



Heights Martin L. Murray Elementary School Wilkes-Barre Area School District



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Heights-Murray Elementary School Welcome Packet 2022-2023

When does school start?

School begins for elementary students on Thursday September 8th

- Students should arrive at school between 8:25 and 8:45 AM. Students will be dismissed at 2:30 PM. (more details about arrival and dismissal below)
- Parents wishing to have their child enroll in the Wilkes Barre Cyber Academy, must notify the principal, Mr. McKenna, or our district cyber school administrator, Mr. Gabriel by the first week of school. The Cyber Academy will provide students with access to grade appropriate curriculum at home, but this option does not provide live instruction from a teacher.

DAILY Arrival

Bus students should be at their bus stop by 7:50 each morning.

Walkers should arrive at school by 8:25 AM. Doors will open for walkers at 8:25.

Homeroom & Free Breakfast will take place from 8:25-8:45 AM for all students

Instruction begins at 8:45 and students will be marked late after that.

Walkers/Parent Drop-Offs

***1st through 5th grade** walkers will enter the building between 8:25 and 8:45 AM at the front entrance on Sherman Street. **Kindergarten** students will enter on the front right side of the building through our gated porch.

*Our front driveway is closed from 8:00- 8:45. No vehicles will be allowed at that time.

*All parents/guardians/adults must remain behind the yellow/black line for safety and organizational purposes.

*Students must not arrive prior to 8:25 AM. Any student who arrives after 8:45 AM must arrive with a parent/guardian as he/she will be considered tardy and must be signed-in at the main office.

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Breakfast/Homeroom

8:25-8:45 AM

All students will have free breakfast and attendance will be taken during homeroom.

Instructional Day/ Lunch

Instruction will begin at **8:45 AM** each day.

Students will receive a free 30 minute lunch somewhere between 11AM and 1PM as scheduled.

Dismissal

Kindergarten and 1st grade walkers will be dismissed to their parent or designated guardian beginning at 2:20 each day. Walker dismissal locations are based on the students home address as listed later in this packet.

2nd thru 5th grade walkers/ car riders, will be dismissed at 2:30 PM each day.

No student will be dismissed from school early after 2:10 PM. Doctor/dentist, etc. appointments should be scheduled prior to 8:45 AM or after 2:30 PM to avoid disrupting the educational process.

Bus students-Students will report to their assigned bus upon announcement. This will begin at 2:30 PM at the REAR GYM DOORS. Bus information can be found on Skyward Family Access.

Special Transportation-Students will report to their assigned van upon announcement. This will begin at 2:20 PM at the NORTH DOORS.

Walkers/Parent Pick-Ups

***All parents/guardians/adults must remain behind the yellow/black line at the Front Entrance and cones at other exits for safety and organizational purposes.**

PLEASE SEE THE NEXT PAGE FOR WALKER DISMISSAL LOCATIONS BY STREET.

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Where will my child be dismissed from?

- **All students who would typically ride a bus, but are being transported by family will be dismissed from the NORTH DOOR on Amber Lane.** *Streets are not listed for bus streets, therefore, this indicates that the child will be dismissed from the NORTH DOOR. This must be requested to your child's teacher in writing.
- Any walker being picked up will still exit through the door based on their address.

Front Door-MAIN ENTRANCE/SOUTH SHERMAN STREET- (Kindergarten front door will be on the patio to the Amber lane side of the building.)

S. Sherman Street	N. Sherman Street		
S. Fulton Street	N. Fulton Street	Fulton Court	
S. Meade Street	N. Meade Street	Meade Court	Grove Lane
S. Empire Street	N. Empire Street	Empire Court	Hillside Street
Bethel Street	Coal Street #197-303	Cross Lane	Custer Street
Dock Lane	East South Street	Freeman Street	Joseph Lane #1-99
Logan Street	McFarlane Street	Myrtle Lane	New Market Street
Oakwood Lane	Opal Lane	Parkview Circle	Pershing Street
Rees Street #75-200	Reno Lane	Sheridan Street	Sylvanus Street
Taft Street	Wilkes Lane	Worth Lane	

North Door-AMBER LANE

Amber Lane	Carbon Lane	Coal Street #117-196	Dougher Lane
Hayes Lane	N. Grant Street	N. Hancock Street	North Welles Street
Walter's Way			

South Door-ROSE LANE

Armstrong Lane	Bethel Street	E. Market Street	E. Northampton Street #1-324
Garnet Lane	Lanning Lane	Midland Court	Park Avenue #1-99
Puritan Lane	Rees Street #1-73	Rose Lane	S. Baltimore Street
S. Grant Street	S. Hancock Street	S. Welles Street	S. Wilkes Barre Blvd.
Wayne Street	Winter Lane		

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SAFETY/SECURITY

Visitors

All visitors must sign-in upon arrival in the lobby. A Photo ID is required.

*If the visitor must enter the building, the visitor's temperature will be checked and the photo ID will be presented to the security greeter.

All visitors must walk through the metal detector to ensure safety for all.

School Resource Officer

Officer Robert Simonetti is the Heights-Murray Elementary School school resource officer.

Please contact Officer Simonetti with any safety/security concerns or questions you may have (570) 826-7255, ext. 6108.

Health and Wellness Safety

Nurse Tracey Glynn-Roulinavage is the Heights-Murray Elementary School nurse. Please contact Nurse Tracey with any health/medical concerns you may have for your child (570) 826-7255, ext. 6115.

Please refer to the WBASD Covid Policy to adhere to recent pandemic guidelines.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Absences-All absences will initially be entered as Unexcused. A parent has **up to 3 days to submit the excuse to be changed properly**; no changes are made after the 3rd day even if a note is received after the 3rd day. Any student who is absent after 10 total days must have a medical practitioner's note for every subsequent absence. **Please review the attendance policy online.**

Policies-The school district dress code, electronic device, and other policies may be found on the district website at www.wbasd.k12.pa.us

PARENT NOTES to SCHOOL-(Day care, information changes, etc.) If your child attends day care, before and/or after-school care, please send in a note stating which daycare and what days they will be attending. If your child is not attending daycare on a particular day, please send in a note stating that you will be picking the child up or that the child will not be riding the bus. Any child that is being dismissed from school early must bring a note to school that morning and give it to the teacher. *These procedures are in place for the safety of your child.*

Heights School Website-Check frequently

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