

Homestead-Wakefield Elementary School

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American Education Celebration 2018

I would like to extend an invitation for you to come and see firsthand what teaching and learning looks like daily at Homestead-Wakefield during the American Education Celebration. I hope that you will be able to join your child at some point during the week to share in their enjoyment of learning.

Although visitation can occur during any of the days listed below, I ask that you please adhere to the below schedule when possible. Your support will assist in helping to balance our school population and limited parking. Our outstanding PTA will be providing refreshments for visitors in our lobby. Please make sure to take an opportunity to share your appreciation for their support and hospitality.

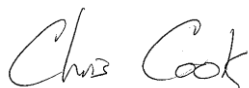
Monday, November 12 th	Tuesday, November 13 th	Wednesday, November 14 th	Thursday, November 15 th
Visiting Hours 9:00-3:00	Visiting Hours 9:00-3:00	Visiting Hours 9:00-3:00	Visiting Hours 9:00-3:00
All Classes Grandparents & Senior Citizens	Pre-school & Pre-K Kindergarten 2 nd grade 4 th grade	1 st grade 3 rd grade 5 th grade last name A-J	5 th grade last name K-Z

To keep our buildings safe and secure while we enjoy our many visitors, we ask that you pre-register by providing the school with a list of all approved visitors for your child, including yourself. A registration form is attached and is also available at www.homesteadwakefield.com. Please return the form to school no later than Friday, November 9, 2018. The list will be used to verify check-in of all visitors. Upon arrival, all visitors must show photo identification and put on a visitor's badge. We ask that you and your guests visit only your child's classroom. Failure to be on the approved list will cause a delay for visitors.

Children naturally get excited to have visitors come to their "workplace" and, while we strive to make visitation days a "learning as usual" affair, expect a higher overall energy level as the children express this excitement.

On the reverse side, you will find some quick answers to frequently asked questions to assist you. If you have any questions or concerns about your visit, please feel free to stop by and speak with me personally. If I am not available, please speak with Mrs. Deb Geppi, Wakefield Assistant Principal or Mrs. Kathy Fairley, Homestead Assistant Principal. Thank you for supporting your child's education and I look forward to viewing your feedback!

With Pride,



Chris Cook
Principal

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions...

May I bring my child to school?

All students are encouraged to arrive as they normally do. Additional car traffic will make arrival difficult for the buses. Visitors should not arrive until after 9:00 a.m. each day. Visitors that arrive early will have to wait in the lobby until 9:00 a.m.

May I bring a sibling on my visit?

No. Based upon previous experiences, infants and toddlers will not be able to maintain appropriate school-aged behavior. Since the goal is to maintain as normal a learning environment as possible, alternative arrangements should be made for siblings.

What is the best time to visit?

Due to the size of our school population and limited parking, visitation is reserved between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Each teacher will be sending home a schedule so that you can choose when to visit. You are encouraged to talk with your child to determine what part of the day to visit.

What are the parking options?

Our priority is getting children to school and home safely each day. Our campus has limited parking opportunities so please plan for any inconvenience you may encounter. Cars should not access the campus until after 9:00 a.m. and should be moved from the campus by 3:00 p.m.

How will I find my child's classroom?

Student greeters and other staff will be there to assist you and provide directions if needed.

What will I see during my visit?

Our goal is to provide you with a glimpse of a normal learning day. You should see a caring teacher who provides a safe, positive, and nurturing environment for each individual child. You should see children engaged in conversation, immersed in a variety of rigorous academic challenges while having fun, and most importantly - learning on a high level.

May I eat lunch with my child in the cafeteria?

No. Unfortunately, we are not equipped to accommodate both the students and adults in our dining room. Thank you in advance for sharing this with all visitors.

May I conference with the teacher during this time?

No. Teachers will be immersed in instruction and will not have time to individually meet with you. Please forgive us in advance as our goal is to maintain a normal learning environment. If you feel the need to meet with the teacher individually, please contact him/her to set-up an appointment.

May I take pictures or videotape?

No. Videotaping or taking pictures is prohibited, even with a cell or smartphone. We also ask that you are "digitally responsible" and avoid talking on cell/smartphones, texting or e-mailing during your visit.

May I sign my child out at the end of the day?

Yes. Although we encourage all students to dismiss as normal, we have established procedures for you to sign your child out from the classroom if you wish. Only those who are authorized (parent or legal guardian) may sign a child out. If you wish for someone else to sign your child out, please send a note to your child's teacher. As much as we try to recognize all visitors, please be prepared to show picture identification. Remember, all cars must be moved from the campus by 3:00 p.m.

Will I be able to provide feedback based on my visit?

Yes. You will be given a form to fill out to provide the school with feedback about your visit and each comment is reviewed. A positive note, constructive feedback, or suggestions are welcome and appreciated.