




# WAKEFIELD ELEMENTARY KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION


WE ARE SO HAPPY YOU ARE HERE! WE WILL BEGIN SOON.

# MEET THE KINDERGARTEN TEAM




There are four kindergarten classes, each of which have a full time teacher assistant!

 Mrs. Kirk with Mrs. Meares

 Mrs. Watkins with Mrs. Rezac

Mrs. Robertson with Mrs. Bochenek

 Mr. Vandenberg with Mrs. Collette

# PREPARING FOR KINDERGARTEN

## PAPERWORK NEEDED

Immunizations and Kindergarten Health Assessments (must be completed on the State of North Carolina Health Assessment Form) should be turned into Allyson Adams (data manager) prior the your child's first day of school.

She can be reached at:  
[dadams@wcpss.net](mailto:dadams@wcpss.net)

## SKILLS YOU CAN BE PRACTICING

Self Help Skills: opening lunch and snack containers, opening and closing Ziploc bags, zipping their jacket, using the bathroom independently, tying their shoes

Fine Motor Skills: correct way to hold a pencil, correct way to hold scissors, cutting different types of lines

Literacy: writing their name with correct capitals and lowercase letters, identifying some letter name and letter sounds, letter formation, identifying parts of a book

Math: orally count to 20+, recognize and write numbers 0-10, count groups of objects, name basic shapes and colors

# STAGGERED ENTRY

Your child will only come one day during the first week. Teachers use this time to give kindergarten entry assessments, which help to create balanced classes. This also helps your child to adjust in a smaller class setting.

You will get a letter in the mail over summer, around the beginning of August. It will tell you what day your child will attend Staggered Entry and to what room number they'll go to.

**AUGUST:** Tuesday 8/27, Wednesday 8/28, Thursday 8/29, and Friday 8/30



# KINDERGARTEN PLACEMENT



You will find out your official kindergarten teacher on the Friday of that first week! It could be the same teacher you had for Staggered Entry or it could be one of the other kindergarten teachers!

If your child's teacher is the same from Staggered Entry, you won't get a phone call.

If your child's teacher changes from Staggered Entry, you will get a phone call Friday evening from your new teacher!

All students first day together with their permanent teacher is Tuesday, September 3rd.

# OPEN HOUSE & DINNER ON THE LAWN



You will have the opportunity to further meet your child's official teacher and learn more about the expectations and routines of their classroom at Open House!

This is the same evening as PTA's annual Dinner on the Lawn event!

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, September 10th. Time TBD

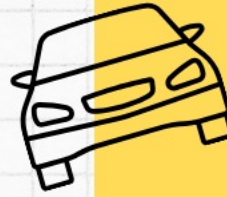
# MORNING & AFTERNOON TRANSPORTATION

We ask that you be as consistent as possible with your kindergartener's transportation to help build routine.

If their transportation is changing, please contact your child's teacher prior to 12:00pm (or the front office after that point) to ensure we get them home the right way.

Your child will have a specific tag on their backpack with their dismissal information, which should remain all year. Please DO NOT remove this tag and let the teacher know if it falls off or they get a new backpack.

\*If you have an older child that attends WES, you do not need to get a carpool tag, as they will join your number



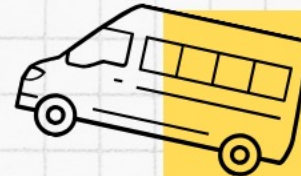
Carpool: you can get your child's carpool number this evening! Help them to begin recognizing their carpool number this summer!



Walkers: there are sidewalk walkers (front of the school) and path walkers (back of the school).



Bus: you can find bus routes and registration online, including an app that tracks the bus. You must be at the bus stop to retrieve your kindergartener!



After School: YMCA, Wakefield Creative, etc. are options as well



WES also offers Before School Care, provided by our TAs!

# SCHOOL NURSE INFORMATION

Angel Williams, RN

awilliams27@wcpss.net

At WES on Tuesdays & Thursdays

If you know your child will need any sort of medication, inhaler, epi pen, etc. on campus, it must be documented through our nurse and your child's pediatrician. The sooner you get this paperwork done at your pediatrician, the better. Please stop by the nurse's table if you know your child will need any medication at school.

WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM		Form 1702 Parent/Guardian Request and Physician's Order Form for Medication				
Student Name:		Date of Birth:	School:	School Year:		
	Diagnosis	Medication Name Right Medication	Dosage Right Amount	How to Give Right Route	When to Give Right Time	Medication Log Date/Time Given/Staff Initials
daily	Diagnosis <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____					
Allergy	List of Allergens:	<input type="checkbox"/> Diphenhydramine (Benadryl) <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Dose _____	<input type="checkbox"/> By Mouth <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Upon Exposure <input type="checkbox"/> Mild Reaction	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Epinephrine Auto-Injector	<input type="checkbox"/> 0.15 mg <input type="checkbox"/> 0.3 mg	Intramuscular (IM) Injection	<input type="checkbox"/> Upon Exposure <input type="checkbox"/> Severe Reaction <input type="checkbox"/> If provided, repeat dose after _____ minutes if symptoms continue	
Asthma	Green Zone Exercise Induced	<input type="checkbox"/> Albuterol <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 puffs <input type="checkbox"/> 1 ampule/vial <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Inhaled (use spacer if provided) <input type="checkbox"/> Nebulizer	<input type="checkbox"/> DAILY before exercise <input type="checkbox"/> AS NEEDED before exercise <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
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	Other Asthma Medications (Example - Symbicort, Dulera, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> with Spacer	<b>Please complete with specific numbers of puffs and minutes – no ranges</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Exercise: ___ puff(s) inhaled before exercise as needed to prevent symptoms <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Zone: ___ puff(s) inhaled every ___ minutes for cough/wheeze/shortness of breath, up to ___ puffs Call parent/guardian if symptoms have not improved after ___ puffs <input type="checkbox"/> Red Zone: Call 911 – ___ puff(s) inhaled every ___ minutes up to ___ puffs			
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Physician's Printed Name:		Physician's Telephone:		Date:		
Physician's Signature:		Physician's Fax:		MD Stamp:		

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# A DAY IN KINDERGARTEN AT WES



School doors open at 8:45am and instruction begins at 9:15am. Dismissal is at 3:45pm.

As students arrive, they do free choice centers! Centers are a great way to build your child's social skills, sharing, and overall play. We offer centers such as kitchen, blocks, playdough, puzzles, technology, art, STEM, math bins, and more!

We start each day with a Morning Meeting called SOAR Time! We do things such as calendar, weather, morning message involving sight words, sing songs, etc. During this time, the entire school is doing social-emotional lessons created by our counselor, Mrs. Furr!

# WES BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

We are a PBIS school and follow the SOAR expectations:

- S**how kindness
- O**perate safely
- A**ct responsibly
- R**espect ourselves & others

Students work to earn feathers as a class to earn class rewards. They work to earn individual SOAR dots, too!



# LETTERLAND & LITERACY



Letterland is the phonics program our county uses. Kindergarten students really enjoy this time and seem to catch on to phonics skills quickly because of it! This is how they will learn their letter names, sounds, word blending, & more! We also start each day with Heggerty which is a program that teaches a variety of phonemic awareness skills.

Literacy is when we teach a variety of skills, such as NEST rotations, decodable books, writing, sight words, & more!

# MATH & TECHNOLOGY USE

During the year in kindergarten, we will learn the following skills:

- number recognition
- counting to 100
- matching quantity to number
- sorting objects by attribute
- positional words
- teen numbers
- partners of 10
- addition and subtraction



Each child will have access to a Chromebook! We will use these throughout the year in a variety of ways. We use websites such as DreamBox for math games, MyOn for book read alouds, Letterland, and more! This is also a free choice center they can choose.

# SCIENCE, SOCIAL STUDIES, & SPECIALS

We alternate science and social studies units throughout the year. We will do things such as weather, the five senses, animals, wants vs. needs, maps, community helpers, being a good citizen, helping our earth, and more!

Our school has the following specials: PE, art, music, media, and science lab, which they attend daily on a rotating schedule.





# SNACK & RECESS

We ask that you send a small snack with your child daily! This should not be things like candy or full Lunchables. Remember it is a snack, not a second lunch!

Kindergarten has their own playground off of our classrooms. Recess is at 3:00 and is supervised by the kindergarten teachers. Please dress your child accordingly!

# LUNCH INFORMATION



Kindergarten students eat in the cafeteria with the supervision of the instructional assistants. We encourage you to begin practicing opening Ziploc bags, containers, pre-packaged snacks, water bottles, etc. with your child so they can have some of these skills!

We ask that you wait until October to join your child for lunch, to help in their transition to kindergarten.

Breakfast and lunch prices haven't been determined by the district for next year.

# FIELD TRIPS

We go on two field trips during the year.

Some we have done in the past are:

- Page Farms in the fall
- Marbles Museum
- NC State Live Performances
- Blue Jay Point
- Live Performances at Wakefield High

We will need parent chaperones on these trips, so please go ahead and register as a volunteer ASAP, as our first field trip will be in October. These require a background check, so it takes a little while to process.



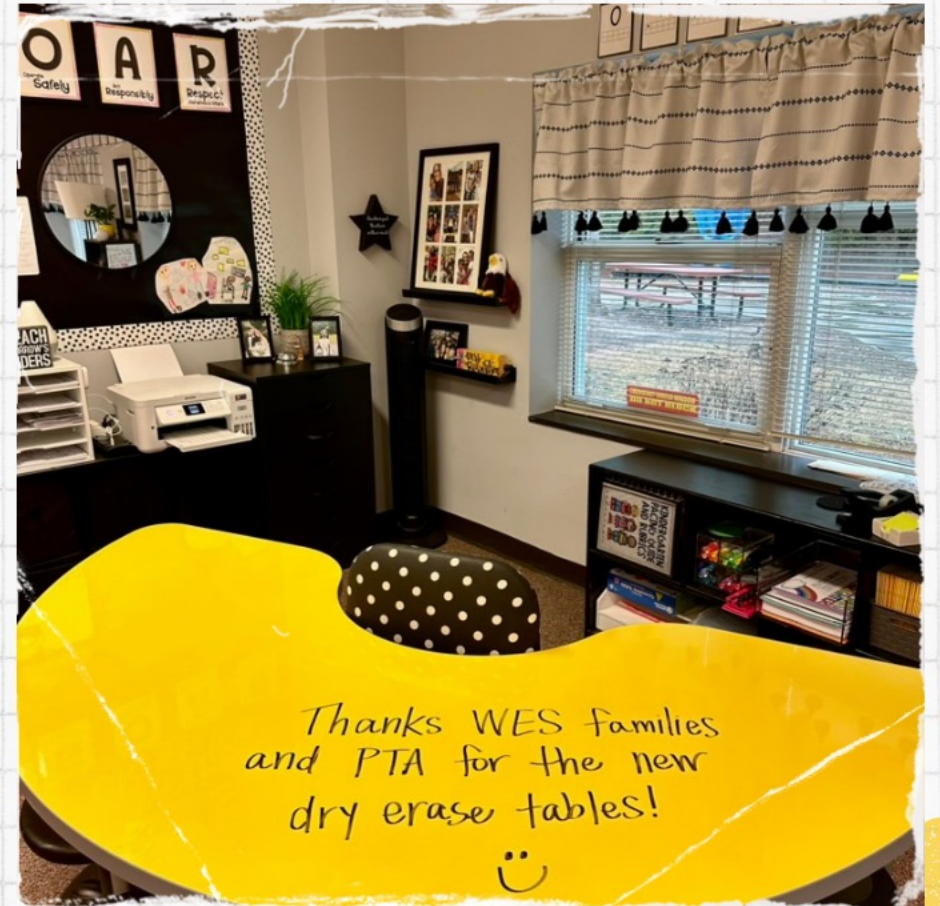


# WAKEFIELD PTA

The PTA provides our school, teachers, students, and families with events that we wouldn't otherwise have, like: Spring Fling, Trunk or Treat, spirit nights, book fairs, school store, & more!

PTA memberships are \$10. Your membership includes monthly e-newsletters, volunteer opportunities, entries into monthly drawings, and more! They help provide teachers with opportunities to write teachers grants, too!

The PTA is ALWAYS looking for more volunteers! It's a great way to meet people and give back to the students & staff at WES!





# SUMMER OPPORTUNITY

Daniel Teachey (the youth director at Kerr YMCA) is running a free summer camp at Wakefield Middle School. Children will be provided free breakfast, lunch, swim lessons, and teacher time. He is looking for 12 more rising kindergarteners to attend.

If you are interested in this program, please visit the YMCA table after the presentation. They also offer after school programs with transportation from WES!

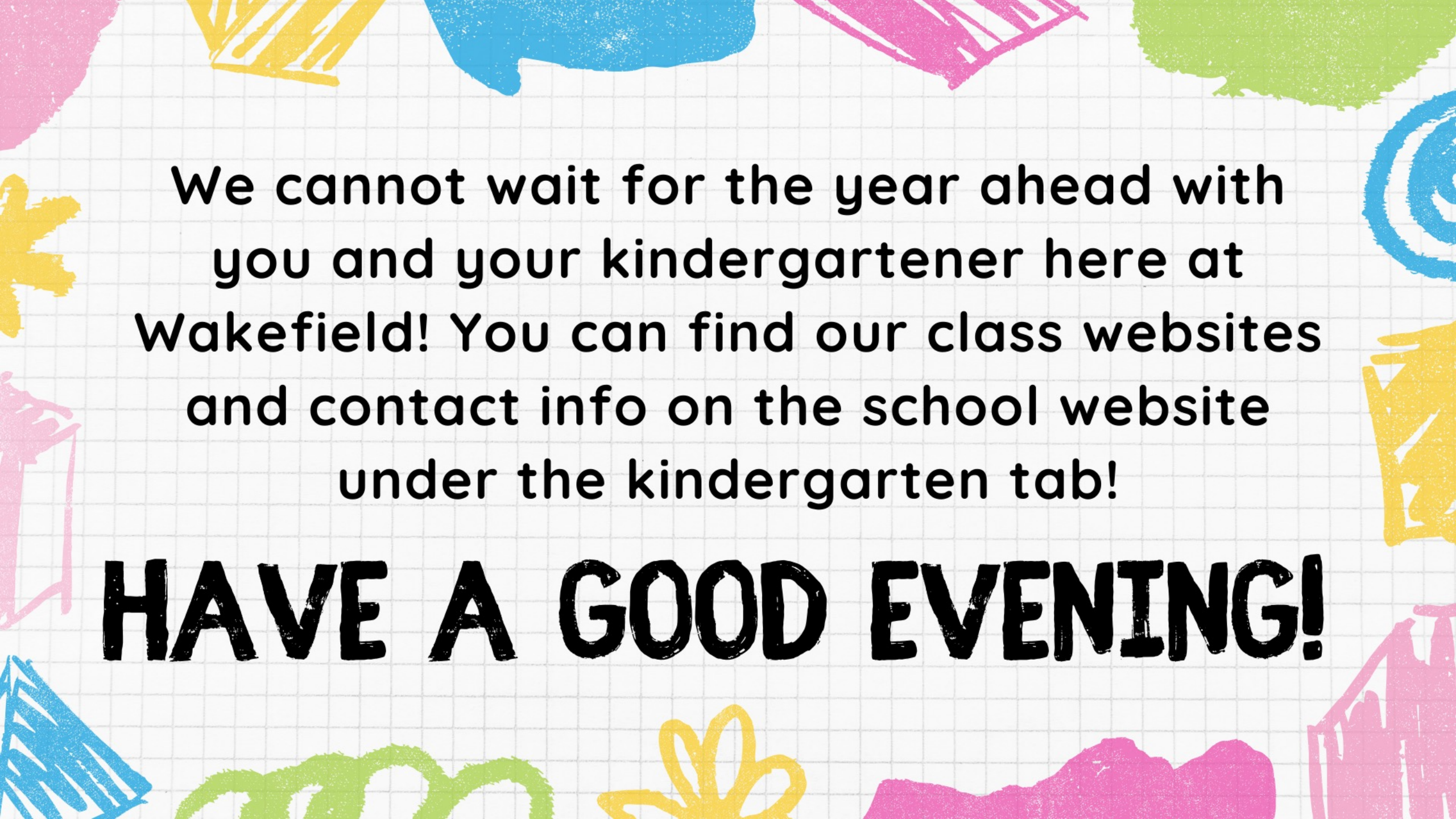


**WE ARE SO GLAD YOU CAME!**

**QUESTIONS?**

**CHANCES ARE IF YOU'RE THINKING IT, SOMEONE ELSE IS TOO!**



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We cannot wait for the year ahead with you and your kindergartener here at Wakefield! You can find our class websites and contact info on the school website under the kindergarten tab!

**HAVE A GOOD EVENING!**