



John B. Wright Elementary School
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Dear parents, guardians, and care takers,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! We are excited to see our students and families as we embark our journey to the new school year. Last year, we revealed our school as an AVID School. This year, we will reapply for the renewal of our A+ Award of Excellence through the Arizona Educational Foundation. Our dedicated staff is committed to support our school and provide the best educational experience for our students. I look forward to a continued partnership with you and our community. As you prepare for the new school year, please read the following information:

Registration - All students must be registered before the start of every school year. If you have not registered your child, please do so by visiting parent.tusd1.org. You may also call or visit our office Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Teacher Meet & Greet Ice Cream Social – Wednesday 7/31 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. This event will allow an opportunity to meet your child’s teacher and get familiar with his/her classroom. We will begin with a brief parent meeting in the cafeteria. An additional parent meeting will take place at 2:45 p.m. for those that cannot make it at 2:00.

First Day of School – Our first day of school is Thursday, 8/1. The first bell rings at 8:15 a.m. Our students (in Kinder-5th grade) will meet their teacher outside by the playground and will be escorted to their classroom. To help with morning procedures and 1st day of school jitters, I respectfully ask that you do not enter the classrooms during the first week of school.

Breakfast & Lunch - All students will receive free breakfast and lunch. Students are welcome to bring their own lunch. Breakfast is served from 7:45-8:15 a.m. Students must come with enough time to eat breakfast to avoid missing our morning meeting and/or being marked late to class.

School Supplies - Our school provides the most essential school supplies to our students, including a backpack. Our teachers may provide you with a list of suggested school supplies or supplies that may be welcomed as donations for your child’s classroom.

Uniforms - Wright’s dress code consists of khaki or navy-blue bottoms with navy blue, light blue, white, or maroon collared tops with sleeves. For safety reasons, closed-toe shoes are also part of our dress code. If a student does not come to school in uniform, we will call home. School shirts may be used and are for sale in the office for \$12. Please be aware that students that have perfect attendance (with no tardies) may wear free dress (with closed-toed shoes) on Friday. ***Donations of outgrown uniforms are always welcome for our clothing bank.***

PBIS & Trust Cards - Positive Behavior Interventions & Support (PBIS) is a system that provides positive feedback when students are: Respectful, Responsible, Safe, and Kind. In addition to positive feedback and celebrations, our school fosters a Trust Card system. When students earn Trust Cards, they are

allowed independent opportunities/choices and take pride in their choices throughout the day. Trust Cards may be lost and requested by one of our staff members due to poor choices and may be earned back at any time.

AVID – Advancement Via Individual Determination is a system we use to provide our students with college and career ready skills. Skills include Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, and Reading. Students will be taking home a planner which will need to be signed by a parent. Your child’s teacher will communicate when the planner will need to be signed.

Attendance - Attendance is very important in the academic growth of our students. Every minute in the classroom counts. ***Please bring your child to school on time every day and do not check them out early.***

Tardies – After 8:30 students will need to be accompanied by an adult to sign the student in. Student will be escorted by our staff if needed. To prevent distractions in our classrooms, parents will not be allowed to walk the student to class.

Dismissal - Students will be dismissed at 2:40 p.m. (at 1:40 p.m. every Wednesday). Kindergarten will dismiss starting at 2:30 pm. (1:30 on Wednesday). Please remember parent pick-up is usually slower at the start of year as students, staff, and parents get familiar with dismissal procedures.

During dismissal, please remember the following:

- Students that are picked up by car will be escorted to the gates on the east side of campus (RED GATE for Kinder-2nd grade and BLUE GATE for 3rd -5th grade).
- Students that have a younger sibling, must meet their sibling at the RED GATE.
- Please remember to follow traffic rules on Catalina Avenue:
 - The Speed Limit is 15 mph.
 - Do NOT park on opposite directions of the curb, make U Turns, or park on the corner of the street.
 - Do NOT park in front of our neighbors’ driveways, mail boxes, or trash bins.
- Only students that walk home will be released through the YELLOW GATE located on the west side of our campus. The entrance to the parking is closed and no cars are allowed in this area to ensure student safety. If you come by car, please call the office to have your child go to the RED GATE. You can also park on Linden and cross Columbus with the help of the Crossing Guard. Students should not cross Linden on their own without the help of the crossing guard.
- Students that ride the bus go to the bus bay.
- Students that go to a day care go to the cafeteria.

If you need to change the pick-up method for a certain day, please call the office before by 2:00 p.m.

Communication - Our school commits to keeping you informed of updates and important events. We will communicate through automated phone messages, monthly newsletters, school website, Class Dojo, and our Facebook Page. Please remember to update your phone numbers throughout the year.

I look forward to a school year full of learning opportunities and positive experiences for your child.

Sincerely,

Brenda Encinas
Principal