

The Wegner Connection



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A Note From Principal Janet Gruenwald

September 2026

We have officially finished one month of school, and what a great start to the year it has been! Your child has been spending time building relationships with new classmates and teachers, learning about routines, and practicing our Wegner Way Core Values. We encourage you to continue having conversations around those expectations and the Wegner Way with your children so that our school continues to be a place for our students to feel safe, valued, and welcomed.



September is Attendance Awareness Month, and next week we are celebrating with an **Attendance Matters Spirit Week!** Each day will have a fun theme to remind our students that **being at school, on time, and ready to learn matters**. Not just for keeping up with lessons, but for building habits, connecting with friends, and staying part of our school community. When students miss school, even just a day or two a month, it adds up quickly and can make it harder to catch up academically and socially.

We've been talking with our students about how important daily attendance is, and we need your help to make attendance a priority! Bringing your child to school every day makes a huge difference in their confidence, growth, and long-term success. Thank you for partnering with us to ensure our students show up, ready to learn and succeed. We're excited to have some fun together this week while celebrating our core value of being **Ready to Learn!**

Looking forward to another amazing month at Wegner!

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Important Upcoming Dates

9/23 Fire Drill
9/25 Severe Weather Drill
9/25 - Wegner Walk-A-Thon
10/1 - Fall Picture Day
10/6 PTO Meeting @6:00
10/12 NO SCHOOL
10/14 Law Enforcement Drill
10/21 Fire Drill
10/22 NO SCHOOL - Parent / Teacher Conferences
10/23 NO SCHOOL
10/27 Trunk or Treat 4:30 - 6:30
10/29 Evening Parent / Teacher Conferences
10/30 Halloween Parade and Parties



Wegner Updates

WEGNER EAGLES Show Up!

"ATTENDANCE MATTERS" SPIRIT WEEK September 21 - 25

MON.

9/21



HAT DAY

HAT'S OFF TO A GREAT WEEK

Wear a hat to say "Hat's off" to a great week! Coming to school each and every day is so important for your learning. Start Monday off with a positive attitude and a fun hat!

TUES.

9/22

STUFFY DAY

STUFF YOUR BRAIN WITH KNOWLEDGE

Wear pajamas and bring a stuffy to school! This is a reminder that sleep is one of the most important contributors to increased physical and mental health. Getting enough rest helps you stay healthy and refreshed so you can be here and be ready to learn! Without sleep you can't gain all the knowledge from school that you need!



WED.

9/23

YOUR FUTURE IS SO BRIGHT! SUNGLASSES DAY

Wear your sunglasses today to celebrate that your future is so bright when you come to school! Coming to school everyday helps you learn how to be a productive and successful student now and in the future.



THURS.

9/24

NUMBER DAY

EVERY MOMENT "COUNTS"!

Wear clothes that feature numbers to remind you that every moment you spend at school helps you learn and grow! When you miss these important moments, it becomes more challenging to catch up. Be here at school and make each moment "count"!



FRI.

9/25

GRADE LEVEL COLORS

WALK-A-THON

Put on your grade level colors for our school Walk-A-Thon! K-Purple, 1-Red, 2-Black, 3-Green, 4-Orange, 5-Blue. Being here with friends every day is fun and helps us learn and grow. Let's rock our colors and make our walk awesome!

K - Purple	2 - Black	4 - Orange
1 - Red	3 - Green	5 - Blue

WEGNER EAGLES Venga a la Escuela

LA ASISTENCIA ES MUY IMPORTANTE 21 al 25 de septiembre

LUNES

9/21



DÍA DEL SOMBRERO Y GORROS

¡Ponte un sombrero! Asistir a la escuela todos los días es muy importante para tu aprendizaje. ¡Comienza el lunes con una actitud positiva y un sombrero divertido!

MARTES

9/22

DÍA DEL PELUCHE

LLENA TU CEREBRO DE CONOCIMIENTO

Ponte pijama y lleva un peluche a la escuela. Esto es un recordatorio de que dormir es uno de los factores más importantes para mejorar la salud física y mental. Descansar lo suficiente te ayuda a mantenerte saludable y fresco para que puedas estar aquí y listo para aprender. ¡Sin dormir no puedes obtener todos los conocimientos que necesitas en la escuela!



MIÉRCOLES

9/23

¡TU FUTURO ES TAN BRILLANTE!

DÍA DE LAS GAFAS DE SOL

Ponte tus gafas de sol hoy para celebrar que tu futuro es tan brillante cuando vengas a la escuela. Ir a la escuela todos los días te ayuda a aprender cómo ser un estudiante productivo y exitoso ahora y en el futuro.



JUEVES

9/24

DÍA DEL NÚMERO

¡CADA MOMENTO "CUENTA"!

¡Usa ropa con números para recordarte que cada momento que pasas en la escuela te ayuda a aprender y crecer! Cuando te pierdes estos momentos importantes, se vuelve más difícil recuperarlos. ¡Ven a la escuela y haz que cada momento "cuenta"!



VIERNES

9/25

COLORES DE NIVEL DE GRADO

WALK-A-THON DE WEGNER

¡Pónganse los colores de su nivel de grado para la caminata! K-Morado, 1-Rojo, 2-Negro, 3-Verde, 4-Anaranjado, 5-Azul. Estar aquí con amigos todos los días es divertido y nos ayuda a aprender y crecer. ¡Luce tus colores con estilo y hagamos que los días de escuela sean increíbles!

K - morado	2 - negro	4 - naranja
1 - rojo	3 - verde	5 - azul

Bus Safety Reminder

We are asking families to please help reinforce the importance of safe and respectful behavior on the bus. Students should remain seated while the bus is moving, listen to and follow the directions of the bus driver, and use respectful and appropriate language. Our bus drivers have an important job keeping everyone safe, and we appreciate families partnering with us to make sure all students have a safe and positive ride to and from school each day. Thank you for your support!

Parent Academy #1

Now that our fall MAP testing is complete and student score reports have gone home, we encourage you to attend the district's first Parent Academy of the school year.



Parent Academies 26-27

Portrait of a Graduate

- Clear Communicator
- Collaborator
- Critical Thinker & Problem-Solver
- Empathetic
- Culturally Aware
- Resilient
- Technologically Adaptable
- Advocate for Self & Others

Parent Academies will be held at Leman Middle School, 238 E. Hazel St. (Door 1)

**SEPTEMBER 30
5-6 PM @LEMAN**

Parent Academy #1:
Understanding My Child's MAP Reading and Math Scores & Maximizing Communication Using Parent Square

Childcare will be available, and there will be raffle prizes!!





Academias para padres 26-27

Retrato de Un Graduado

- Comunicador claro
- Colaborador
- Razonador crítico y solucionador de problemas
- Empático
- Culturalmente consciente
- Flexible
- Se adapta a la tecnología
- Aboga por sí mismo y otros

Las Academias para padres serán en la Secundaria Leman, 238 E. Hazel St. (Puerta 1)

**30 DE SEPTIEMBRE
DE 5:00-6:00 PM**

Academia para padres n.º 1:
Comprender el nivel de lectura y matemáticas de mi hijo en las pruebas MAP y Maximizar la comunicación con Parent Square

¡Habrá cuidado de niños y rifas!



Picture Day / Día de Foto

Thursday, 10/1
Jueves, 10/1



PTO Updates

Wegner PTO's
WALK-A-THON
Fundraiser



Friday, September 25th

**K-2
1:15 - 2:00**

**3rd - 5th
2:15 - 3:00**

**PTO is raising money for Trunk-or-Treat, our
Valentine's Dance, and other fun activities
throughout the year!**

**Donations Due Wednesday,
September 23rd**

Asociación de Padres y Maestros de Wegner
WALK-A-THON
Recaudación de fondos



Viernes, 25 de septiembre

**K-2
1:15 - 2:00**

**3-5
2:15 - 3:00**

**¡La asociación de padres y maestros está recaudando
fondos para el evento "Trunk or Treat", nuestro baile de
San Valentín y otras actividades divertidas durante todo el
año!**

**Las donaciones deben entregarse
el miércoles 23 de septiembre.**

Walk-a-Thon

Our first annual Wegner Walk-a-Thon is almost here! The Walk-a-Thon is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Interested in volunteering to help at the event? Contact our PTO at WegnerelementaryPTO@gmail.com. Families are also welcome to come cheer students on!

Our school goal is to raise \$3,000 so our PTO can sponsor fun events for our students and families. If every student/family raises \$20 in donations, we will easily meet that goal! The classroom that raises the most money in Kindergarten-2nd grade and 3rd-5th grade will earn a pizza party for their class. Thank you to all the families that have sent in their fundraiser money. We are almost halfway to our goal, with over \$1000 raised!



Join the PTO!

What is the PTO?

A **Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)** is a volunteer group made up of parents, guardians, and school staff who work together to support and enrich the school community. By joining, you help plan fun family events, organize student activities, and raise funds for classroom resources and experiences. It's a great way to stay connected, share your ideas, and play an active role in your child's education!

Get Involved!

Our Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO) welcomes any family to join our upcoming meetings! If you are interested in helping plan fun events for the school, volunteering in the building, or sharing your input and ideas, we would love to have you join us at our next meeting!

Upcoming Meetings:

All Meetings begin at 6:00 in the Wegner library, and will be available to join virtually.

10/6 - Parent Compact Completed

11/3

12/1

Get Connected!

Interested in hearing about special events or volunteer opportunities available with our Parent Organization? Share your email below to get on our email list!

PTO Email List

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¿Le interesa enterarse de los eventos especiales o las oportunidades de voluntariado disponibles en nuestra Organización de Padres? ¡Déjenos su correo electrónico a continuación para sumarse a nuestra lista!

[Sign in to Google](#) to save your progress. [Learn more](#)

Student Name / Nombre del estudiante

Your answer



Important School Year Information

2026-27



Wegner Elementary School Calendar Highlights

**First Day
of School**



**Last Day
of School**



Holidays & Breaks



Thanksgiving Break
November 23 - 27



Winter Break
December 21 - January 1



Spring Break
March 26 - April 2

School Closures

Sept. 7 - Labor Day
Oct. 12 - Indigenous Peoples Day
Oct. 22 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
Oct. 23 - School Improvement Day
Nov. 3 - Professional Development Day
Jan. 18 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Feb. 12 - Lincoln's Birthday

Feb. 15 - Presidents' Day (or Emergency Day)
Feb. 23 - Professional Development Day
Feb. 26 - Institute Day
March 1 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
April 6 - Election / School Imprvmt. Day
May 21 - Professional Development Day
May 31 - Memorial Day

Report Cards



wegner.wego33.org

Office: 630-293-6400

Special Events

9/10 Curriculum Night
10/1 Fall Picture Day
10/27 Trunk or Treat
1/28 Literacy / Math Night
3/3 Spring Picture Day
3/24 We are Wegner - Family Culture Night
4/15 Family Art Night

Absences

School Hours: 8:40 - 3:25

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

**ALL Changes to a student's end of day pick-up MUST BE MADE BY 2:00 PM to ensure a smooth dismissal routine.

2026-27



Wegner Elementary School Fechas importantes del calendario

**Primer día
de clases**



**Último día
de clases**



Días Festivos & Descansos



Receso de Acción de Gracias
23-27 de noviembre



Receso de invierno
21 de diciembre-1 de enero



Receso de primavera
26 de marzo - 2 de abril

No Hay Clases

septiembre 7- Día del Trabajo
octubre 12- Día de los Pueblos Indígenas
octubre 22 - Conferencias de Padres y Maestros
octubre 23- Mejoramiento Escolar
noviembre 3- Día de Desarrollo Profesional
enero 18- Día de Martin Luther King Jr
febrero 12 - Día de Lincoln

febrero 15- Día de los Presidentes (o Día de Emergencia)
febrero 23- Día de Desarrollo Profesional
febrero 26- Día de Instituto del Condado
marzo 1- Conferencias de Padres y Maestros
marzo 26 - Día de inasistencia
abril 6 - Día de elección / Mejoramiento Escolar
mayo 21 - Día de Desarrollo Profesional
mayo 31 - Memorial Day

Boletas de calificaciones



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Eventos Especiales

9/10 Noche de Currículo
10/1 Día de la fotografía
10/27 Trunk-Or-Treat
1/28 Noche de Alfabetismo y Matemáticas
3/3 Día de la fotografía
3/24 We are Wegner - Noche Cultural Familiar
4/15 Noche de Arte Familiar

Ausencia del estudiante

Horas escolares: 8:40 - 3:25

Por favor, reporte la ausencia de su hijo/a antes de las 8:30 AM.
(630) 293-6400 ext 8207
CUALQUIER cambio en el horario de recogida de un estudiante al final del día DEBE SER REALIZADO ANTES DE LAS 2:00 PM para garantizar una rutina de salida fluida.

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

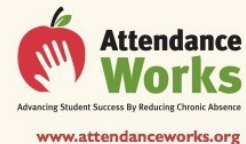


**COLLEGE
STUDENTS**
earn their degrees



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.

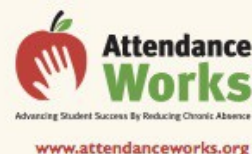


ESTUDIANTES UNIVERSITARIOS
Obtienen sus títulos universitarios.



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 the office to add someone to your child's pick up list!
 - Anyone coming to pick up a child MUST have a photo ID so that we can match the person 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

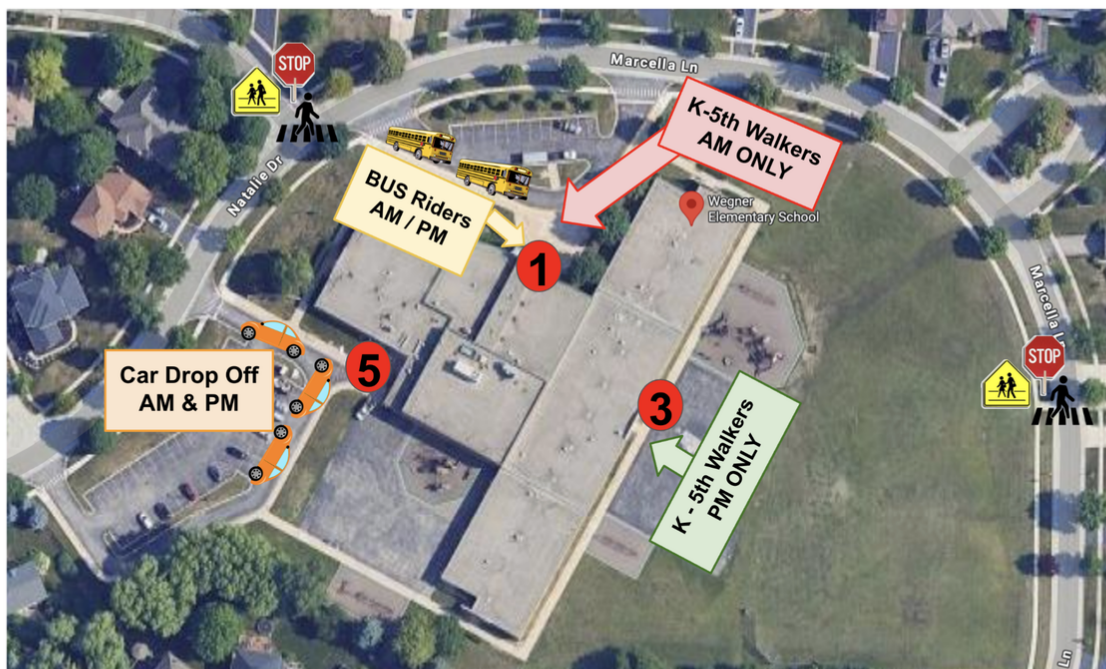
Breakfast and lunch are FREE for D33 students. Each month we will send home a lunch menu showing the lunch choices for each day. Students are welcome to bring a lunch from home if you prefer.

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

Wegner Parent Arrival and Dismissal Map

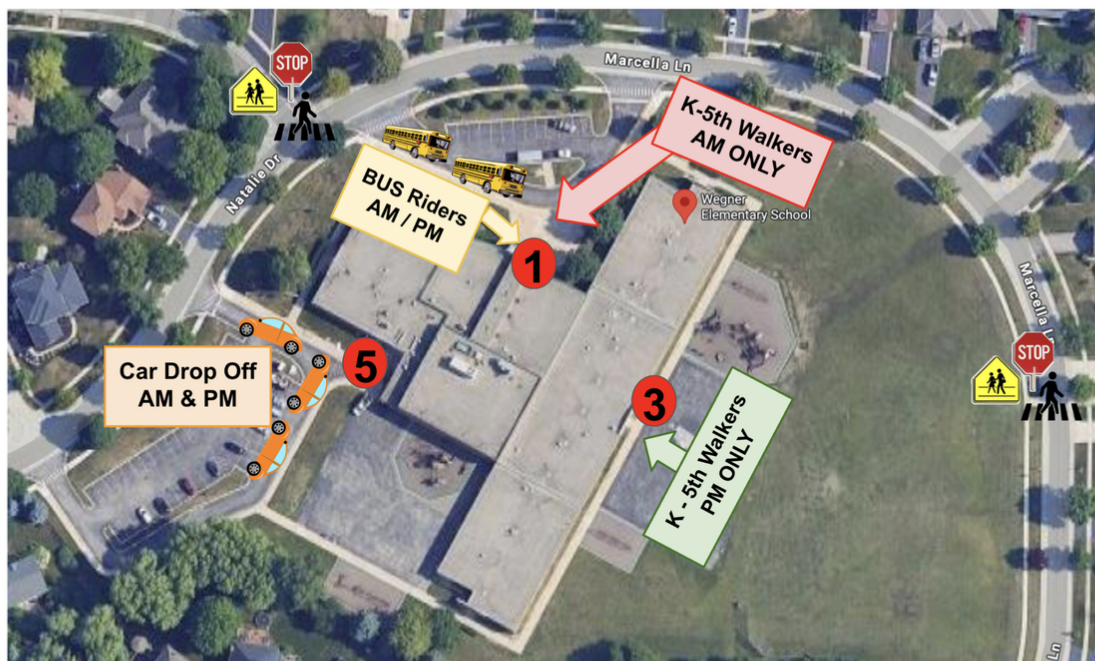


Arrival: Doors open for breakfast at 8:15. All other students - Doors open at 8:30. **Staff WILL NOT be outside to supervise students arriving prior to 8:30.** See map above for specific entrance doors.

Dismissal:

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

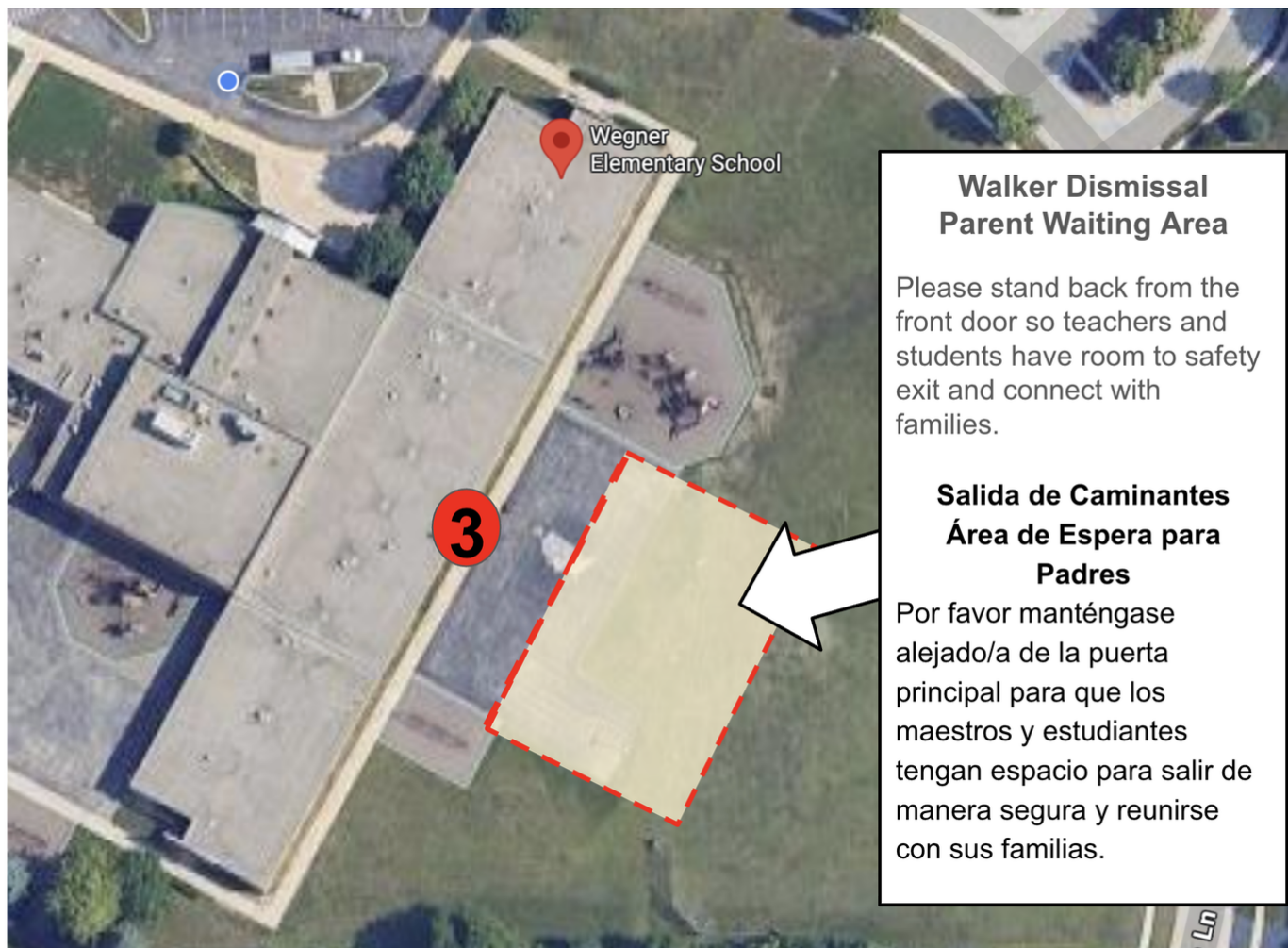
Mapa de llegada y salida de los padres de Wegner



Llegada: Las puertas se abren para el desayuno a las 8:15. 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.



Walker Dismissal Parent Waiting Area

Please stand back from the front door so teachers and students have room to safely exit and connect with families.

Salida de Caminantes Área de Espera para Padres

Por favor manténgase alejado/a de la puerta principal para que los maestros y estudiantes tengan espacio para salir de manera segura y reunirse con sus familias.

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.

Bus App



SCHOOL BUS APP

MY RIDE K-12

- ✓ Download My Ride K-12 from the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store.
- ✓ When prompted to find your school district, search for the name of the school district your child attends (Illinois Central School Bus West Chicago Elementary School District 33). If you need assistance, please contact your school.
- ✓ Once you have selected your district, you will proceed to the login page. Click Register.
- ✓ To register, enter your email address, a password, and name.
- ✓ After registering, you will receive a confirmation email. Tap on the link in your email to confirm your registration through the My Ride K-12 website.
- ✓ Log in, then find a student by going to My Students and choosing the + button. This will present the Add Student screen.
- ✓ Enter a W and the student's ID number. For example: W12345. Click "Next" to enter the last name of the student. Click 'Next' Then, click "Add Student".
- ✓ Once you have linked to a student, click on that student's profile to see bus information.



DISTRITO ESCOLAR DE PRIMARIA 33 DEL OESTE DE CHICAGO

APLICACIÓN DE AUTOBÚS ESCOLAR



MI VIAJE K-12

- ✓ Descarga My Ride K-12 desde Google Play Store o la App Store de Apple.
- ✓ Cuando se te solicite que busques tu distrito escolar, escribe el nombre del distrito escolar al que asiste tu hijo (Illinois Central School Bus West Chicago Elementary School District 33). Si necesitas ayuda, comunícate con la escuela.
- ✓ Una vez que haya seleccionado su distrito, pasará a la página de inicio de sesión. Haga clic en Registrarse.
- ✓ Para registrarte, introduce tu dirección de correo electrónico, una contraseña y tu nombre.
- ✓ Tras registrarte, recibirás un correo electrónico de confirmación. Haz clic en el enlace de tu correo electrónico para confirmar tu registro a través del sitio web My Ride K-12.
- ✓ Inicia sesión y luego busca al estudiante accediendo a Mis estudiantes y seleccionando el botón +. Esto mostrará la pantalla para agregar un estudiante.
- ✓ Ingresa una W y el número de identificación del estudiante. Por ejemplo: W12345. Haz clic en "Siguiente" para ingresar el apellido del estudiante. Haz clic en "Siguiente" y luego en "Agregar estudiante".
- ✓ Una vez que te hayas vinculado con un estudiante, haz clic en su perfil para ver la información del autobús.





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