



Ready, Set, Kindergarten!

Westchase Elementary



Principal: Alexa Trafficante
Assistant Principal: Raymond Spear



Points of Pride

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An "A" School since 2000!

Named School of Excellence 2024

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Dedicated Teachers

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Motivated Students

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Amazing PTA



Your child's success depends on... GOOD ATTENDANCE!

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Children who are PRESENT on the first day of kindergarten miss an average of 9 days of kindergarten. Children who are ABSENT on the first day of kindergarten miss an average of 18 days of kindergarten.

Children who are absent for 18 or more school days in kindergarten have the lowest academic performance in 1st grade.

The Key to Success...
Show Up! All Day, Every Day and ON TIME!



ATTENDANCE MATTERS



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Ensure your child arrives at school on time

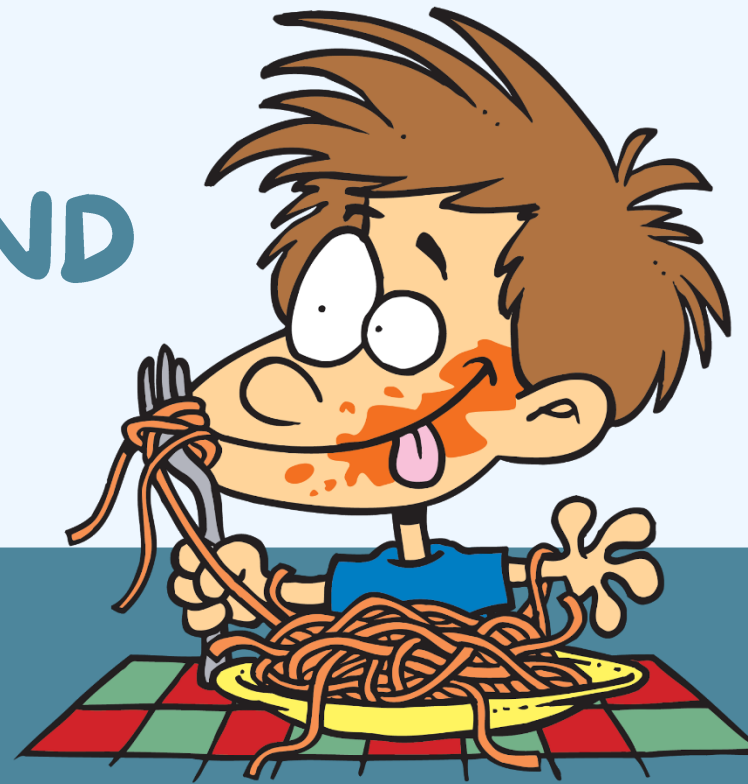
- Students may arrive to school no earlier than 7:10
- Academics begin promptly at 7:40am
- Monday Early Release Dismissal 12:55pm
- Tuesday – Friday Dismissal 1:55pm

ALWAYS HAVE YOUR ID WHEN COMING TO THE OFFICE

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH



- Student numbers
- Universal Breakfast
 - Free for all students
 - Served between 7:10 – 7:35 a.m.
- Free and Reduced Lunch
 - Forms available upon registration/online registration available
- Current lunch price is \$2.25 (2024-2025 prices are subject to change)
- Payment options: Online Payment is available through My Payments Plus

Your Child's Success Depends On

- Behavior that promotes learning
- Participation in the classroom
- Active listening throughout the day
- Responsibility (getting work done)
- Independence
- Effort
- Self-sufficiency in the restroom
- Positive school/home relationship



WHAT IS EXPECTED OF YOU



Encourage positive behavior and relationships

Create independence

Read with or to your child every night

Review agendas/daily work together



MAINTAINING COMMUNICATION

Make sure the teacher knows how your child will be going home (bus, car, walking, private provider van) and notify the office and teacher in writing of any changes



Make sure the office always has your current phone numbers, address, emergency contact, and email address.



Complete on-line Y.E.S application if volunteering at school



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A KINDERGARTENER

UFLI: 30 minutes

Reading/Writing: 90 minutes

Lunch 30 minutes

Social Studies: 30 minutes

Math: 75 minutes

Science: 45 minutes

STEM: 30 minutes

Recess: 20 minutes

TDPE: 30 minutes



MRS. SIGLE-LAM DATA PROCESSOR

Registration Requirements **BY APPOINTMENT**

You MUST have all the following for your registration to be complete:

- Child must be 5 on or before September 1st, 2025
- Original Birth Certificate (*bring a copy as well*)
- Original Social Security Card
- Current Physical (*exam after 8/11/2024*)
- Immunization Record
- 2 Proofs of Address (*see folder for acceptable documents*)

See reference sheet in your folder for QR code to sign-up for an appointment; sign-up genius will be available beginning Monday, February 26th

MEET OUR COUNSELORS



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TIPS FOR
SUCCESS





MEET OUR REGISTERED NURSE

- Medications
 - EPI-PENS – Require additional forms
 - Valium (Seizure disorders) – Require additional forms
 - All other prescription meds
 - Original containers WITH prescription label
- Over the counter medications (Tylenol, Ibuprophen)
- NO meds ever sent with student!!
- Medical Conditions
- Clinic
 - Acute illness and injuries
 - Head bump policy
- Hearing and Vision Screening
 - K – Hearing & Vision ONLY
 - 1st & 3rd – Hearing, Vision, Height & Weight



MEET OUR PTA PRESIDENT – MRS. MELISA MATHIS

REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS



HOW TO JOIN



WAYS YOU CAN HELP



Westchase is a Non-Uniform School



Dress Code:

- Shoes shall be worn and securely fastened to the feet. Footwear must be suitable for the outdoors (recess). "Skate tennis shoes" are NOT allowed.
- Tube tops, spaghetti straps, or similar type clothing, shall NOT be worn.
- Torso and/or midriffs, either front, back, or sides, shall NOT be worn.
- Mini-skirts, mini-dresses and short shorts are not permitted. Hemlines shall be no shorter than fingertip length.
- Head coverings such as hats shall NOT be worn in the building unless required for religious observance or health-related reasons.





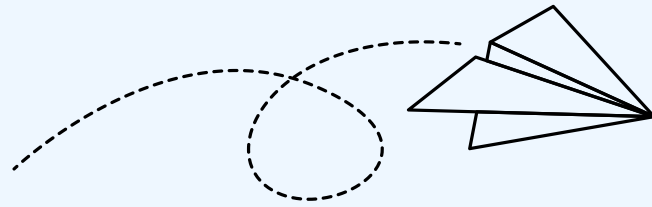
SUMMER VPK PROGRAMS

- FREE Summer program to ensure kindergarten readiness (dates and times to be determined)
- Approximately 20 sites throughout the district (TBD)
- Registration requirements: proof of birth, proof of residence and a shot record
- Child must be eligible to start kindergarten August 2025 (5 by September 1, 2025)
- Child may not have attended a school-year VPK unless you would like to pay which is an option

VPK Hotline: 813-272-4840



SCHOOL TOURS



Will be held from 9:00-9:30am

February 26th – February 27th

March 4th – 5th

March 11th

March 26th – March 27th

See inside of folder for sticker with QR code

If slots fill up quickly, we will add more!





THANK YOU

