



Wohlwend Elementary School

Proud Member of the Mehlville School District

July 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the beginning of a new school year! The staff and I are very excited to learn how our students spent their summer, rekindle and build new relationships, and begin exciting and meaningful learning experiences.

The first day of school is Wednesday, August 16th. It is my belief that Wohlwend Elementary staff is well prepared to continue supporting students to make strong academic gains while maintaining the tradition of modeling positive character traits and having high expectations.

Our regular school year hours are 8:45 a.m. to 3:35 p.m. The office is open daily from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. During the summer, the office is open from 8:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Important Dates

Kindergarten Orientation / Curriculum Night – On Thursday, August 10th, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., kindergarten students and their parents will meet their teachers and learn about the school year. The students will have the opportunity to take a ride on a school bus with our assistant principal, Mrs. Durham, and me while parents talk with the teachers about the kindergarten curriculum.

Meet the Teacher Night - Parents and students in 1st through 5th grades are invited to attend Meet the Teacher at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, August 14th. The students are welcome to talk with their teachers and drop off their supplies from 5:30 p.m. until 6:15 p.m.

New Parent Breakfast - Parents of kindergarten children and new students to the building are welcome to attend our New Parent Breakfast at 10:00 a.m. in the cafeteria on August 16th. Join us to learn about building procedures and our parent organization while meeting staff members and each other. Please RSVP for the New Parent Breakfast by calling 467-6500 by August 11th.

Curriculum Night – Parents are invited to meet with their child’s teacher to learn about what the kids will be learning this year. Teachers will also discuss classroom procedures and talk about the special activities that will take place over the course of the school year. Curriculum Night begins at 6:00 PM on Thursday, August 31st. There will be two sessions, one at 6:00 and a second at 6:30.

5th Grade Parent Meeting – A parent meeting to plan all the special 5th grade activities will be held on Wednesday, September 6th at 6:30 p.m. in the library.

Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures

Parents choosing to drive their children to school may begin dropping them off at 8:35 a.m. Upon entering the parking lot, veer to the right of the driveway and enter the marked drop-off lane. Officer Sirles, our St. Louis County Police SRO, will direct you to turn right onto the drive by our front entrance. Keep your children in the car until directed by school personnel, who will assist them safely into the building. Students may not arrive at school before 8:35 a.m. unless they are participating in a previously scheduled and supervised activity or participating in the Y-Care program.

Families who pick-up their children after school should begin lining their vehicles up in the drop-off lane at approximately 3:25 p.m. After all buses have arrived on the bus parking lot, you will be directed to the driveway that circles behind Oakville Middle School. Once the buses are dismissed, the line will pull around the circle by the cafeteria. Three vehicles will be loaded at a time. There is no need to leave your vehicle with this system, and on a typical day, all students will be in their vehicles and on their way home by 3:45 p.m. The office will make your family an identification card if you pick your children up from school. Please place your identification card on your dashboard to help expedite afternoon dismissal.

Students who ride buses will load and unload on the parking lot near the cafeteria. Bus route schedules will be forthcoming via email.

If you need to pick your child up before dismissal, you must send a note to the classroom teacher and arrange to pick up your child in the office no later than 3:20 p.m. Due to safety concerns, students must get approval from me to walk to and from school or be escorted by a legal guardian.

Medical Information

Mrs. Kasia Hasch is the school nurse at Wohlwend Elementary School. Please contact her at 467-6530 if you have any information regarding immediate health issues. An emergency contact form will be sent home on Meet the Teacher Night (or on the first day of school if you are unable to attend Meet the Teacher). Please make sure that you

update any emergency numbers and have completed any remaining immunizations or physical examinations prior to the beginning of the school year.

Parent Involvement

Your involvement is needed to help make it a great school year. Please consider participating in Wohlwend PAWS (Parents and Wohlwend Staff). The parents at Wohlwend Elementary School have a tradition of dedication and service to the students, and I am grateful for their continued hard work. Our first PAWS meeting is scheduled for September 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

School Supplies

School supplies lists for each grade level can be found on the Wohlwend website at wohlwendelementary.mehlilleschooldistrict.com. Several local businesses, including Target and Walmart also have supply lists for each grade level.

Staffing Changes

Several staff members have been assigned to new roles this year:

- Mrs. Julie Durham – Assistant Principal
- Mrs. Megan Geisler – Kindergarten
- Ms. Alli Tappana – Kindergarten
- Mrs. Ellen Geders – 1st Grade
- Ms. Samantha Gottlieb – 1st Grade
- Mrs. Kristy Voithofer – 2nd Grade
- Mrs. Wendy Bruckner – 3rd Grade
- Mr. Erik Dessau – 4th Grade
- Mr. Grant Bearden – 4th Grade
- Ms. Courtney McClure – 5th Grade
- Mrs. Meagan Ochoa – ELL
- Mrs. Karen Hoover – Counselor
- Ms. Anne Loeffleman – Center-Based Special Education Room
- Mrs. Lauren Hessler – Special Education Resource Room

Technology / Social Media Updates

We use Remind, a web-based text messaging system to remind families of various events at school. Please consider joining (or re-joining) our parent group by texting: @wohlwend to 81010 or (314)888-5449. Standard messaging rates apply, and all names and phone numbers are kept confidential. All phone numbers from last year's list have been deleted.

Wohlwend Elementary School is on Facebook. Please like us so you can see what happens in our building on a daily basis!

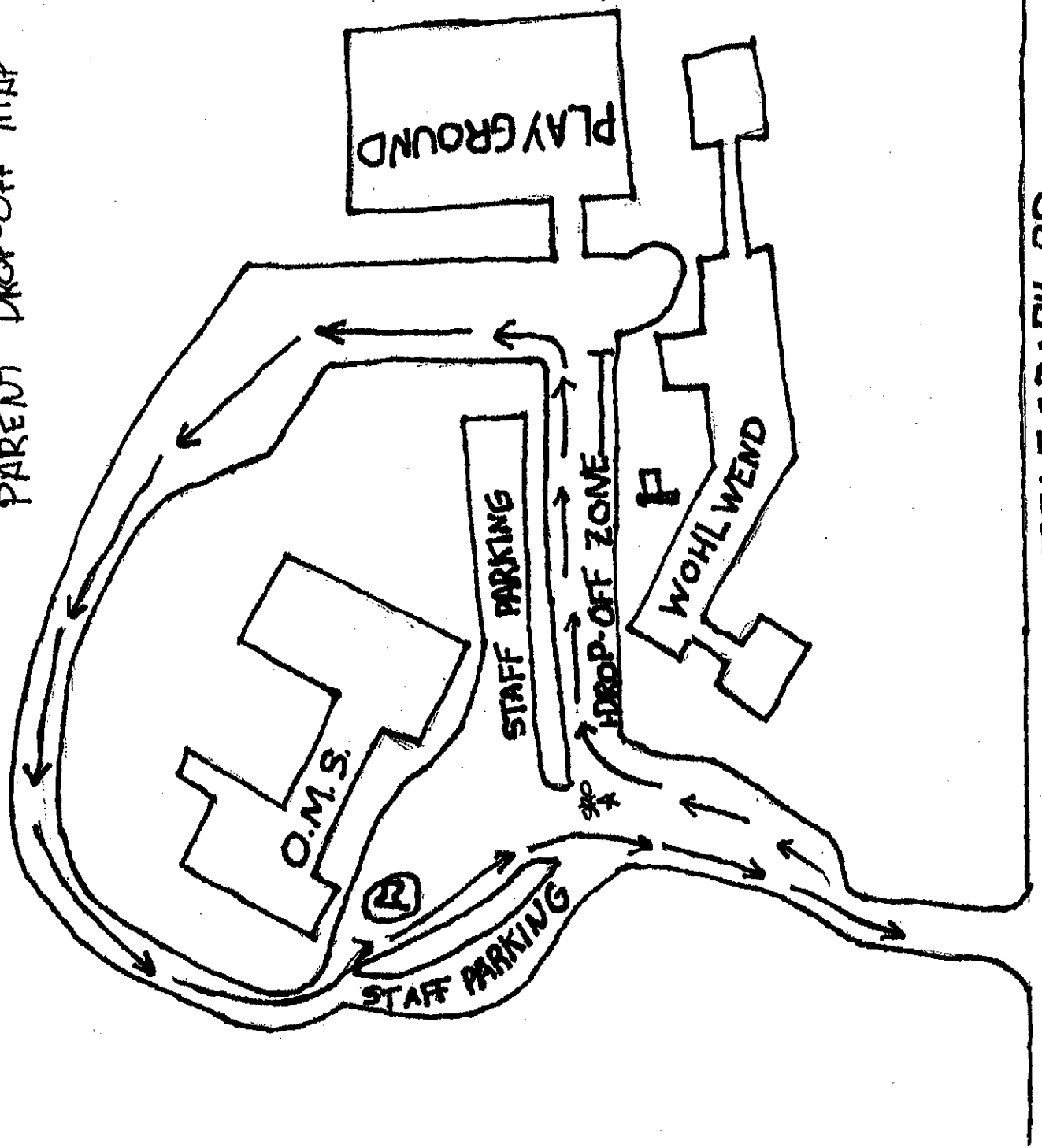
Our goal at Wohlwend is to make all children feel safe and welcome while they experience academic success. We look forward to collaborating with you to ensure a successful year. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, contact me at 314-467-6500 or dmeschke@mehlvilleschooldistrict.net.

Respectfully,

Dave Meschke, Ed.D
Principal

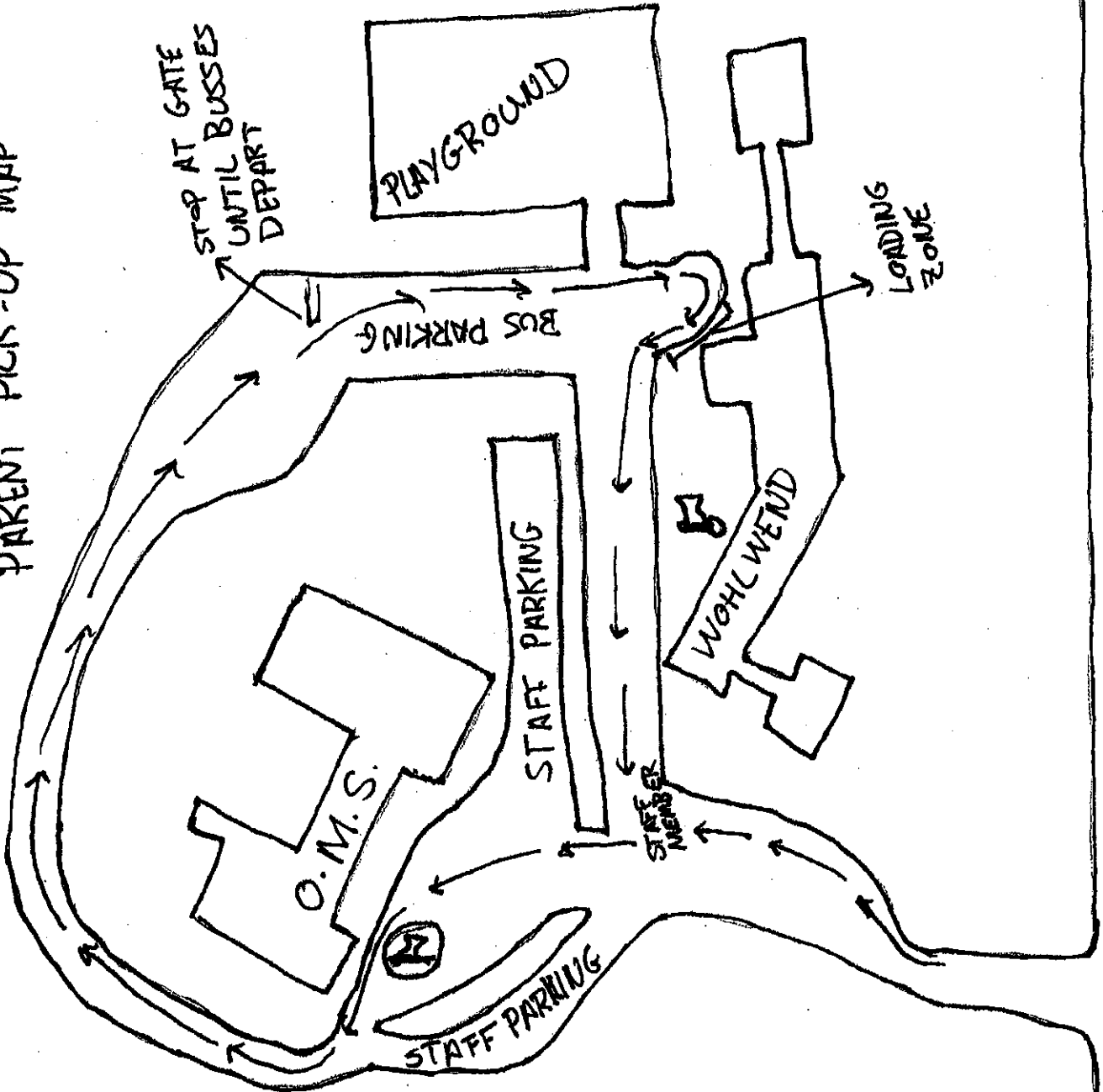
Enclosures

PARENT DROP-OFF MAP



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PARENT PICK-UP MAP



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Dr. Meschke would like you to join Parent!



To receive messages via text, text **@wohlwend** to **81010**. You can opt-out of messages at anytime by replying, 'unsubscribe **@wohlwend**'.

Trouble using 81010? Try texting **@wohlwend** to **(314) 888-5449** instead.

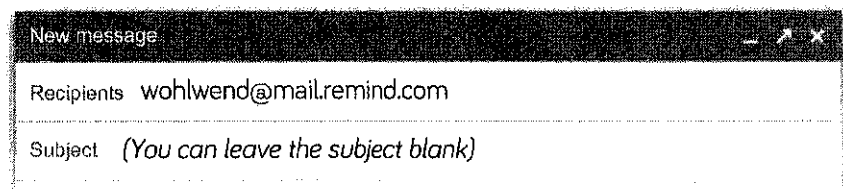


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Remind is a free, safe, and simple messaging tool that helps teachers share important updates and reminders with students & parents. Subscribe by text, email or using the Remind app. All personal information is kept private. Teachers will never see your phone number, nor will you see theirs.

Visit remind.com to learn more.

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School Calendar 2017-2018

August	January
7 First Day Folders	1-4 No School - Winter Break
10 Kindergarten Orientation 6:30 PM	5 No School - PD/Workday
11 PD Day	8 School Resumes
14 PD Day	10 PAWS Meeting 7:00 PM
Meet the Teacher/Curriculum Night 5:30 - 6:15 PM	15 No School - MLK Day
16 Teacher Work Day	17 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 PM
16 School Begins	28 Mother-Son Bowling
New Parent Breakfast 10:00 AM	30 Lip Sync Preview Night 6:00-8:00 PM
16-30 Mastery Connect Pre-Assessment Window	31 Early Dismissal 12:55 PM
30 Early Dismissal 12:55 PM	February
31 Curriculum Night 6:00 - 7:00 PM	2 Father-Daughter Dance 6:30-8:30 PM
September	8 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 PM
4 No School - Labor Day	9 Father-Daughter Dance Make Up Date
6 5th Grade Parent Meeting 6:30-7:30 PM	13 PAWS Meeting 7:00 PM
13 PAWS Meeting 7:00 PM	14-2 Mastery Connect Winter Benchmark Window
21 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 PM	16 No School - Teacher Workday
22 Wildcat Prowl (during specials classes)	19 No School - President's Day
26 Fall Picture Day	22 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 PM
20 Board of Education Tax Rate Hearing 6:00 PM	28 Early Dismissal 12:55 PM
Board of Education Meeting 6:30 PM	March
27 Early Dismissal 12:55 PM	3 Trivia Night 6:30 PM
October	6 Board of Education Talking Session 6:30 PM
2-5 Book Fair / Grandparents' Week	8 Lip Sync Dress Rehearsal
2 Elementary Conferences 4:00 - 8:00 PM	9 Lip Sync 7:00 PM
5 Early Dismissal 12:55 PM	12-16 Book Fair
Elementary Conferences 1:15 - 5:00 PM	14 1st and 2nd Grade Concert 6:30 PM
6 No School - Conference Comp Day	15 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 PM
9 No School - Fall Break	21 Early Dismissal 12:55 PM
12 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 PM	PAWS Meeting 7:00 PM
13 Fall Festival - 6:00 - 8:00 PM	26-30 No School - Spring Break
18 PAWS Meeting 7:00 PM	April
25 Early Dismissal 12:55 PM	2 No School
November	3 No School - PD/Workday
1-16 Mastery Connect Fall Window	12 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 PM
1 Butter Braid Forms Home	18 PAWS Meeting 7:00 PM
3rd and 4th Grade Concert 6:30 PM	25 Early Dismissal 12:55 PM
2 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 PM	Board of Education Meeting 6:30 PM
7 No School - PD/Workday	May
9 Lip Sync Parent Meeting 7:00 PM	1 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 PM
10 Butter Braid Forms Due	5 School Picnic 10 AM - 6 PM
13 Drama Club Concert 6:30 PM	7-11 Staff Appreciation Week
15 PAWS Meeting 7:00 PM	8 Staff Appreciation Luncheon
17 Lip Sync Packets Home	9-25 Mastery Connect Spring Benchmark Window
20 Butter Braid Pick-up	16 5th Grade Party
22-24 No School - Thanksgiving Break	17 PBIS Celebration
29 Early Dismissal 12:55 PM	Board of Education Meeting 6:30 PM
30 Winter Wonderland Store	23 Last Day of School (if no snow days)
December	24 Last Day of School (if one snow day)
1-2 Winter Wonderland Store	25 Last Day of School (if two snow days)
1 Lip Sync Packets Due	*** Early Dismissal on Last Day of School 12:55 PM
5 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 PM	
14 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 PM	
22 Early Dismissal 12:55 PM	
25-31 No School - Winter Break	

