



Welcome Back, Eagles!

Let me start by introducing myself. My name is Mr. Hutchings and I am your new Principal at Wainwright Elementary School. There are no words to describe how excited I am to serve the Wainwright Community and I look forward to a very productive year. I hope everyone had a safe summer vacation and everyone is ready to kick off the 2020-2021 school year. This year will be like no other given our current situation, but I promise you that we will do everything we can to ensure you all *“Reconnect Safely and Return Strong.”*

While we navigate this unprecedented year I know there will be challenges and many questions. Please know the school here is to help our families as much as possible so please know you can always call the school and reach out for support. We are here for you all. Here’s to a fantastic school year!

Sincerely,
Ryan M. Hutchings



2020-2021 Uniform Policy

HISD has announced the suspension of the uniform policy for the upcoming school year. If students have uniforms and wish to use them, they are encouraged to do so. Students will however be expected to follow these guidelines:

- Shorts, skirts, and dresses must be mid-thigh length or longer. Bike shorts or tights/leggings should be worn underneath skirts and dresses
- All shirts should have sleeves. Tank tops or halter tops are not permitted
- Students should wear closed toe shoes that allow for safe play during recess and PE class.
- Noisy, distracting, or excessive jewelry is not permitted.

Remote Learning Support

The Houston Independent School District is committed to ensuring parents and students have the necessary support to successfully engage in school while we are remote. Please take a moment to take the district’s Parent Training at the following link: <https://www.houstonisd.org/ParentCourse> . The course will provide you with an overview on all the district’s learning platforms and how you can help your child access their classes.

Please access the **“WES @ Home”** website to access all the resources necessary for your child’s success during remote instruction. This landing page has everything you will need in order to be successful while we engage in virtual instruction. There is also a form you can submit if you have having technology issues and need support. The website can be found at: <https://sites.google.com/houstonisd.org/wesonline2020> .

Another resource for parents is HISD @ H.O.M.E where they can find a variety of additional resources. The website for HISD @ H.O.M.E. can be found at: <https://www.houstonisd.org/HOME> .

Call the school at 713. 613. 2550 Monday—Friday between 7:15-4:00 for any additional support you may need!

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 3rd—Meet the Teacher
3:00-5:00 (Virtual)

Sept. 8th—First Day of School
(Virtual)

Sept. 18th—Coffee with the
Principal (Virtual)

Sept. 24—Open House

Meet our Newest Eagles

This year we introduce four new teachers to our staff at Wainwright Elementary School.

- Mr. Hall—Special Education Resource Teacher
- Ms. Martinez—5th Grade
- Ms. Ramirez—4th Grade
- Ms. Sanderson—SLC Teacher

Mr. Hall comes to us with experience in Aldine ISD as well as Alief ISD. He is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin and enjoys playing basketball and football.

Ms. Martinez is our newest member on the fifth grade team and is super excited to get the year started. She graduated from California State at Channel Island and will be a first year teacher. She enjoys getting outside to walk and bike when not working.

Ms. Ramirez is a recent graduate of Texas Tech. She is going to be a first year teacher this year and enjoys listening to all types of music.

Ms. Sanderson comes to us from Mississippi where she worked as a Teaching Assistant with students with disabilities. She is a graduate from Ashford University and this will be her first year as a teacher. She is super excited to have moved to Houston and at Wainwright.

Please join us in welcoming them to the Wainwright Family!

Grade Level Supply Lists have been posted to our website— <https://www.houstonisd.org/wainwrightes>

Certain grade levels will also utilize student workbooks. We will be communicating with you shortly on when you can come by to pick up your child's materials.



A message from our Awesome Assistant Principal, Ms. Moody!

Welcome back to an awesome and unique 2020-2021 school year. I am embarking on my 2nd year at Wainwright, and my 16th year in education. I am super excited to work with each every one of you.



A message from our Teacher Specialist, Mr. Lara

Welcome Wainwright Family to a new school year. This is my eighth year in education and my second year as a Teacher Specialist. I am very happy to work with each of you.

Tips for Parents—Setting up for Success!

Distance learning can be challenging for some learners, but following these tips will help—

- Follow the virtual schedule communicated by the school & teachers
- Gather all essential school supplies and learning tools requested by your teacher
- Set up a dedicated learning space within your home where your child will work each day during the school day
- If possible, the dedicated learning space should be away from distractions like video games and the TV and in an area that easily supervised by adults
- Ensure students take their breaks built into the schedule as well as the lunch
- Be aware that Microsoft Teams picks up all background noise and can be heard by all members of the classroom including family conversations