



**IDLEWILD OPTIONAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
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Principal

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Vice Principal

July 19, 2023

Welcome Back Eagle Families,

We are looking forward to kicking off a new year and “Exploring New Heights and Sights” together...full STEAM ahead. Attached you will find the 23-24 student roster and family handbook. Please take time to review the handbook with your child and note a few important changes. Our goals this year are as follows: 1) Communicate the progress of each student, both academically and socially; 2) Build a safe learning environment for all students to be successful; 3) Create STEAM focused and enriching classrooms that ignite passion and imagination for all learners.

Once again, our students and teachers shined as we successfully met our Annual Measurable Objective (AMO) with the state of Tennessee on the 2023 TCAP assessment. Thank you to our parents and community partners who assisted us along the way. We know this year will be another great step forward with many new faces who will bring diverse perspectives and offerings that continue to contribute to our students success. Go Eagles!

**New Eagles in the Nest:** Monte Wilson (Plant Manager), Paige Strickland (1-05), Carrie Muldavin (2-02), Margaret Kemp (2-05), Meredith Schoel (4-01, ELA), Meredith Avery (5-01, Math), Kelly Lindsey (Art), Candice McColgan (Library), Marviesta Crider (CLUE), Katya Roehlk (SEA), Alysabeth Watkins (SEA)

➤ *Please visit our website to learn more about our teachers and see their pictures.*

**Changing Eagles:** Patricia Jaimez -> Patricia Webster (General Office Secretary), McKenzie Nobert -> McKenzie Mandrell (1<sup>st</sup> Grade), Ian McLean (SEA), Stephen McIntosh (EA), Hannah Barber (Technology Lab)

**Eagles Flying Higher:** Jaleta Miller (Assistant Principal, White Station Middle School), Michelle Puhok (Functional Skills, White Station High School), Kayla Hines (ESL)

**Eagles Spreading Their Wings:** Grayson McEniry, Lauren Ritter, Emily Chambers, Linden Bump

**New to the Nest:** Welcome to the Gabriel family, Jack Murphy Gabriel. Born June 8, 2023.



Please mark your calendar for the following dates:

**July 29 – Campus Cleanup** This school beautification event will take place from 8:00-12:00. The PTO will be sending out a Signup Genius.

**August 3 – Gear Up Day** (5pm-7pm, Kindergarten Only from 5:00-5:30). Parents and students will have the opportunity to meet teachers, drop off supplies to their classrooms, sign up for ClassDojo, discuss special service needs, pick-up car tags, visit our PTO spirit shop and sign up to volunteer at the PTO Expo, and have a popsicle. This schoolwide event will be taking the place of the previous Popsicle with the Principals event.

Lunch Times	
10:30-11:00	3rd
11:00-11:30	K
11:30-12:00	2nd
12:00-12:30	1st
12:30-1:00	5th
1:00-1:30	4th

**August 7 – First Day of School** Breakfast begins at 7:45. At 8:00 students may travel to classrooms. All students who arrive to school between 7:45-8:00 will be sent to the cafeteria. Students should enter the building through the main door by the marquee. You will see staff and admin out front to greet you. 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students will need to travel to classrooms without parental assistance beginning on Day 1. Please spend time during Gear Up day traveling to class. Staff will be located throughout the building to support all students. \*\*\*No students may be unsupervised/dropped off prior to 7:45.\*\*\*

Specials Times	
8:30-9:25	4th Grade
9:30-10:25	1st Grade
10:30-11:30	2nd Grade
12:00-12:55	3rd Grade
1:00-1:55	Kindergarten
2:00-2:55	5th Grade

**August 7 – 10 – Kindergarten Staggered Entry** Kindergarten students will attend school one day this week. Kindergarten teachers will assign days for students to attend during Gear Up Day or via phone calls with parents. *Kindergarten parents may walk their student to class only on this day and during Gear Up.*

**August 9 – Specials Begin** Teachers will provide their specialist schedules to parents during Gear Up Day and via Class Dojo. Please ensure all students wear tennis shoes on PE days.

We look forward seeing everyone soon,

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