

# West Homer Elementary School

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## Welcome to West Homer!

Dear West Homer Elementary families,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year at West Homer. When you drive up to drop off your child on the first day of school, you will see a new traffic pattern! We have separated the bus pick up/drop off traffic from parent pick up/drop off. Buses will travel around to the back of the building to pick up and drop off students allowing parents to drive right up to the curb. This will be much like an airport drop off and will take some getting used to, but ultimately it will be much safer for all as students will not be crossing bus or parent traffic.

**Instruction begins at 8:00am and dismissal is at 2:45pm.** If you arrive before 2:40pm please park and walk in. After 2:40pm, start forming the pick-up line.

### Dishwasher

It is with great pleasure that I announce the dishwasher has been installed and is operational! Students will no longer be eating off disposable foam trays. This multi-year initiative supported by students, teachers, parents and community is an excellent example of grit and perseverance, persistence in the face of difficulty and delay in achieving success. These are values our staff works hard to instill in all students, and it is nice for everyone to see how it pays off.

### Parent Teacher Organization

Our PTO continues to work hard to support all children through a variety of exciting ways, and I would encourage you to join. Contact the office for more information.

### Volunteer Screening

To aid in keeping all students as safe as possible, KPBSD requires a yearly volunteer screening for anyone who wants to volunteer in the school. This screening only looks at criminal activity and the information is kept totally confidential and can only be accessed by the Human Resource Department. To complete this screening process please visit the school district's web site at [www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us](http://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us) and click Employment then click on Volunteer, then click Volunteer Openings and find the location that you wish to volunteer.

### Important Dates:

- August 16<sup>th</sup>: 4:00pm Class lists posted
- August 19<sup>th</sup>: 2:30 – 3:30pm Meet your Teacher
  - Come visit your child's classroom and teacher. We hope to see you there!
- August 20<sup>th</sup>: First Day of School August 20<sup>th</sup>, doors open at 7:30am
- August 28<sup>th</sup>: 6:00pm – 7:00pm Open House

I continue to embrace the honor of working in this professional, caring, fun, active, musical, creative, literary, inclusive, cooperative learning community. All of us here at West Homer Elementary School are looking forward to working closely with you to provide an exceptional, personalized educational experience for your child.

Sincerely,

Eric Waltenbaugh

West Homer Principal