

Welcome to Weston Elementary School Home of the Wildcats!



2020-21

1st day of school: 8/12/20

Welcome to Weston Elementary

Welcome back to a school year like no other with the COVID-19 pandemic. Our school staff are committed to meeting the needs of our students. Teachers have been taking summer sessions, meeting with each other over Zoom to collaborate and working at developing their virtual classrooms. The way our classrooms and schools function has changed due to state & county mandates and guidelines. As we work through all of these new changes, please be patient. This presentation was developed to address many of the changes you and your child will experience as they come “back to school” while at home. Please contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely, Lisa Fereria

Principal

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Principal & Office Support Staff



Mrs. Fereria, Principal



Mrs. Soto
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Mrs. Baker
Secretary



Mrs. Cockerham
Secretary

Please visit our school website for daily announcements and other information: www.westoneelementary.com

Distance Learning in RUSD due to COVID-19

Distance Learning means learning at home utilizing the internet and a device such as a chromebook, ipad, tablet or desktop. Students will be learning online with their teachers during “live” Zoom sessions, recorded lessons, and assigned activities utilizing various apps and platforms.

K-5 Teachers use SeeSaw and Google Classroom along with some other apps that will be embedded within the SeeSaw platform.

6-8 Teachers will use Google Classroom along with other apps to provide engaging lessons.

LET'S STATE THE OBVIOUS

- *Distance Learning* means families need a device for each student AND internet services in your home.
- *Distance Learning* heavily relies upon parent participation for students to make progress. The younger the child, the more involved the parent needs to be at home to ensure students are “joining sessions” and doing the online assignments.
- Common feelings/statements from parents: “I want my kids back in school!” “I DON’T LIKE THIS!”
- Common feelings/statements from teachers: “I want my kids back in school!” “I DON’T LIKE THIS!”
- We are ALL on the same team! Our school staff are committed to making this work for your family with what is within our own control. *We ask for your patience & understanding during these challenging times.*

Free Wifi & Device Pick Up Day

RUSD has purchased internet hotspots to loan to families for Distance Learning although the initial need is greater than anticipated. *There may be a wait for the delivery of some hotspots.*

Calvary Reformed Church is opening up their parking lot to provide free public wifi for any student or family that needs it Monday-Fridays from 8:00am-5:00pm.

Those families that responded to our site survey will pick up the needed devices at **Weston on Thursday, Aug.6, 2020 between 10:00-3:00pm.** An email reminder will be sent to these families.

MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION

WHEN DO I FIND OUT WHO MY CHILD'S TEACHER IS? All teachers will be sending out an email to the parents of students in their classrooms on Monday, Aug.10, 2020. The following will be included in this email:

- Back to School Night presentation link (recording of the teacher)
- The Back to School Night slideshow for parent to download and keep as a reference
- Zoom link for parents to join for a live Q & A (Question&Answer)

Teachers will be sharing their class schedules with parents during their Back to School Night presentations. Sample schedules follow on the next slide.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:30-8:45	Attendance / Morning Work ELA (Whole Class Zoom)				
8:45-9:15	ELA - Direct Instruction (Whole Class Zoom)				
9:15-9:30	ELA Independent assignments in SeeSaw and small group instruction with Zoom				
9:30-10:00	RTI (zoom in small groups) with some students working independently on Moby Max and SeeSaw				
10:00 - 10:10	Correct Morning Work (Whole class Zoom)				
10:10-10:30	RECESS				
10:30-10:40	Math Morning Work (Whole Class Zoom)				
10:40 - 11:10	Math - Direct Instruction (Whole Class Zoom)				
11:10 - 11:30	Math Independent activities and assignments in SeeSaw or on Google Classroom				
11:30-12:15	LUNCH				
12:15 - 12:45	Social Studies or Science/ Read Alouds (Whole Class Zoom)				Fun Friday!
12:45 - 1:15	Workshop /ELD (Zoom in Small groups) ; Independent skills based activities in See Saw				
1:15 - 1:35	PE (Whole Class Zoom)				
1:35 - 2:00	Character Strong (Whole Class Zoom)				
2:00-3:00	Staff Meetings/Prep Time	Zoom Office Hour	Prep Time	Zoom Office Hour	Prep Time

Sample Schedule Grades K-3

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:15-8:45	Zoom Morning Meeting/ Activity & Attendance	Zoom Morning Meeting/ Activity & Attendance	Zoom Morning Meeting/ Activity & Attendance	Zoom Morning Meeting/ Activity & Attendance	Zoom Morning Meeting/ Activity & Attendance
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9:20-9:25	Transition time	Transition time	Transition time	Transition time	Transition time
9:20-10:10	SEL/Character Strong/Restorative Circles	9:20-9:50 Zoom with PE teacher; 9:50-10:10 independent physical activity/PE logs	SEL/Character Strong/Restorative Circles OR Zoom with PE Teacher	9:20-9:50 SEL/Character Strong/ Scholastic News	9:20-9:50 Zoom with PE teacher; 9:50-10:10 independent physical activity/PE logs
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11:55-12:40	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:40-1:10	Social Studies/Science	Social Studies/Science	Social Studies/Science	Social Studies/Science	Social Studies/Science
1:10-1:30	Zoom Meeting SocialStudies/Science	Zoom Meeting SocialStudies/Science	Zoom Meeting SocialStudies/Science	Zoom Meeting SocialStudies/Science	Zoom Meeting SocialStudies/Science
1:30-2:00	ELD RTI/small group support	ELD RTI/small group support	ELD RTI/small group support	1:30-2:00 ELD RTI/small group support	1:30-2:00 ELD RTI/small group support
2:00-2:50	Scheduled Office Hours for parents and students 1:1	Writing/SSR	Scheduled Office Hours for parents and students 1:1	Writing/SSR	Writing/SSR

SAMPLE SCHEDULE FOR GRADES 4-8

Back to School Night 2020-21

This event is now virtual. Teachers are preparing a recorded presentation of classroom expectations that will be emailed to families on Monday, Aug. 10, 2020. This will give parents the opportunity to view the recorded presentation before joining the Question & Answer (Q&A) Zoom session that will be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2020.

Parents will receive an email with a specific Zoom link for you to join on 8/11/20 directly from your child's teacher.

K-3 student Q&A Zoom sessions will be from 6:00-6:30pm

4-8 student Q&A Zoom sessions will be from 6:30-7:00pm

The Q&A sessions are designed to be flexible so that you may join to ask questions and leave the session to join other sessions as needed. This gives you an opportunity to join other sessions if you have multiple students across grade levels.

Materials Pick Up Day

Each grade level will have an assigned **Materials Pick Up Day** before our first day of school. If you are unable to pick up during the assigned times, please contact the school office by emailing either Kristin Baker at Kbaker@riponusd.net or Julie Cockerham at Jucockerham@riponusd.net. These “materials” include workbooks, novels, and class codes that your child will need the first day of school.

Kindergarten: Friday, August 7 by appt (letters with appt.times were mailed to parents)

1st grade: Friday, August 7 from 11:00am -12:00pm

2nd-4th grades: Monday, August 10 from 1:00-4:00pm

5th-8th grades: Tuesday, August 11 from 9:00am-12:00pm

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Annual Required Paperwork

Each year all students/families must complete required paperwork. Links are provided for parents to download and print forms for each student. If you do not want to print all of these forms, we will have packets on a table in front of the school office beginning on Monday, Aug. 3 for parents to do one of the following:

1. Take the packet home to complete and return to school during a Materials Pick up day or you can drop it off in the COMPLETED FORMS box outside the office door during the school office hours of 7:45-4:00pm. Parents will not be able to pick up or drop off completed paperwork outside of school office hours.
2. Complete the forms at school and place in the COMPLETED FORMS box located in front of the school office.

Our goal is to have all required paperwork from all of our families before the first day of school this year.

Required Forms Links

Forms for all New to Weston Students (Kindergarten & 1st time Weston students) [click here](#)(English and Spanish)

Forms for all Returning to Weston Students [click here](#) (Eng&Spanish)

A National School Lunch Program (NSLP) application is provided for those families that may need financial assistance in providing lunches for their children. Parents are not required to fill out this form unless you are in need of assistance.

District Student/Parent Handbook [Eng](#) [Spanish](#)

Weston Student Handbook [Eng](#) [Spanish](#)

School Lunches During Distance Learning

Grab and Go lunches will be provided for students for a fee. Parents can order these lunches a week in advance and pick up the lunches in the Weston parking lot each morning between 7:15-8:30am.

There will be a link for parents to order on our school website.

Lunch prices: **\$3.00** per meal which includes milk

Breakfast: \$1.50 per meal

Individual Milk: ¢.35

Zoom Tutorial for Parents

Zoom is the video conferencing platform that our teachers will use to have their “live” lessons with students. This is how the entire class will meet virtually, by joining a Zoom session.



Google Classroom Tutorial for Parents



Students in grades 3-8 will be using Google Classroom to deliver online assignments.

Students in grades 3-5 will also utilize the SeeSaw platform for communication and assignment delivery. The two platforms work together well. Your child's teacher will explain how they will use each platform.

See Saw for K-5 Parents

1. **Download 'Seesaw Family'** from the App Store or Google Play Store. Don't have a smartphone? Sign up on a computer at app.seesaw.me.
2. **Tap 'Create Family Account' and scan the QR code** on the handout that I passed out. Make sure it says your child's name at the top.
3. **Create your account to see your child's journal!** Make sure to allow notifications to get real-time updates about new posts.

Tutorial

Introduction to Seesaw for Families



Tutorial

Tour the Family App



See Saw for K-5 Parents

One website:

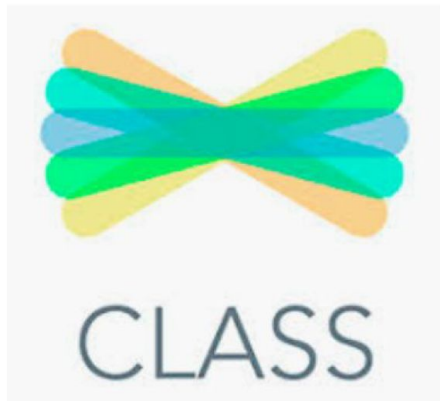
<https://app.seesaw.me/#/login>

OR

Two Apps:

- Class app for student work
- Family App for communication

This is for parents



- Students use QR code to log in
- Students complete 'activities' that teacher assigns
- Students may use camera to post other activities that are completed at the house, for example worksheets, or picture hunts.
- ALL student work is completed on Class app

- Los estudiantes deben usar el código QR para iniciar sesión
- Los estudiantes deben completar las "actividades" que el maestro les asigne
- Los estudiantes pueden usar la cámara para publicar otras actividades que se completan en la casa, por ejemplo, hojas de trabajo o búsquedas de imágenes.
- TODO el trabajo de los estudiantes se debe completar en la aplicación de la Clase



- Parents log in with email that was used to set up account
- Parents send and receive messages from teacher
- Teacher can send links for Zoom calls
- No student work is submitted on family app

- Los padres deben iniciar sesión con el correo electrónico que se utilizó para configurar la cuenta
- Los padres deben enviar y recibir mensajes del maestro
- El profesor puede que le envíe enlaces para llamadas de Zoom
- No se debe enviar ningún trabajo del estudiante en la aplicación familiar

Summary of Weston Events

All Grades-Device Pick Up Day: Thursday, August 6 -10:00am-3:00pm (Parent must be present for pick up to complete necessary paperwork)

Kindergarten: Friday, August 7 Meet & Greet (Materials pick up) By appt. only

1st grade: Friday, August 7 from 11:00am -12:00pm-Material pick up day

2nd-4th grades: Monday, August 10 from 1:00-4:00pm-Material pick up day

Monday, Aug. 10: Teachers will send emails to parents with links for BTSN

5th-8th grades: Tuesday, August 11 from 9:00am-12:00pm-Material pick up day

Tuesday, Aug. 11: BTSN Zoom Q&A sessions for parents

Weds., Aug. 12: First Day of School

Welcome Back Letters Mailed Home

The Welcome Back letters that were mailed home to parents stated the incorrect dates for email notification from your teachers and Back to School Night information.

The information listed in this document does have the correct information.

Thank you & we look forward to working with all of our families through these challenging times.

Mrs. Fereria