

The Wegner Connection



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Welcome Back, Wegner Eagles!

A Note From Principal Janet Gruenwald

Hello Wegner families! My name is Janet Gruenwald and I am excited and honored to join you this year as the new principal of Wegner! From the moment I learned I would be joining the Wegner family, I have been thrilled to be a part of such an outstanding school, district and community. I am a passionate believer in creating a school culture in which staff, students and families feel respected, valued and welcome. As we head into the 2025-26 school year, please don't ever hesitate to reach out if you need anything.



This summer has been full of adventure in the Gruenwald home. I have two daughters, 19 and 24, and my oldest recently moved back home. Thankfully the adjustment to having both girls back home has gone fairly smoothly, and my youngest is loving having her older sibling around. My husband and I celebrated our 27th wedding anniversary at the beginning of the summer and managed to sneak away for a weekend to celebrate. Throw in some barbecues, family gatherings, and regular summer activities, and we've managed to make the most of the warmer weather!

As I've had time this summer to get to know our Wegner staff, I am continuously impressed with their dedication to our students. It is clear we have an amazing year ahead of us! Wishing you a

fantastic start to the school year!
soon!

There is a LOT of information in this welcome back newsletter. Please be sure to read through, making special note of arrival and dismissal procedures, absence/tardy procedures, important upcoming dates, and class placement information.

Have a wonderful week and we look forward to seeing you next week!
Janet

Important Upcoming Dates

- 8/20** - 1:00 - 3:00 K-5 Meet the Teacher / Supply Drop Off
- 8/21** First Day of School - 1st - 5th Grade
- 8/21** Kindergarten Orientation (10:00 or 2:00) - Please make sure to bring your photo ID! You only need to attend one of the two sessions.
- 8/22** First Day of School - Kindergarten
- 9/1** - No School (Labor Day)
- 9/11** - Curriculum Night (6:00 - 8:00)
- 10/2** - Fall Picture Day



Wegner Updates

Class Lists

Class lists will be available in PowerSchool on Thursday, August 14th. Class lists will also be posted on the front doors of Wegner after 4:00 PM on the same day.

Please note that D33 does not accept or honor parent requests for classroom placement. Great care is taken to place children in classes and ensure equitable learning for all children. Please reach out to your child's new classroom teacher early in the year to get to know him/her. We know that children do better in school when teachers and parents work together!

Supply Drop Off

If your family is not able to attend our school supply drop off event, that's ok! Just have your child bring supplies on the first day of school!

Not sure what supplies you need? Visit [this link](#) in both English and Spanish using the link below.

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School Supply Lists - English and Spanish



PowerSchool

We're excited to introduce PowerSchool, our new student information system. This will be your go-to place to view your child's teacher, schedule, attendance, and more. PowerSchool replaces eSchool and Home Access Center.

Thursday, August 14: You'll receive instructions on setting up your PowerSchool account, including:

- A secure link to activate your PowerSchool Parent Portal
- Your Access ID and password
- Step-by-step instructions to log in

After activating your account, you'll be able to:

- ✓ View your child's teacher and class schedule
- ✓ See your child's bus route information
- ✓ View other important, like grades and attendance

Important Volunteer Information

As I have gotten to know families and staff, it has been clear that one of our goals for Wegner is to create an environment where our families feel welcomed and we prioritize opportunities for families to be more involved in the school, including volunteer opportunities. It is important to know that any parent who wants to volunteer at Wegner, must complete the volunteer form.

If you anticipate being interested in volunteering during the school year, please read through the Volunteer Packet and complete the appropriate forms.

****Paper copies of these forms will be sent home during Supply Drop Off on 8/20, as well as available to complete in person.**

English Packet

Spanish Packet

Kindergarten Orientation

Kindergarten Orientation

8/21/25

Two time options: 10:00 OR 2:00

Join our kindergarten team as they share what to expect as your child enters kindergarten, tour classrooms, and answer any questions parents may have!

Parents MUST bring ID to enter building.

Orientación de Kindergarten

8/21/25

Dos opciones de horario: 10:00 O 2:00

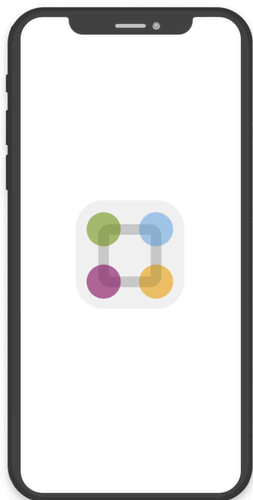
¡Acompañe a nuestro equipo de kindergarten mientras comparten qué esperar cuando su hijo ingrese al kindergarten, recorran los salones de clase y respondan cualquier pregunta que los padres puedan tener!

Los padres DEBEN traer una identificación para entrar al edificio.

School / Parent Communication

All updates and communication from the school and teachers will be done through ParentSquare. If you are new to D33 and have not registered for ParentSquare or want to download the mobile app, please click the link below.

When you register, you **MUST** use the same phone number and/or email address you gave the school. Having trouble? We will have staff available during Supply Drop off on 8/20 to help families.



Download the ParentSquare mobile app

Send and receive school communications on the go



Sign In


Email or Phone Number


Password

[Forgot password?](#)

Sign In

OR

 Sign In with Google

 Sign In with Microsoft

Register

Email or Phone Number

Get Started

You must use the email/phone you provided to your school

Lunch Supervisors Needed!

Now Hiring! Wegner Lunch / Recess Supervisors Needed!

11:00 - 1:00

\$16.49 per hour

Contact Niko Bubaris
(630- 293-6400) for more
information or apply at
[https://www.wego33.org/
employment/join-our-team](https://www.wego33.org/employment/join-our-team)

WEGNER EAGLES 

¡Estamos contratando!

**¡Se necesitan supervisores de
almuerzo/recreo en Wegner!**

Horario: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

\$16.49 por hora

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WEGNER EAGLES 

"All In" Welcome Video - Wegner Parents Needed!



Help Us Create a Special "All In" Welcome Video!

We're creating a special "All In" welcome video to kick off the new school year, and we're inviting students, parents, and community members to be part of it!

Record a short 10-30 second video sharing a message for D33 staff — a favorite memory, a quick thank you, or just a shout-out to someone who has been "All In" for you. Be heartfelt, be creative, be

YOU!

Email it to **Nicole Eimer**, Director of Marketing, Communications & Public Relations at eimern@wego33.org by **THIS THURSDAY**

Important School Year Information

Student Attendance

School Hours: 8:40 - 3:25

Doors open for breakfast at 8:15

Doors open for all students NOT eating breakfast at 8:30

Why does attendance matter? Regular attendance is critical in ensuring excellent student performance. So when we're here, every day, ready and on-time... we move the needle on student success. So, let's show up TOGETHER!

ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW

GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MEANS...



PRESCHOOLERS
build skills and develop
good habits for showing
up on time



**ELEMENTARY
STUDENTS**
read well by the
end of third grade



HIGH SCHOOLERS
stay on track for
graduation



**COLLEGE
STUDENTS**
earn their degrees



WORKERS
succeed in
their jobs

Too many absences—excused or unexcused—can keep students from succeeding in school and in life. How many are too many? 10% of the school year—that's 18 missed days or 2 days a month—can knock students off track.

ASISTE HOY, LOGRA MAÑANA

LA BUENA ASISTENCIA EN LA ESCUELA SIGNIFICA QUE LOS ESTUDIANTES...



PREESCOLAR

Establecen habilidades y desarrollan hábitos para llegar a tiempo.



ESTUDIANTES DE PRIMARIA

Leen bien el final del tercer grado.



SECUNDARIA Y PREPARATORIA

Permanecen en camino a graduarse.



ESTUDIANTES UNIVERSITARIOS

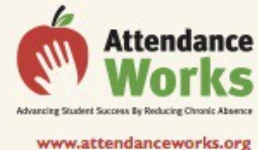
Obtienen sus títulos universitarios.



TRABAJADORES

Tienen éxito en sus puestos de trabajo.

Demasiadas ausencias — permitas o no — pueden impedir que los estudiantes que tengan éxito en la escuela y en la vida. ¿Cuántos son “demasiados”? 10% del año escolar — o sea, faltando 18 días (2 días por mes) — puede causar que el estudiante se desvíe.



www.attendanceworks.org

Student Absences

Please report your child absent by 8:30 AM
(630) 293-6400 ext 8207

End of Day Pick-Up Changes

We know that sometimes families need to make alternate arrangements for student pick up at the end of the day. If you need your child take alternate transportation (walking, riding with a friend, etc.) please follow these procedures:

- **A parent or guardian MUST notify the office of the change by 2pm**
 - A parent or guardian may send a note to school with their child, call the office, or send a ParentSquare message (by 2pm) if that's easier!
 - Emergencies will be handled on a case by case basis
- **If someone is picking up your child from the office, that person MUST be listed as an alternate pick up person in PowerSchool.**

- Please call or visit

- Anyone coming with the name in PowerSchool.

We take the safety of our students very seriously, which is why these procedures are in place. Thank you for your support in helping us keep students safe and minimizing any confusion at dismissal.

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Tardy Students

- If your child arrives to school after 8:40am, they must enter through the front doors.
 - We will provide breakfast for tardy children until 9:15am
 - CHILDREN WHO ARRIVE AFTER 9:10 WILL RECEIVE ONE OF THE COLD LUNCH OPTIONS.
 - If you know your child will arrive AFTER 9:10 and would like to call ahead to request a specific lunch, you may do so until 9:10.
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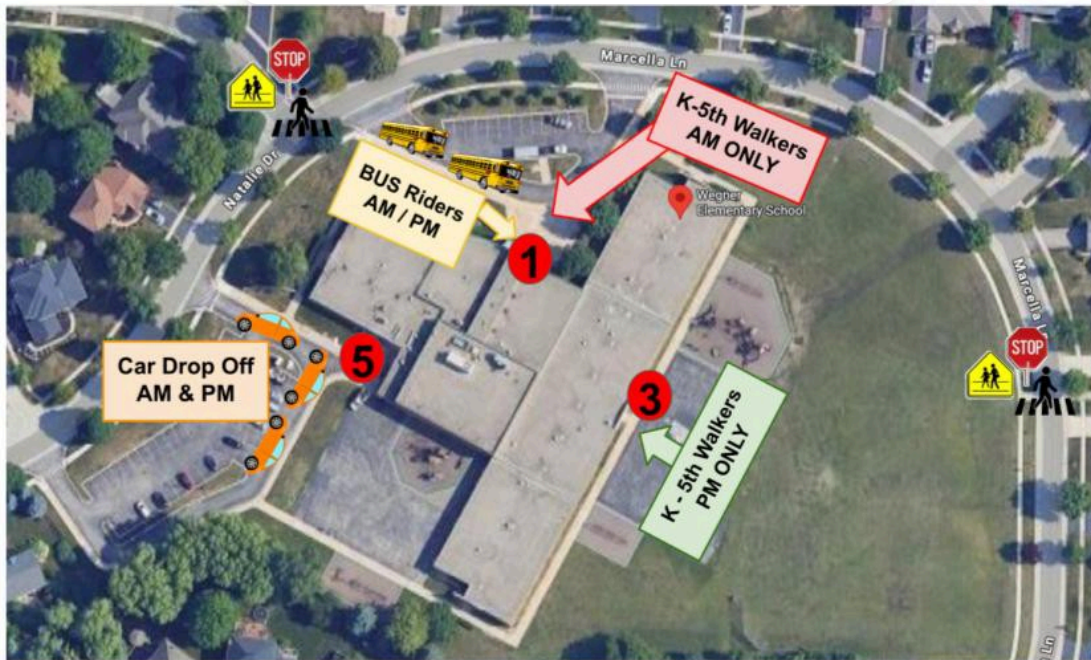
Breakfast and Lunch

Breakfast and lunch are FREE for D33 students. Each month we will send home a lunch menu showing the lunch choices for each day. Students are welcome to bring a lunch from home if you prefer.

Our main entrance will open for students eating breakfast at 8:15.
Students who are NOT eating breakfast should arrive at school at 8:30.

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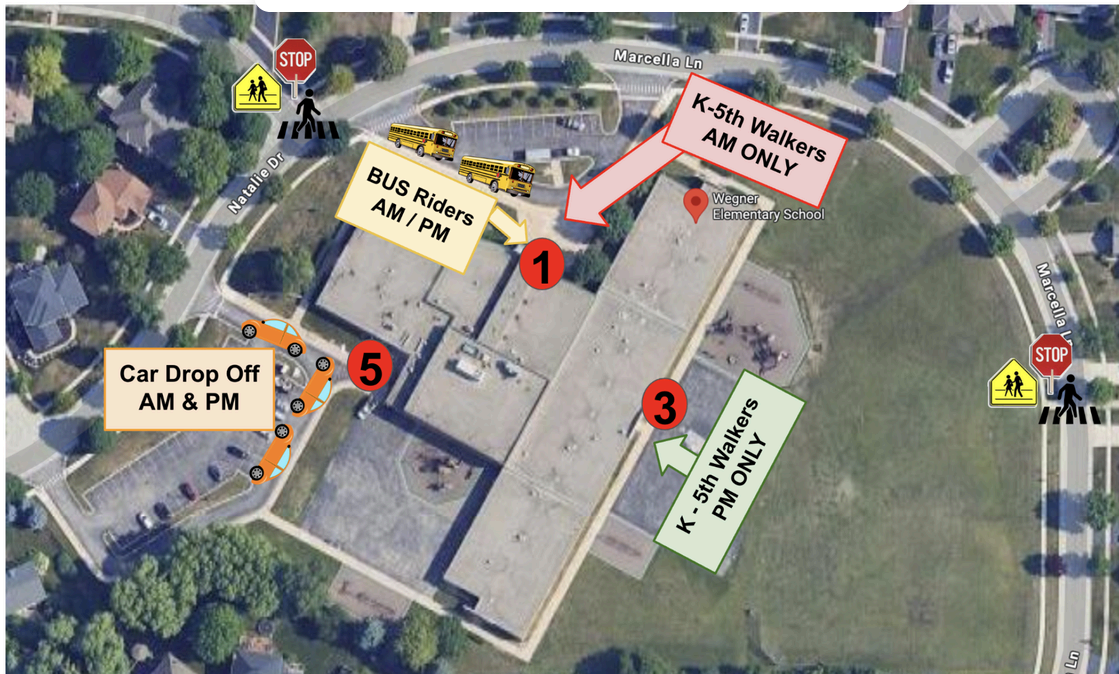
Arrival and Dismissal



Arrival: Doors open for breakfast at 8:15. Students enter through the MAIN ENTRANCE (door 1) for breakfast. All other students - Doors open at 8:30. **Staff WILL NOT be outside to supervise students arriving prior to 8:30.** See map above for specific entrance doors.

Dismissal:

- Walkers - Parents should meet students outside door 3.
- Car Riders - Students will exit Door 5.



Llegada: Las puertas se abren para el desayuno a las 8:15. Los estudiantes entran por la ENTRADA PRINCIPAL (puerta 1) para el desayuno. Todos los demás estudiantes: Las puertas se abren a las 8:30. **NO estará personal afuera para supervisar a los estudiantes que lleguen antes de las 8:30.** Vea el mapa de arriba para las puertas de entrada específicas.

Salida:

Caminantes: Los padres deben encontrarse con los estudiantes afuera de la puerta 3.
Estudiantes que van en automóvil: Los estudiantes saldrán por la puerta 5.

Visiting Wegner

District 33 is committed to securing all of its buildings to maintain a safe and appropriate learning environment for all of its students using the Raptor Visitor Management System. All visitors (volunteers, substitutes, and vendors) who seek access to either the district office or to a school building when school is in session shall be required to ring a bell at the front entrance and identify themselves and their purpose for visit before being granted access. Once access is granted, visitors must present photo identification for the first visit. All visitors' identification will be checked against the sex offender databases in the 50 states. If the check comes back clear, a dated ID badge will be printed for the visitor to wear for that day's visit. The sex offender database will be automatically checked each time a visitor signs in at the office. When departing from the building all visitors will need to stop by the office to be logged out of the Raptor Visitor Management System. The ID badge must be returned prior to leaving.

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Asst. Principal: [Mr. Niko Bubaris](#)

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Janet Gruenwald, Principal

Wegner Elementary School

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