



Wayoata School Community Council (WSCC) - September 9, 2024

6:00 p.m. In Person - Multi-Purpose Room (MPR)

Principal's Report - R. Reyes

Welcome to a New School Year!

Wayoata students and staff have had a great start to the school year! Staff returned Sept 3rd and engaged in meetings, URIS training, training related to our new student information system, and prepared for the return of students. Once again, we really enjoyed having our Meet the Teacher Open House on the evening of the 3rd, so that we could see our students and families, allow students to meet their teachers and see their classrooms, and families could visit many important learning spaces around the school! This was also a great way to help alleviate some of the anxiety that is natural at the beginning of a new school year! Students then returned Sept 4th already knowing who their teachers are, where their classrooms are located, and we had a smooth and positive start to the 24-25 school year! On Sept 4th, we also had 2 short school-wide assemblies - one to welcome new students, introduce new staff, and review/practice recess expectations, and the second to review lunch expectations and introduce our lunch supervisors.

Some Information about Wayoata School and the 2024-2025 School Year:

- 1. Current Enrollment - 248 students**
- 2. Current Staff - 18 teachers (includes 0.5 staff), 8 Educational Assistants, 0.5 library technician, 1.5 secretarial staff members, 2 custodians & 1 custodial aide**
- 3. Staff new to the building**

Student Services - Mr. Stuart, Ms. Gill

Classroom Teachers - Ms. Julius (1/2), Mr. Hebel (4/5)

Educational Assistants - Ms. Ewasko, Mr. Ross, Mr. Velasquez, Ms. Khalil

Secretaries - Ms. Debbie, Ms. Heidi

Nutrition Program Facilitator - Ms. Sana

4. Life Threatening Allergies - We aim to be a nut/fish free school; notes are in process of being created for the safety of students with life-threatening allergies and will be sent home shortly. Stop signs on classroom doors will help identify life-threatening allergens specific to classrooms.

5. E-memo - Weekly e-memos will go out to families at the end of every week with reminders about *school-wide* events, important dates coming up, etc. Classroom teachers will communicate *classroom-specific* events/information.

6. School Website - Our Wayoata School calendar on our website is in the process of being updated and will also include school-wide events & important dates. The school website also includes links/information about divisional programming and events.

7. Emergency Preparedness - Teachers will be teaching/reviewing expectations for fire drills, lockdowns, and hold & secure drills with their classes over the coming weeks. We have 10 fire drills, 2 lockdown, and 2 hold & secure practices per school year. Fire drills will begin in September; Lockdown and Hold & Secure drills will occur later in the fall and again after the winter break.

8. School Plan Goals: Wayoata's School Priorities for 2024-2025 focus on Literacy, Numeracy, and Education for Sustainable Development. School Priorities align with RETSD's divisional priorities. RETSD's divisional priorities can be found on the RETSD website.

12. School-Based Fundraisers - More information to come!

13. Fundraising Report to the Board of Trustees - Mrs. Reyes will be submitting a list of potential fundraising ideas that our WSCC, and our school are considering. This is due on September 30 to the Board Office.

14. Extracurricular Activities - There will be a variety of extracurricular clubs and activities being offered for students to enjoy this year! Cross Country Club for Grades 3-5 has already started up!

Thank you, WSCC, for your time and investment in supporting the students and staff of Wayoata School!

Next WSCC Meeting - Monday, October 7th