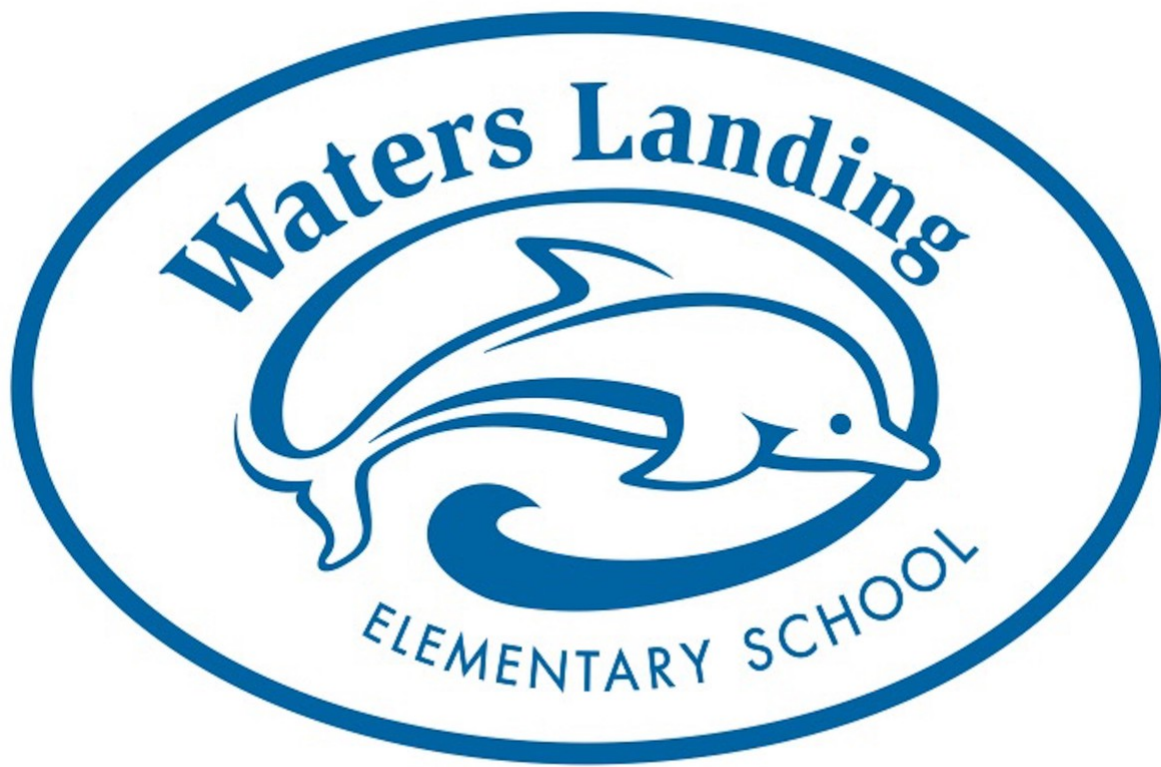


The Dolphin Whistle



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August 28, 2022

Mrs. M. Deneise Hammond, Principal

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School Office Hours: 8:30am-4:30pm



Water's Landing Elementary School Calendar of Events

August

29 First Day of School

September

5 School Closed - Labor Day

7 Back to School Night (in person 5:00-5:20pm or 5:30-5:50pm; virtual 6:30-6:50pm; Virtual Session with principal, assistant principal and PTA 7:00-7:30pm)

13 PTA Chipotle Fundraiser, 4-8pm (Century Boulevard)

14 Early Release

15 Hispanic Heritage Month begins

26 School Closed - Rosh Hashanah

29 Hispanic Heritage Month Car Parade

30 Early Release

October

5 School Closed - Yom Kippur

10 Open House

24 School Closed - Professional Day

25 Red Ribbon Day

26 Red Ribbon Day, Trunk or Treat

27 Red Ribbon Day

28 Fall Festival



Arrival and Dismissal

Please view the new arrival and dismissal procedures in our [Arrival & Dismissal Newsletter](#).



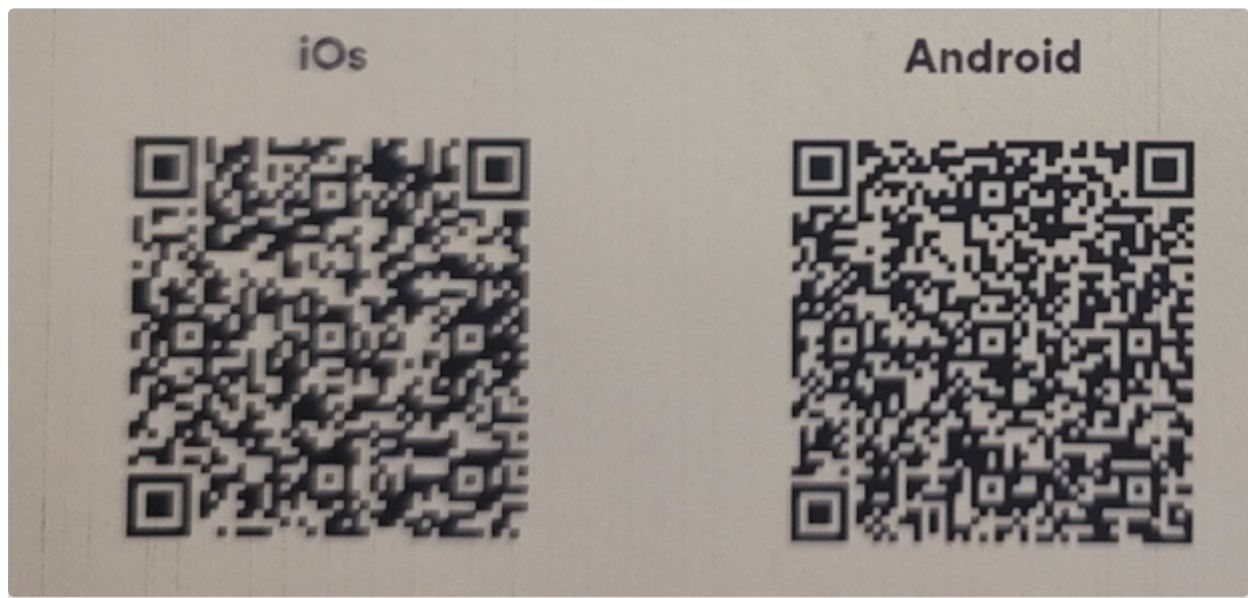
A Message from our School Counselors

Please view the [WLES School Counseling Newsletter](#). This newsletter contains links to request backpacks and Smart Sacks.



Please sign up for the WLES School-wide Talking Points account

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! I will use the two-way messaging app Talking Points as one way to communicate information quickly. I recommend you download the free Talking Points app for Families mobile app. You can also opt in to text messages (standard text message fees apply) or you can sign up online at families.talkingpts.org/welcome. You can also simply scan one of the QR codes below to get started. The class code to join for school-wide messages is B A K Y S E. Your child's teacher will have a separate code for just his or her class information.



Hybrid Back to School Night 9/7/22

We are going to hold a hybrid Back to School Night this year, in order to meet the needs of our entire community. On Wednesday, September 7, 2022, there will be opportunities for parents to meet teachers, administration and the PTA in person and virtually. The schedule is as follows:

- 5:00-5:20pm Teacher Session 1 - at school
- 5:30-5:50pm Teacher Session 2 and PTA Session 1 - at school
- 6:00-6:30pm PTA Session 2 - Virtual
- 6:30-6:50pm Teacher Session 3 - Virtual
- 7:00-7:30pm Principal and Assistant Principal Session - Virtual

We hope to see you at school or virtually that evening.



Please join the WLES PTA...kids do better when parents are engaged in their learning

It's a research based fact...kids do better when parents are engaged in their learning. PTA's mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. Many of the benefits our children receive today, such as Universal Kindergarten and the School Lunch Program, were accomplished as a result of PTA advocacy, We are aiming for 100% participation in the PTA this year by staff and families. We need whatever time you have to give to our school, as well as just a little cash. The PTA funds and supports a variety of items, programs and efforts at WLES, financially and with volunteers, including the following:

- Staff appreciation
- Yearbooks
- Book fairs
- Dine out nights
- Spirit Weeks
- Kindergarten Orientation
- 5th grade promotion
- Hispanic Heritage Month Car Parade
- Fall Festival
- Trunk or Treat
- Glow Run

Most of the funding for our events comes from memberships. Linked [here](#) is our 22-23 PTA membership form. We are working on getting our online system up and running, but in the meantime we will take cash, check, or credit card during Back to School Night on September 7, 2022, or you can send your membership form and dues to school in an envelope marked "PTA". Some of the money goes to pay our dues to the state and national PTAs, but the majority of it goes directly to WLES. In order to meet our goal of 100% PTA participation, we are offering membership dues in tiers. We are hoping that this will encourage all families to join as well as encourage families to help support other families that may not have the ability to join at the usual \$10 membership.

Levels of Membership

Starfish - Members that donate \$1 - \$10 towards registration

FIn - Members that donate \$11 - \$50 towards registration

Dolphin - Members that donate more that \$51 towards registration

The first class and Staff PLC to have full enrollment receives a prize from the PTA!

It is not too late to volunteer. Please click [here](#) if you are interested in leading a committee or serving on a committee. We appreciate any level of participation so we can work together to support the students, staff, and families in our community.

Our first fundraiser of the year!

Help your students keep track of their items with durable, washable, waterproof labels from Mabel's Labels. Labels are shipped right to your door with free shipping. There is still time to order before the kids go back to school!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the PTA!

Facebook: Waters Landing ES PTA Email: waterslandingspta@gmail.com

We're Fundraising with Mabel's Labels!

Personalized waterproof name labels for your kids' stuff!

-  Visit campaigns.mabelslabels.com and search for our organization
-  Purchase your labels
-  Labels ship right to your door!

You get labels, we raise funds.

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Important Links

[Apply for Free and Reduced Price Meal Program](#)

[Register for or Sign in to School Cash Online](#)

[PTA Membership form](#)



Waters Landing ES

www2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org

Do you have a child that will be 5 on or before September 1, 2022? Then click here to learn more about kindergarten at Waters Landing ES. Included is a presentation to learn more about our kindergarten program, and a link to sign up for Kindergarten Orientation.



Whistles of the Bottlenose ...

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Whistles of the Bottlenose Dolphin (1:39 min) Dr. Stephanie Watwood, Postdoctoral Investigator at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution discusses how the variety of sounds bottlenose dolphins make play an important role in their social interactions with each other. Also, watch to learn about special sounds called signature whistles.

