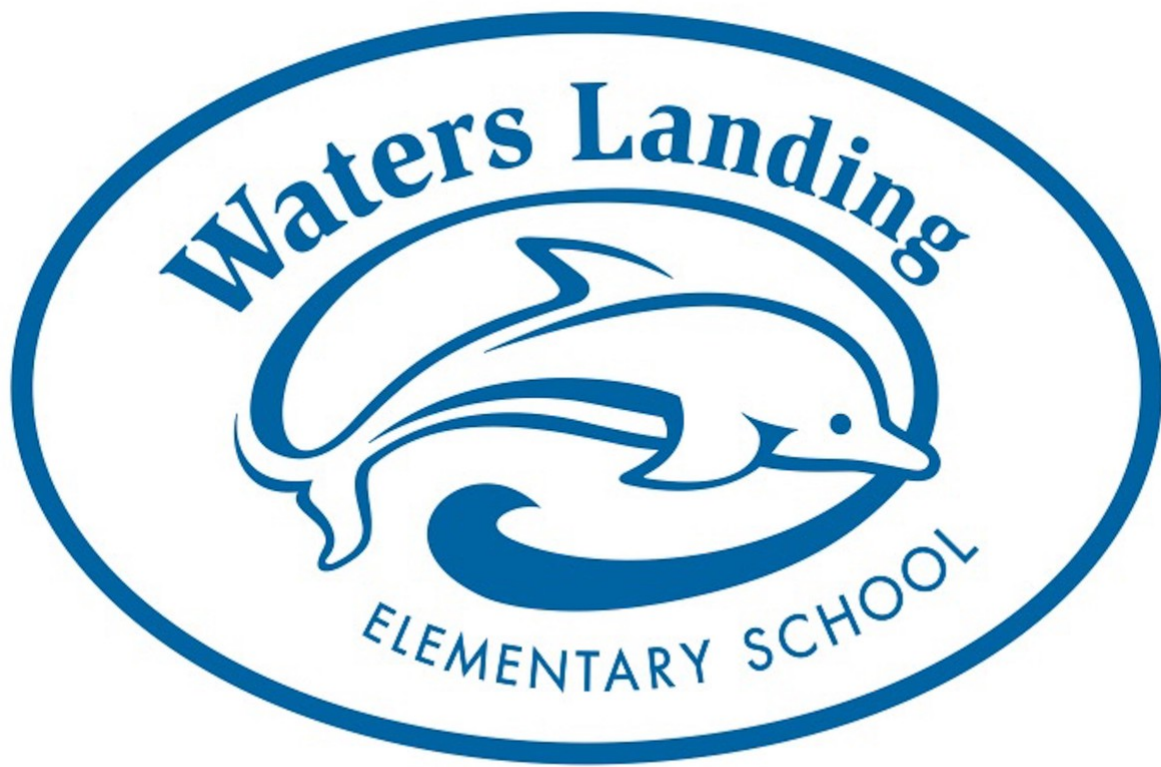


The Dolphin Whistle



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August 24, 2022

Mrs. M. Deneise Hammond, Principal

MDeneise_Hammond@mcpsmd.org

Mrs. L. Orinda Nelson, Assistant Principal

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

Water's Landing Elementary School Calendar of Events

August

25 Dolphin Dive In (WLES Open House), 2:00-3:00pm

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)

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



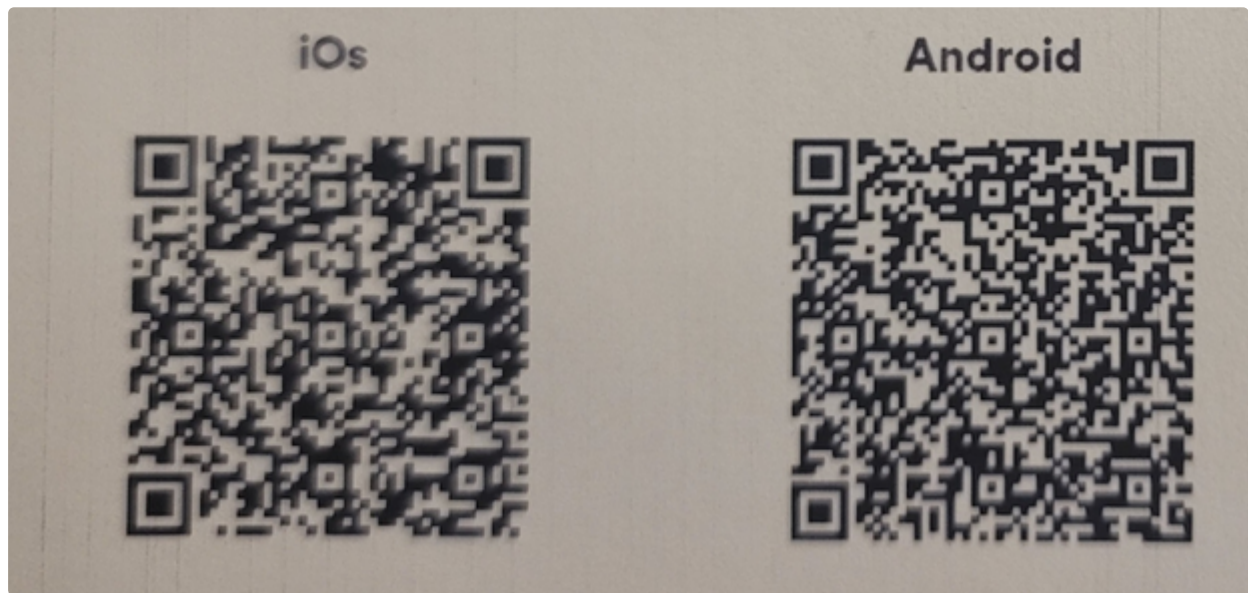
We're hiring an Attendance Secretary

Our former Attendance Secretary moved to a new school a couple of weeks ago. We are in the process of hiring for that position. You may not be able to pull your child up in ParentVUE right now, but you will be able to do so soon. I apologize for any inconvenience or confusion this has caused.



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

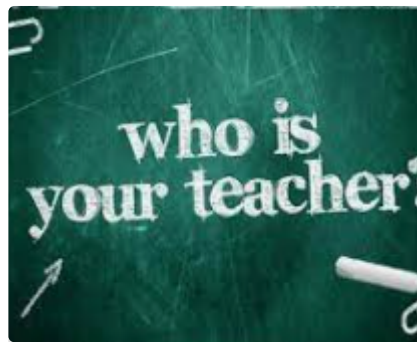
Welcome to WLES! I will use the two-way messaging app Talking Points as one way to communicate information quickly. I recommend you download the free Talking Points app for Families mobile app. You can also opt in to text messages (standard text message fees apply) or you can sign up online at families.talkingpts.org/welcome. You can also simply scan 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.





The Dolphin Dive In is Tomorrow, 8/25/22

WLES Staff are looking forward to welcoming you to school for a sneak peek during the Dolphin Dive In from 2:00-3:00pm tomorrow, Thursday, August 25, 2022. The PTA and Kidsco, our before and after school caregivers, will be onsite to greet you as well.



WLES 2022-2023 Class Lists

[Please click here to view the WLES 2022-2023 Class lists.](#) If you do not see your child's name on a list, please email me at MDeneise_Hammond@mcpsmd.org or text me directly through the talking Points app. There will also be staff available tomorrow at the Dolphin Dive In to assist with ensuring all students are registered for a homeroom class.

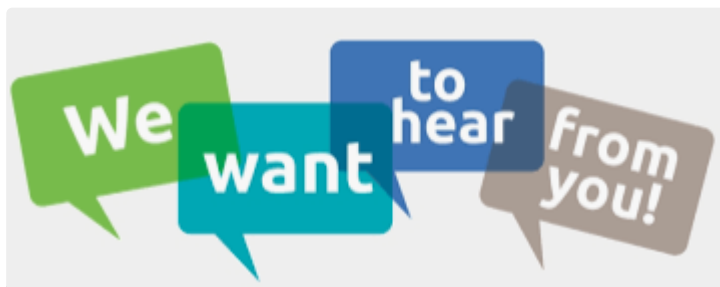


Hybrid Back to School Night 9/7/22

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.



We Want to Hear From You

To help Mrs. Nelson and I learn more about the Waters Landing Elementary School community, please respond to three questions for us:

- *What is something at Waters Landing Elementary School that you want to remain the same?*
- *What is something at Waters Landing Elementary School that you would like to change or start from scratch?*
- *What do you need from Mrs. Nelson and I, your Waters Landing Elementary School administrators, in order to have a successful school year?*

[Please respond to these questions by clicking here.](#) Thank you.



Waters Landing Elementary School Supply List 2022-2023.pdf

What supplies does your child need for school? Find them here.

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Afternoon Bus schedule

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News from the WLES PTA

Thank you to the families who have already signed up for the PTA and for our parents/guardians that signed up to volunteer to support our efforts and programs. The PTA will be present at the following upcoming events to engage the community and answer any questions you may have:

- Dolphin Dive - WLES Open House - August 25, 2022 from 2PM- 3PM
- BTSN - September 7, 2022

The PTA funds and supports numerous things at WLES. A few are included here:

- Staff appreciation
- Yearbooks
- Book fairs
- Dine out nights
- Spirit Weeks
- Kindergarten Orientation
- 5th grade promotion

This year, with the support of Principal Hammond and her team, we are hoping to bring back some activities that have been a success in the past as well as introduce some new and exciting opportunities.

Much of the funding for our events comes from family membership. 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 our in person sessions. This year we are really hoping to get at least 50% of our families registered for the PTA. This is a lofty goal given our membership the past couple of years, but we are ready for the challenge! We are hoping to make our parent organization a resource for all families in our community. Funding provided by membership will go back to the school in order to support a variety of programs and functions. Typically, a family membership is \$10. Some of the money goes to pay our dues, but the rest of it goes directly to WLES. This year we are offering membership dues in a tier. 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 typical \$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

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!

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

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Apply Online Now for Free and Reduced Price Meals Benefits

Families of students who may qualify for Free or Reduced-price Meals can now apply for assistance for school meals. Eligibility is based on family size and gross income. Students in Maryland who qualify for reduced-price meals will receive free breakfast and lunch meals. [Apply here](#). [Learn more about the program](#).

[Click here to view a presentation](#) prepared by Mrs. Nelson about the importance of FARMS forms.

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Montgomery County Public Schools has transitioned to a new online payment system called SchoolCash Online as its preferred method of payment for school-related fees such as fundraisers, field trips, obligations, etc. (Please note that the new payment system is NOT related to school cafeteria accounts.)

SchoolCash Online helps parents/guardians and community members pay school-related fees safely, quickly, and easily. SchoolCash Online will help increase efficiency and security at schools by making payments directly into schools' bank accounts and eliminating the need for teachers to handle money. In addition, once registered, you will be immediately informed about school activities!

Powered by KEV Group, SchoolCash Online is the industry leader in the management of school fees. The new system puts all of the school-related fees online for purchase so users can make purchases online using a credit card or e-check. A processing fee will be included on all items available for purchase, regardless of the type of payment used on SchoolCash Online or at the school.

Parents/guardians can register now at - <https://mcpsmd.schoolcashionline.com/>



[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.