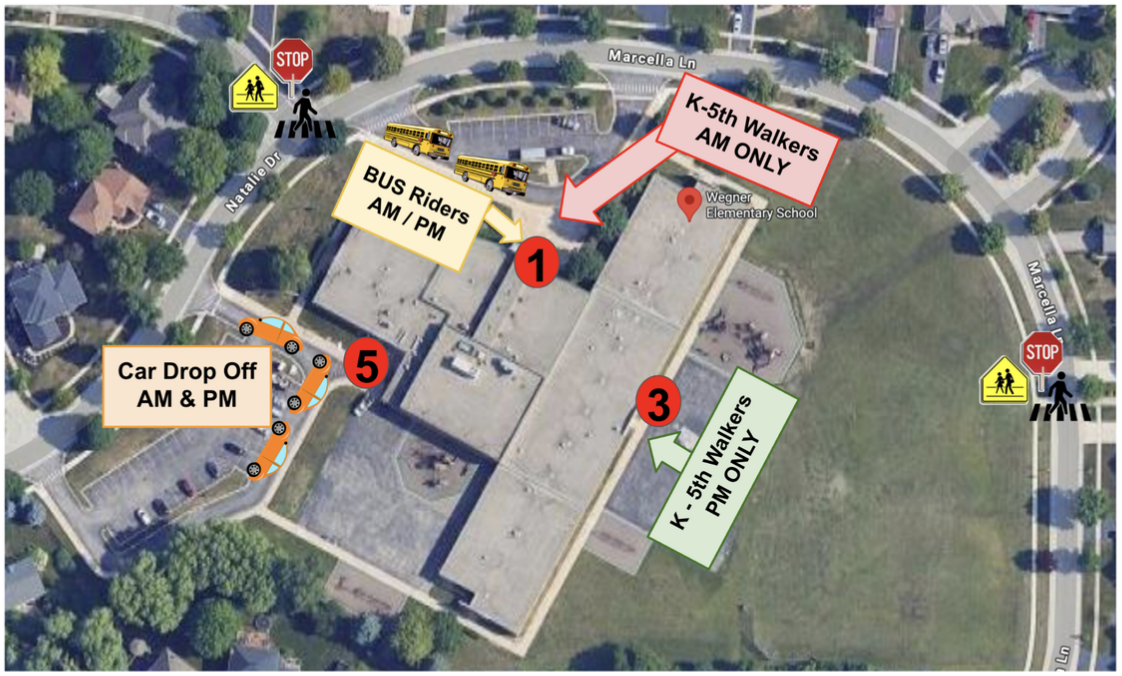
Breakfast and Lunch

Breakfast and lunch are FREE for D33 students. Each month we will send home a lunch menu showing the lunch choices for each day. Students are welcome to bring a lunch from home if you prefer.

Our main entrance will open for students eating breakfast at 8:15.
Students who are NOT eating breakfast should arrive at school at 8:30.

Arrival and Dismissal

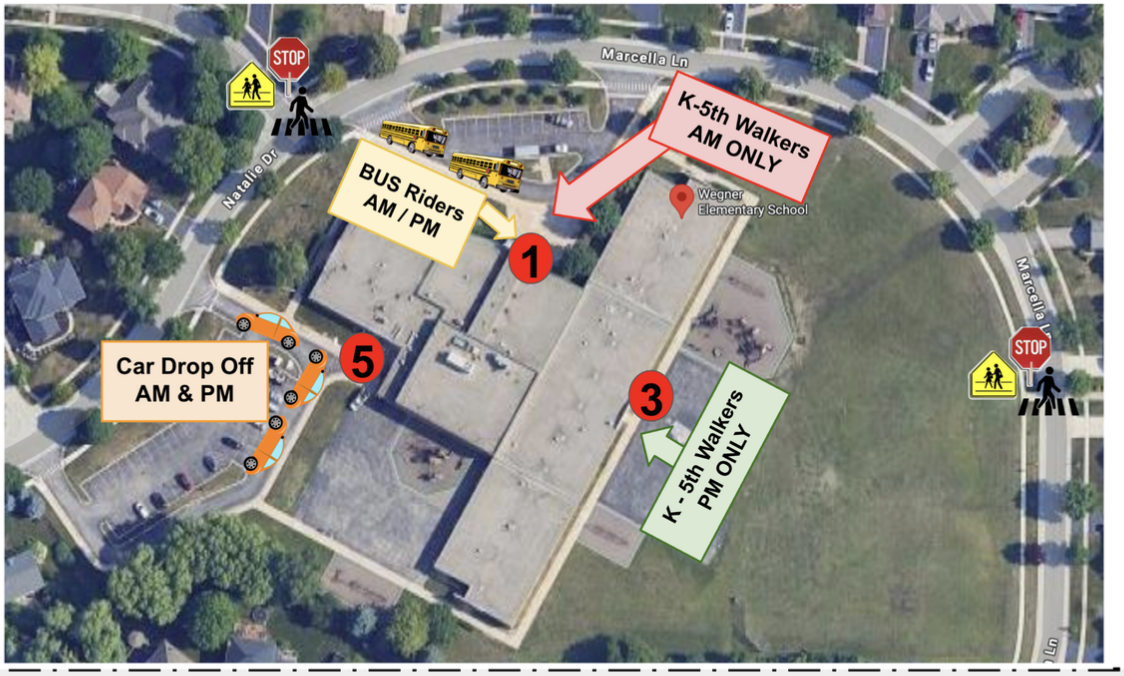
Wegner Parent Arrival and Dismissal Map



Arrival: Doors open for breakfast at 8:15. All other students - Doors open at 8:30. **Staff WILL NOT be outside to supervise students arriving prior to 8:30.** See map above for specific entrance doors.

Dismissal:
Walkers - Parents should meet students outside door 3.
Car Riders - Students will exit Door 5.

Mapa de llegada y salida de los padres de Wegner



Llegada: Las puertas se abren para el desayuno a las 8:15. Todos los demás estudiantes: Las puertas se abren a las 8:30. **NO estará personal afuera para supervisar a los estudiantes que lleguen antes de las 8:30.** Vea el mapa de arriba para las puertas de entrada específicas.

Salida:
Caminantes: Los padres deben encontrarse con los estudiantes afuera de la puerta 3.
Estudiantes que van en automóvil: Los estudiantes saldrán por la puerta 5.



Visiting Wegner

District 33 is committed to securing all of its buildings to maintain a safe and appropriate learning environment for all of its students using the Raptor Visitor Management System. All visitors (volunteers, substitutes, and vendors) who seek access to either the district office or to a school building when school is in session shall be required to ring a bell at the front entrance and identify themselves and their purpose for visit before being granted access. Once access is granted, visitors must present photo identification for the first visit. All visitors' identification will be checked against the sex offender databases in the 50 states. If the check comes back clear, a dated ID badge will be printed for the visitor to wear for that day's visit. The sex offender database will be automatically checked each time a visitor signs in at the office. When departing from the building all visitors will need to stop by the office to be logged out of the Raptor Visitor Management System. The ID badge must be returned prior to leaving.

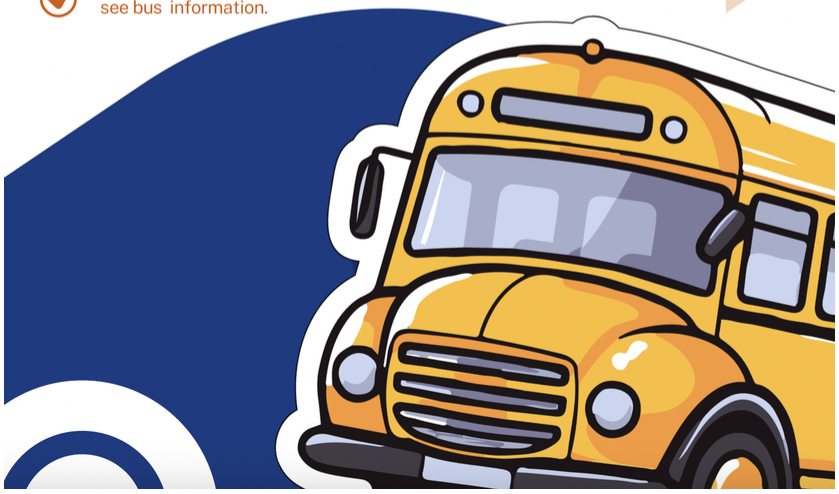
Bus App

WEST CHICAGO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 33

SCHOOL BUS APP

MY RIDE K-12

- Download My Ride K-12 from the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store.
- When prompted to find your school district, search for the name of the school district your child attends (Illinois Central School Bus West Chicago Elementary School District 33). If you need assistance, please contact your school.
- Once you have selected your district, you will proceed to the login page. Click Register.
- To register, enter your email address, a password, and name.
- After registering, you will receive a confirmation email. Tap on the link in your email to confirm your registration through the My Ride K-12 website.
- Log in, then find a student by going to My Students and choosing the + button. This will present the Add Student screen.
- Enter a W and the students ID number. For example: W12345. Click “Next” to enter the last name of the student. Click ‘Next’ Then, click “Add Student”.
- Once you have linked to a student, click on that student’s profile to see bus information.



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APLICACIÓN DE AUTOBÚS ESCOLAR

MI VIAJE K-12

- Descarga My Ride K-12 desde Google Play Store o la App Store de Apple.
- Cuando se te solicite que busques tu distrito escolar, escribe el nombre del distrito escolar al que asiste tu hijo (Illinois Central School Bus West Chicago Elementary School District 33). Si necesitas ayuda, comunícate con la escuela.
- Una vez que haya seleccionado su distrito, pasará a la página de inicio de sesión. Haga clic en Registrarse.
- Para registrarte, introduce tu dirección de correo electrónico, una contraseña y tu nombre.
- Tras registrarte, recibirás un correo electrónico de confirmación. Haz clic en el enlace de tu correo electrónico para confirmar tu registro a través del sitio web My Ride K-12.
- Inicia sesión y luego busca al estudiante accediendo a Mis estudiantes y seleccionando el botón +. Esto mostrará la pantalla para agregar un estudiante.
- Ingresa una W y el número de identificación del estudiante. Por ejemplo: W12345. Haz clic en “Siguiente” para ingresar el apellido del estudiante. Haz clic en “Siguiente” y luego en “Agregar estudiante”.
- Una vez que te hayas vinculado con un estudiante, haz clic en su perfil para ver la información del autobús.



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