



# WEST POINT

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

July 22, 2019

Dear West Point Families:

Welcome back to school! We still have a few weeks of summer rest and relaxation before we begin our new school year, but we are anxious to get started. **The new school year begins on Tuesday, August 6, 2019. We would like to invite you to attend the Meet the Teacher Night on Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 between 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

I would like to thank our community for sharing feedback through surveys and focus groups, as we continue to move forward with the Arts Academy for all students at West Point this year. All students deserve the opportunity to take part in the arts. The arts can positively affect entire school culture, especially with motivation, attitudes and attendance, which encourage students to stay in school, succeed in school, succeed in life and succeed in work. Arts in education enables every child to develop the critical thinking, collaborative and creative skills necessary to succeed in the ever-changing diverse and global economies of today's world.

While we hope you will see evidence of our exciting new school-wide focus from the first day of our new school year, this implementation will take time. We will need your support to provide feedback, ask questions, and champion our efforts so that we can provide an extraordinary student experience here at West Point, the home of the Wildcats.

The safety of our students and families remains a priority for West Point. **Parents will be permitted to enter the building to escort students to their classroom on the first day of school only.** Starting the second day of school, students should not be arriving on campus prior to 8:40 a.m. each morning. Cafeteria doors will be open at 8:30 a.m. for students that are eating breakfast. At 8:40 a.m. the double doors by the cafeteria and the doors in front of the library, by the drop off lane, will be open for all students to enter. Students arriving between 8:40 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. will report directly to their classrooms.

Gates to enter the field area from behind the school will be open until 9:00 a.m. Staff members will be on duty on the field to ensure that students are entering campus safely. Kindergarten students drop off and pick up is located in front of the office at the library double doors. **Preschool parents are the only parents required to sign in/out their children from the building before and after school. Preschool parents will sign their child out from the kindergarten playground gate.**

**Be sure to check our West Point website for calendar events and celebrations planned this year.**

Our mission at West Point is to provide an arts enriched learning environment that inspires exceptional performance through authentic and realistic learning experiences in a safe and positive environment. Thank you for joining with us in this journey. We look forward to welcoming you back to the start of the new school year. It is my distinct privilege to serve as your principal.

Sincerely,

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