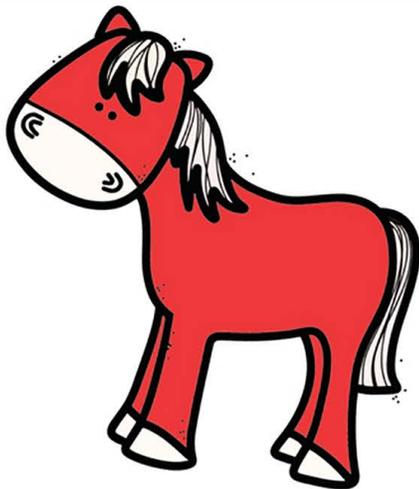


West University Elementary

Kindergarten Round-Up

2024



WEST UNIVERSITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Scott C. Disch, *Principal*

WELCOME TO WEST UNIVERSITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!

Thank you for your interest in West University Elementary School. Important updates and school announcements will be communicated via the WUES Mustang News <http://wues.org/subscribe> (scan the QR code)

ADMINISTRATORS

Scott Disch, *Principal*
Jessica Munscher, *Assistant Principal* (Grades: 4th, 5th)
Cindy Vu, *Assistant Principal* (Grades: 1st, 3rd)
Vanessa Yelenick, *Assistant Principal* (Grades: K, 2nd)
Angela Crowley, *Teacher Specialist* (Grades: PK)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM

SCHOOL HOURS

7:30 AM First Bell (*Doors Open*)
7:40 AM Tardy Bell
3:00 PM Dismissal



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: *Pending*: August 12 or 14, 2024

AGE REQUIREMENT

Students must be 5 years old on or before September 1st of the intended school year to be enrolled in kindergarten. There are **no** exceptions.

BUS TRANSPORTATION

All West U's zoned students live within two miles of the school and are not eligible for bus transportation. HISD policy: "Students who are attending their zoned schools of attendance and who reside two or more miles (as measured along the shortest route that may be traveled on public roads) from their assigned campuses are eligible for transportation services at district-designated stops."

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

For your convenience, school supply packs are coordinated by our PTO and will be delivered directly to your student's classroom before the first day of school. Supply packs may be ordered online until roughly the middle of June. The announcement will go out in May, so [subscribe to the newsletter](#) to ensure you are notified.

MEET THE TEACHER

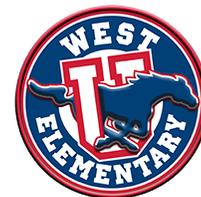
We plan to have a Meet-the-Teacher event for Kindergarten & Pre-K students in August. When the date has been decided, we will announce it via the Mustang News: <http://wues.org/subscribe>

STUDENT DRESS CODE

School uniforms are not required. The West U Student Dress Code policy will be sent home on the first day of school, and it may also be found on our webpage <http://wues.org>

PTO

The West U PTO is integral to the success of West University Elementary School. Please become a member <https://www.westupto.org> The PTO joins parents, teachers, and staff to address our children's learning needs and improve their education quality. The PTO's fundamental mission is to promote an environment at school where teachers and administrators can do their best work and students can do their best learning.



REGISTRATION

Students must reside in the West U [attendance zone](#) in order to attend. Registration for the 2024-2025 school year has yet to open. When we are informed of the date, we will announce it via the Mustang News (scan above), our website <http://wues.org>, and the marquee in front of the school. Steps on how to register will be outlined on our website. Here are the documents you will need to prepare:

- Student's birth certificate
- Student's social security card
- Student's immunizations record
- Parent's driver's license
- Proof of Residency: **THREE** documents are required.
 - » You will need **ONE** of the following:
 - Harris County Appraisal District statement showing *Homestead Exemption* for current year or Warranty Deed if you recently purchased a home. If you are buying a home in the school zone, bring a signed contract with a closing date within the next 30 days. Final closing documents must be submitted, and you must live in the residence before the school year begins.
 - Lease Agreement. The entire lease agreement must be submitted. All lease agreements will be verified with the landlord.
 - » You will need **TWO** of the following:
 - Most current electric bill showing residential service.
 - Most current gas bill showing residential service.
 - Most current water bill showing residential service.
- Latest report card/transcript (*for entering 1st - 5th grade*)
- Withdrawal form (*if enrolling two weeks after the start of school*)
- Gifted & Talented identification matrix (*if applicable*)
- LEP/504/IAT/IEP/Special Education documents (*if applicable*)
- Certified copy of divorce decree/custodial documentation (*if applicable*)
- Private testing or reports needed for educational services (*if applicable*)

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Under Texas law, these immunizations must be current for all children to be enrolled:

- Polio: 3 doses, one after the age of 4
- DPT: 4 doses, one after the age of 4
- MMR: 2 doses, one after the age of 1
- Hepatitis B: 3 doses
- Varicella: 2 doses, one after the age of 1
- Hepatitis A: 2 doses, one after the age of 1

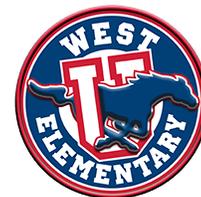
GIFTED & TALENTED TESTING

What is "Gifted and Talented (G/T)"?

The state of Texas defines a Gifted and Talented student as a student who performs at or shows the potential for performing at a remarkably high level of accomplishment when compared to others of the same age, experience, or environment and who: (1) exhibits high-performance capability in an intellectual, creative, or artistic area; (2) possesses an unusual leadership capacity; or (3) excels in a specific academic field.

All incoming kindergarten parents will be able to apply for GT testing, which will take place in Spring 2024. The testing window dates have yet to be released. We will announce the GT testing application deadline via the Mustang News, our website, and our marquee in front of the building. Students may only test once per year.

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If you have already tested and qualified for the Gifted & Talented program at another HISD school, you will need to submit the GT matrix from that HISD school for placement in the program. It is the parent's responsibility to provide this documentation to us.

GT Test Information for Entering Kindergartners:

- Test sessions will last ~45 minutes.
- Please have your child use the restroom before they come to school.
- No drinks or snacks will be allowed during testing.
- Students will be greeted and taken to their testing rooms by a West U kindergarten teacher.
- Parents will not be allowed in the testing room.
- Students will be testing one-on-one with a West U kindergarten teacher.
- Please reschedule if your student shows COVID-19 symptoms or has been exposed to someone who has tested positive.

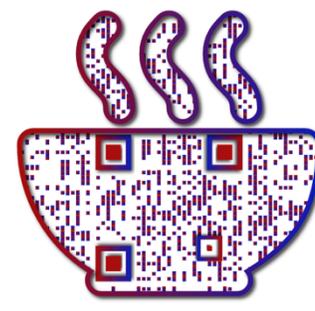
You may contact our GT Coordinator, Ms. Crowley acrowle1@houstonisd.org with your GT questions.

BREAKFAST & LUNCH

Free breakfast is available to students each morning in the cafeteria starting at 7:00 AM. Students may enter via the MPR door in the back of the school on Goode St.

Lunch is \$3.75. An application process will identify each student as qualifying for a free, reduced, or paid lunch. Student eligibility status is kept confidential. Parents/Guardians can complete the application at SchoolCafe <http://schoolcafe.com/houstonisd>.

Students may bring lunch from home or purchase it from the cafeteria serving line. Cafeteria funds may be added to student lunch cards, and restrictions may be placed on a la carte items via [SchoolCafe](#). Cash is also accepted.



Please send your student to school with a refillable water bottle each day.

Parents will be allowed to join their students for lunch starting after the first six weeks of school.

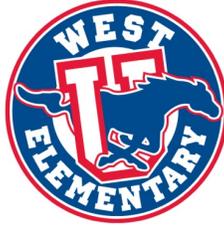
AFTER-SCHOOL CARE

These after-school care providers pick up students at West U after school. You may check with them for availability:

- [iKids Inc.](#) (713) 665-5200 (located on campus)
- [West U Methodist](#) (713) 664-8111
- [Southampton Montessori School](#) (713) 526-7942
- [St. Andrew's](#) (713) 410-0336
- [Weekley Family YMCA](#) (713) 664-9622
- [Dragon Academy](#) (713) 305-9920
- [Holloway Preschool & Day Care](#) (713) 665-7420
- [Primrose School of Upper Kirby](#) (713) 522-6700

REGISTRATION / ENROLLMENT / ATTENDANCE

Please contact Alma.Estrada@houstonisd.org with any questions.



January 31, 2024

Dear Prospective West University Elementary School (WUES) Kindergarten Families,

Welcome to Kindergarten Round-Up for the 2024-2025 school year! WUES is an amazing school because of the combined efforts of our teachers, administration, community, and families. The WUES Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is a group that joins parents and teachers together to enhance the quality of our children's education. The PTO's fundamental mission is to foster an environment where teachers and administrators are empowered to do their best work and students can excel.

We are looking forward to another fantastic year, and I hope you will consider getting involved in the PTO. I believe you will find it rewarding, and your added perspective will benefit our endeavors. Some of the activities and programs the PTO is planning for next year include:

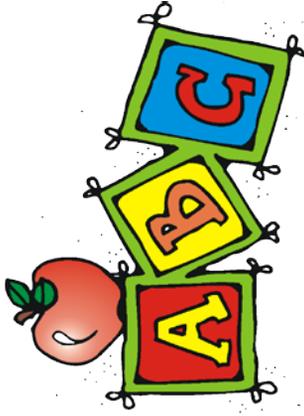
- Providing funds for instructional materials and curriculum enrichment programs such as Art Night, STEM Night, and the International Festival;
- Coordinating room parents to help facilitate programs and volunteer efforts within the classrooms;
- Organizing a fun-filled Boo Bash Carnival, Book Fair, and more;
- Organizing service projects like Souper Bowl of Caring and Day of Service where our children can participate and learn the importance of helping others; and
- Organizing socials (parties, lessons, or events hosted by families) for students and parents.

The PTO wants to help your child make an easy and comfortable transition to kindergarten. We organize gatherings during the summer so your child can meet his/her peers, and we host a pre-K and kindergarten meet-the-teacher event the week before school starts. We provide information to current and incoming families through our website and weekly *Mustang News* email blasts. Sign up to receive WUES & PTO emails by clicking on "Sign Up for Mustang News" on the PTO website at www.westupto.org.

I am happy to answer any questions you may have about the PTO and WUES. Additionally, over the summer, you may send emails to kinder@westupto.org to reach the 2024-2025 Kindergarten Grade Level Representative.

Welcome to WUES!

Lainey Seidel
WUES PTO President 2024-2025
president@westupto.org



Preparing Your Child for Kindergarten



Phonemic Awareness

Letter recognition

Letter/sound correspondence

Rhyming

BOB Books are great! (sight words & word families)

Syllables (counting "word parts")

Blending sounds (d/o/g = dog)

Reading comprehension & story elements

Sight words

Writing

Pencil grip

Convention of print (left to right & top to bottom)

Write name with correct upper and lower case letters

These skills were adapted from the HISD Pre-K curriculum.

Math

Number recognition 0-9

Count 1-30

Patterns

Sorting

Verbal word problems (add/sub to 5)

2D shapes

Independence

Self-help skills (bathroom, buttons, zippers)

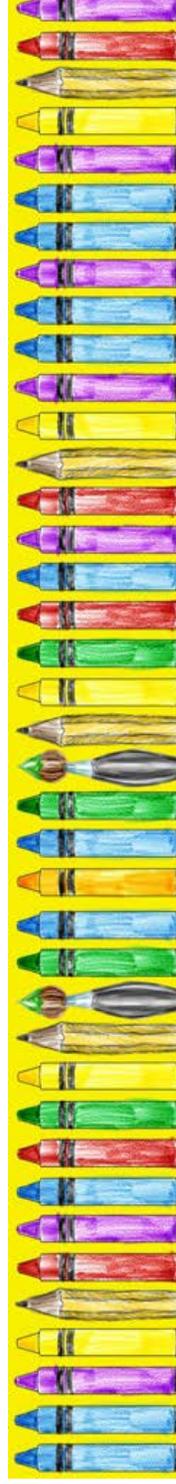
Following oral directions

Managing classroom materials

Verbal expression

Hands to self

Hand-eye coordination & kinesthetic activities



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Kindergarten ROUND-UP



PLEASE SIGN IN

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We will also email you when the Entering Kinder GT Testing application process and deadline have been announced.

We appreciate your interest in West U.
Thank you for joining us!

