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JOIN US FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR FULL OF PROMISE AND GROWTH A Message from Our Superintendent

Dear Families and Community of Wyoming Public Schools,

I am thrilled to welcome you to the 2024-2025 school year! With the dedicated leadership of our Board of Education, staff, and community, we are poised to provide incredible opportunities and create meaningful experiences for the scholars and families we are privileged to serve.

At Wyoming Public Schools, we are committed to offering an exceptional learning experience so that every scholar can thrive. Our dedicated staff is focused on fostering a positive community that maximizes learning opportunities and creates lasting memories.

We take our responsibility to provide the best learning environment seriously. Everyone involved in Wyoming Public Schools is devoted to facilitating the growth and development of our scholars in every possible way. We will teach, encourage, and celebrate the diverse ways our scholars learn and grow.

As you continue to enjoy your summer, please remember that returning to school refreshed and recharged will provide the best start for our scholars. Our first day of school is Tuesday, August 20, with a half day of morning classes.

Registration and enrollment for new and returning scholars is now open. If you are new to Wyoming Public Schools, please enroll your child(ren) as soon as possible using the web address linked to the QR code below. We are excited to warmly welcome new families to the Wyoming Wolves community.

NEW To WPS
Scholar
Enrollment



If you are returning to WPS, you can use the QR code provided below as a convenient option to register your child(ren) for the upcoming school year. Thank you in advance for ensuring your child(ren) are registered for the new school year.

RETURNING
To WPS
Scholar
Registration



If you have enrollment questions or need assistance registering your child(ren), please contact our administration building at (616) 530-7550. Our staff will be happy to assist you with the enrollment and registration process.

For building-specific back-to-school details, including dates and times for orientation, open

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In compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Elliot-Larson Civil Rights Act of 1977, and the Americans with Disability Act of 1990, it is the policy of Wyoming Public School District that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, age, disability, height, weight, or marital status be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination during any program, activity, or in employment. The lack of English skills will not be barrier to admission or participation in educational programs. The following people have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies. Inquiries related to discrimination on the basis of race, color, origin, age, height, weight, sex, or marital status should be directed to Human Resources, 3575 Gladiola, Wyoming, MI 49519, (616) 530-7554. Inquiries related to discrimination on the basis of disability or religion should be directed to Student Services, 3575 Gladiola, Wyoming, MI, 49519, (616) 530-7525.

houses, Kindergarten Smart Start, and other key beginning-of-the-year events, please refer to the information provided in this Insight publication. If you have any questions about the beginning of the school year, our programs, or ways to get involved, please contact one of our principals or program directors.

I encourage parents and community members to meet with teachers, join a parent group, volunteer, and participate in school district activities. A strong home-to-school partnership is invaluable for our scholars' success. Wyoming Public Schools offers many opportunities for families and community members to enjoy performances, sporting events, academic competitions, and various extracurricular activities. Check our district calendar and come out to support our talented Wolves!

Thanks to the dedication of our entire Wyoming community, I look forward to a fantastic 2024-2025 school year filled with meaningful relationships, learning, and memories.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (616) 531-9313 or email me at hoekstc@wyomingps.org.

Better Together,



Mr. Craig Hoekstra
Superintendent



Our District is located in the city of Wyoming, Michigan, the largest suburb of metropolitan Grand Rapids and the 18th largest city in Michigan. It is a city of well-kept neighborhoods and parks. Recreational and cultural opportunities abound, and the community atmosphere emphasizes family values.

The Wyoming Public School District has a staff of approximately 475 employees, including teachers, administrators, secretaries, paraeducators, food service, maintenance and custodial staff, bus drivers, mechanics, and community education personnel.

Our student enrollment is approximately 4,000 scholars.



WPS BOARD OF EDUCATION

VISION In a culture where we embrace diverse identities, each Wyoming Public School scholar will experience belonging and be challenged to excel academically to positively impact our local and global communities.

MISSION Wyoming Public Schools will empower each scholar to reach their immediate and future goals by providing ambitious instruction and embracing diverse voices within a community where everyone belongs.

CORE VALUES

Belonging, Diversity, and Inclusion - We create culturally affirming spaces where diverse identities are embraced, scholar voice is elevated and acted upon, and all stakeholders experience a sense of belonging as their authentic selves.

Educational Excellence - We set high standards, use equitable practices, and deliver ambitious instruction, so that each scholar experiences high academic, social, and emotional growth in order to reach their post-secondary goals and positively impact their communities.

Continuous Improvement - We are a learning organization that uses a variety of data sources to inform decisions on the implementation of innovative, adaptive, and sustainable practices to develop the skills, knowledge, and abilities our scholars need to be global leaders.

Better Together - We implement intentional structures where colleagues, scholars, families, and community partners collaborate to co-construct meaningful and rigorous learning experiences.

PROMISE STATEMENT:

Wyoming Wolves: Growing Community. Empowering Scholars. Impacting Futures.

Open to the Public!

Regular Board meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 6:00 PM in the Board Room at the Administration Building (3575 Gladiola Ave. SW). Board meetings are open to the public. Soon after each meeting is called to order, the Board president will ask any individuals wishing to address the Board to identify themselves by name, and state the topic they would like to discuss. Those individuals will be recognized under "New Business." In the spirit of compliance with the ADA, Individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Office of the Superintendent by phone (616)530-7555 if requesting special services to effectively participate in this meeting.

August 12, 2024 at 5 PM
August 26, 2024 at 5 PM
September 9, 2024 at 6 PM
September 23, 2024 at 6 PM
October 14, 2024 at 6 PM
October 28, 2024 at 6 PM
November 11, 2024 at 6 PM
December 9, 2024 at 6 PM



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FIRST SCHOOL DAY → Tuesday, August 20th

[1/2 Day AM]

Wyoming Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE):

Open House	Thursday, August 22	5:00-6:30 PM
Orientation/Smart Start	Monday, August 26 & 27	Time dependent upon ECSE section

Elementary (Gladiola, Oriole Park, Parkview & West):

Gladiola Kinder Smart Start	Wednesday, August 14th	11:30 AM - 1:00 PM 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Gladiola Open House	Monday, August 19th	5:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Oriole Park Kinder Smart Start	Thurs., Aug. 15th	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM
Oriole Park Open House	Thursday, August 22nd	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
Parkview Kinder Smart Start	Tuesday, August 13th	9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Parkview Back-to-School Night	Monday, August 19th	5:00 PM - 6:30 PM
West Kinder Smart Start	Thursday, August 15th	11:30 AM - 1:00 PM 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM
West Open House (1st-4th)	Monday, August 19th	5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Wyoming Intermediate:

Report directly to your child's homeroom classroom for a meet and greet.

5th & 6th Grades	Date TBD	Time TBD
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Wyoming Junior High School:

7th grade scholars must be present for the entire Smart Start time. School ID and pictures for the 2024-25 school year will be taken during this time. Scholars will also receive their schedule, meet school staff, and learn school expectations. School transportation is provided home for scholars in-district.

7th Grade Smart Start	Wednesday, August 14th	7:30 AM - 9:30 AM
8th Grade Schedule Pick Up	Wednesday, August 14th	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
WJH Open House	Thursday, September 5th	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Wyoming High School:

Scholars can drop in during the times listed below to get schedules and take school pictures for school IDs.

Freshman & Sophomores (1st Session)	Wednesday, August 7th	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Freshman & Sophomores (2nd Session)	Wednesday, August 7th	12:30 PM - 2:00 PM
Juniors & Seniors (1st Session)	Thursday, August 8th	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Juniors & Seniors (2nd Session)	Thursday, August 8th	12:30 PM - 2:00 PM
WHS Open House	September 4th	6:00 PM - 7:15 PM

New Student Enrollment Information

Wyoming Public Schools provides central registration for new families to the District online at www.wyomingps.org. You may register all of your children at one time.

The following documentation must be presented to the Registrar at the time of enrollment.

- ✓ Original Birth Certificate
- ✓ Immunization records showing all required and up-to-date booster shots
- ✓ Two (2) proofs of residency (utility bill, lease agreement, buy/sell agreement, phone bill, etc.)
- ✓ Parent I.D. with photo
- ✓ Legal documentation proving custody rights (if necessary)

Additional Documents Needed:
Kindergarten Students: Physical & Hearing/Vision Screening
9th Grade Students: A copy of your child's 8th grade report card
10th – 12th Grade Students: A copy of your child's transcript

**The WPS Central Registration is open all year long!
Monday through Thursday from 8:00 AM until 3:30 PM**

WYOMING COMMUNITY EDUCATION

3600 Byron Center Ave. (at the corner of 36th Street and Byron Center Ave.) 616-530-7500

There are several programs available, General Education Diploma (GED), Adult Career Technical Education (CTE) and English As a Second Language (ESL). Students are expected to attend every day to maximize their opportunities.

In order to be eligible for these programs, students must be 18 years of age or older and without a high school diploma. The Wyoming Community Education office will be open Monday through Friday beginning August 12, 2024 from 8:30 am until 3:00 pm to answer your questions/needs.

To register for classes, please visit the Kent ISD's Adult Education registration website at www.adulted.kentisd.org for more details.

WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL - ATHLETICS

FREE Physicals	Wednesday, August 7th	6:00 PM
Fall Team Sport Starting Dates	Monday, August 12th	
Meet The Team Night	Tuesday, August 20th	5:00 PM

Kent County Preschool – Great Start & Head Start

STEP 1 Complete online application at preschool.kentisd.org

STEP 2 Children must be 4 on or before September 1.
Turn in all required documentation

- Proof of birth – copy of legal birth certificate, passport, hospital record, baptismal record or other government form
- Proof of income – income tax form, W-2, pay stub, unemployment, written statement from employer, foster care reimbursement, SSI documentation, child support, alimony, or pensions
- Proof of residency – drivers license with current address, current utility bill, rent receipt, tax bill or land contract
- Most recent Physical or Well child Checkup or Health Appraisal form
- Immunization Record
- If your child has an IEP we will need a copy

Email to KCPI@kentisd.org or mail to KCPI, 2930 Knapp NE, Grand Rapids MI 49525

Or call intake staff: Great Start Readiness 616-447-2409 or HeadStart 616-453-4145

STEP 3 **Placement** You will be contacted by email as soon as placement is made for your child. Placements will start Mid-July and will continue until all spots are filled. Placements are made based on need using the State of Michigan required placement process.



WPS Student Services

The Student Services department contributes to the mission and vision of Wyoming Public Schools by providing a continuum of support to students eligible under the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and the McKenny-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

Additionally, student services staff support the advancement of system-wide social, behavioral and academic improvements.

If you believe your child may be eligible as a student with a disability, or that your family may meet requirements for support under McKinney-Vento, please contact your child's school directly or the Student Service department at: 616-530-7525.

VOLUNTEERS!

Wyoming Public Schools derives immeasurable strength from unlimited parent and community involvement in its schools. Hundreds of residents are involved as individual school volunteers. Join the fun and get involved in making our schools the best they can be!

If you are interested in volunteering, please call the school's principal or secretary to get more information.

We Have Great Meal Program News!

We are pleased to inform you that Wyoming Public Schools will be participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) as part of the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for the School Year 2024-2025.

The GREAT NEWS is that ALL students enrolled at our school can receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at NO CHARGE to your household each day.

In place of the Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application we still need your household to **fill out and sign the Household Information Report**. This report is **critical** in determining the amount of money that our school receives from a variety of State and Federal supplemental programs like Title I A, At-risk (31a), Title II A, E-Rate, etc.

These supplemental programs have the potential to offer supports and services for our students

including, but not limited to:

- Instructional supports (staff, supplies & materials, etc.)
- Non-instructional services (counseling, social work, health services, etc.)
- Professional Learning for staff
- Parent and Community engagement supplies and activities
- Technology

We are asking that you please complete and submit it as soon as possible to ensure that additional funding for our school is available to meet the needs of our students. All information on the report submitted is confidential. Without your assistance in completing and returning the attached report, our school cannot maximize the use of available State and Federal funds.

If you have any questions or if we can be of any further assistance, please contact WPS Food Service at (616) 530-7522.

Food service begins on the first day of school, Tuesday, August 20, 2024

One carton of milk is included with each meal and ala carte milk is available for fifty cents. A la carte menu items are available for purchase at WIS, WJH and WHS. On half days, sack meals are provided for scholars in grades K-6.

WPS utilizes a digital platform, Family Portal, for the managing of Food Service accounts. To set up an account, go to the Family Portal website (<https://wyoming.familyportal.cloud/>). This online system allows families to make deposits, check balances



and review meal history from any computer with internet access.

Lunch menus will be available on the Wyoming Public Schools website under “Resources” and “Lunch & Breakfast” or on Nutrislice (<https://wyoming.nutrislice.com/>) by the start of the school year.

If you have questions, please contact WPS Food Service at (616) 530-7522.

ParentVue

(PVUE) – ParentVue is an application for Parents to:

- Enroll students & Update demographic information
- Assignments and Grades
- Attendance & Discipline Information
- Transcripts/Graduation Requirements
- Academic Goals
- And more.....



Make sure you have an account....

New Student Enrollment AND New to WPS

If you are **BRAND NEW** to Wyoming Public Schools (**never had any children enrolled in Wyoming before**), you can follow the process below.

Register online: go to wyomingps.org

Scroll to and click on “**New Student Registration**”

Scroll to and click on **On-Line Enrollment**

Follow these steps to create a ParentVue account to enroll your “new” child to the district:

Click on *More Options* (under Login button)

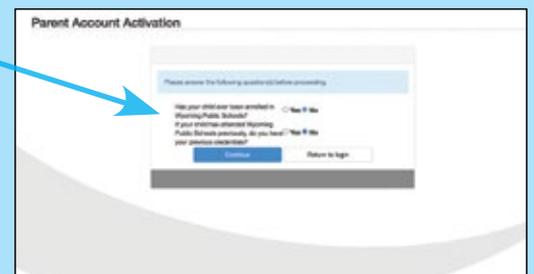
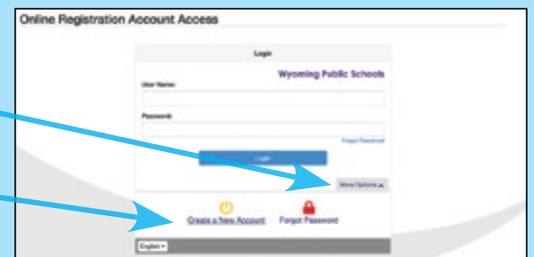
Click on *Create a New Account*

Click *No* and *No*, Click *Continue*

Read through and accept the Privacy Statement.

Parent Account Creation – an email will be sent to the email address provided for you to create your ParentVue account and continue with the Registration Process.

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New Student Enrollment – *and have/had siblings* in Wyoming Public Schools. If you already have a child enrolled in Wyoming Public Schools or have ever had children enrolled in Wyoming Public Schools, you will need to use your ParentVue account. *If you do not know your ParentVue account credentials, you can email pvue@wyomingps.org or call 616-530-7550.*



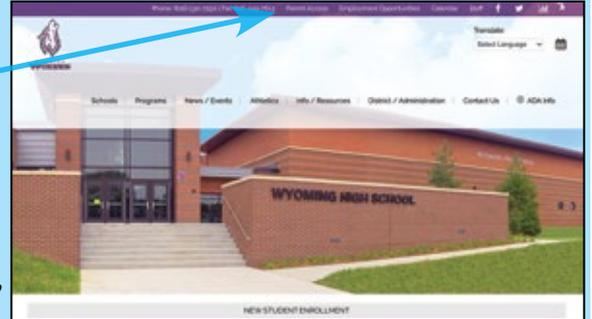
- Re-enrolling a student that was with Wyoming previously

Go to wyomingps.org

Click on **Parent Access** (top bar)

Fill in your **User Name** and **Password** to your previous ParentVue Account.

If you do not remember your user id and password, email pvue@wyomingps.org to retrieve it.



Click on **Online Registration** (top right corner) Start the re-enrollment process.

- If your child is currently in our **Wyoming Early Childhood Center** (*previously named Huntington Woods ECSE Program*) (not the GSRP program), you do not need to enroll your child. We already have your documentation. You will just need to let your child's ECSE teacher know that your child is planning on attending Wyoming next year. They will let you know the Elementary Building based off your address.

If you have an issue with online enrollment, contact the

Wyoming Public Schools Administration Building

located at 3575 Gladiola Ave. SW

Call (616) 530-7550 or Email pvue@wyomingps.org

Back to School Registration – *Returning Students* – **Opens early August through ParentVue. You will receive an email stating back to school registration is open.**

Look for an email in **early August** to complete your Online "Back to School Registration" through your ParentVue Account. It *will not* be available to fill out until you have received the email.

If you do not currently have a ParentVue account, email pvue@wyomingps.org to obtain one now so you are prepared in August for Back to School Registration.

First Day of School is Tuesday, August 20th
1/2 day for all students



BUS INFORMATION

Bus run schedules will be available at the August registrations at each school. Schedules will also be posted on Wyoming Public School's website (www.wyomingps.org) after August 1.

BUS ROUTES AND STOPS

Safety is the most important factor in transporting WPS students. The following information is offered to help make transportation safe and successful.

1. Bus stops and routes are established on the basis of safety, efficiency, the age of students, and in accordance with the State laws, recommendations, and School Board policy. Bus stop locations must avoid as much traffic as possible. Stops shall not be on a hill or before or after a curve. Buses shall be visible in both directions when stopped.
2. It is each parent's responsibility to get her/his student to and from the school bus stop safely.
3. Bus stops shall not be located on cul-de-sac streets. The Michigan Department of Education recommends that backing of a school bus shall be avoided whenever possible.
4. Students should arrive at the bus stop and be lined up ready to be loaded on the bus five minutes prior to the scheduled arrival of the bus. This will allow time to catch the bus but not enough time for problems to arise among students. Bus departure times are subject to change. **PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR STUDENTS UNTIL THE BUS ARRIVES.**
5. By state law, students **MUST** cross in front of the school bus. They will receive instruction on proper crossing procedures from bus drivers. **PARENTS/GUARDIANS WHO MEET STUDENTS AT THE**

STOP SHOULD SET THE EXAMPLE AND ALSO FOLLOW THIS IMPORTANT SAFETY RULE

WALK AND RIDE POLICY

Students may find it necessary to walk some distance to their designated bus stops or to school. In compliance with state laws, Wyoming Public Schools walk/ride policy is:

- Elementary School students, grades K-4, may be expected to walk up to 1/2 mile to school or up to 1/2 mile to a bus stop.
- Intermediate School grades 5-6 may be expected to walk up to 3/4 mile to school or up to 3/4 mile to a bus stop.
- Junior and Senior High School students, grades 7-12, may be expected to walk up to 1 mile to school or up to 1 mile to a bus stop.

Upon request by a parent/guardian, the district may approve transportation for an individual student regardless of residential distance from the school if a travel route is judged to be hazardous, as deemed by the district or if other extenuating circumstances exist.

NOTE: Once a student boards a bus, they must remain on that bus until they reach their final destination.

For Questions Contact the Transportation Office 2181 Prairie Parkway 616-530-7545

CROSSING PROCEDURE

Please review these important safety procedures with all of your children. Parents who escort their children to and from the bus must set the example for their children and also adhere to these important safety procedures when crossing. Everyone needs to know that not all cars stop as required by state law, even when the red lights are flashing on school buses.

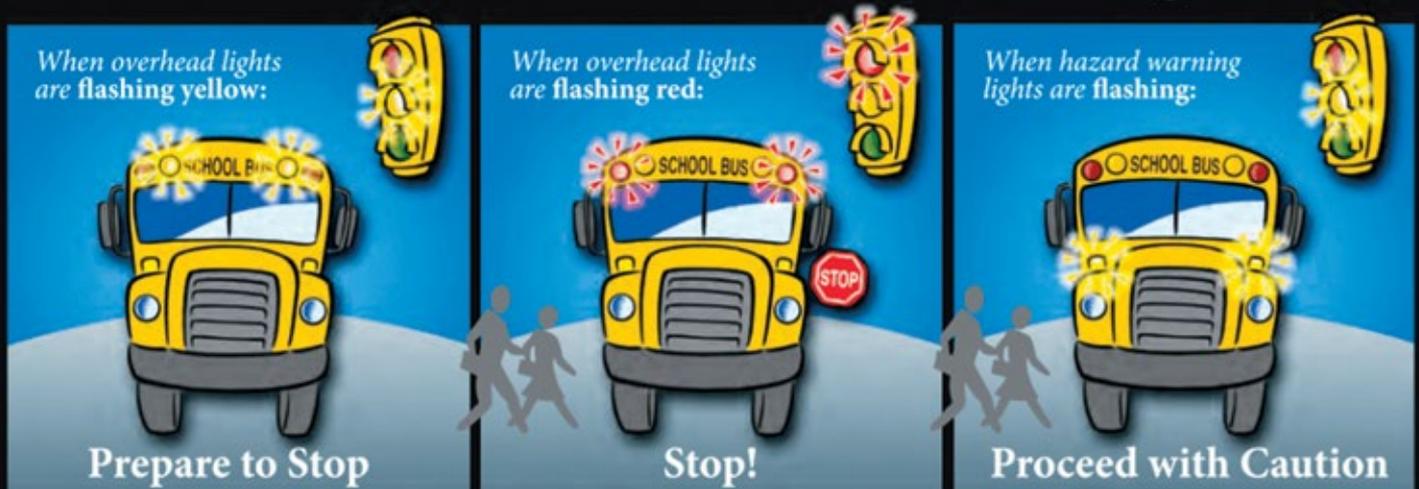
When crossing the street to board the bus:

1. Students wait in a group at the designated bus stop at least 10 feet away from the edge of the roadway and look to the bus driver for the signal to cross.
2. Bus drivers will display a sign to indicate when it is safe to cross the street. If it is dark, drivers may turn on an inside light to be seen more easily.
3. Students proceed directly across the road, always staying well in front of the bus, and board the bus.
4. Do not stop in the middle of the street or cross behind the bus.

When crossing the street after leaving the bus:

1. Students will exit the bus and take 10 steps straight out from the side.
2. Students stand in a group and look to the bus driver for the signal to cross.
3. Bus drivers will display a sign to indicate when it is safe to cross the street. If it is dark, drivers may turn on an inside light to be seen more easily. Red means "STOP" DO NOT CROSS STREET and Green means "GO" IT IS SAFE TO CROSS THE STREET.
4. Students proceed to a point even with the left side of the bus and stop.
5. Students look left and right for passing cars.
6. Students look to the driver for instruction to complete the crossing.
7. Do not cross behind the bus.
8. If a paper or article goes under the school bus, always ask the bus driver for help.
9. Do not get mail from roadside mailboxes until after the bus leaves the stop.
10. At all times stay out of the "BUS DANGER ZONE".

School Buses are Like Traffic Signals



SENDING MEDS TO SCHOOL



If a student is required to take prescription medication during the school hours, and a parent or guardian of this student cannot be at school to administer the medication, the school principal and the principal's designee(s) will administer the medication according to the physician's instructions on the label and on the medical request form (provided to you by the school). The exact dosage and frequency of use must be clearly indicated on the prescription label and request form, or on written instructions signed by a physician.

In a situation that threatens the life or health of the pupil, the requirement for two adults to be present when administering medication will not apply.

Medications should be brought to the school by a parent or guardian in a clear zip-lock bag clearly marked with the student's name, along with instructions (on the medication request form), signed by a parent or guardian and student's physician. Do not send medications to school with your student.

Please also remember to stop in the school office at the end of the school year to pick up any remaining medications.

IMMUNIZATIONS

All schools in Michigan are required to report the immunization status of all children entering kindergarten, all seventh grade students, and all children changing school districts. This is to assure that children are adequately immunized against preventable diseases before they reach adolescence, when some of these diseases become a great threat to their health.

If your child needs immunizations, please try to have these completed during the remainder of the summer. Please be advised that any student who has not had all of his/her immunizations will not be allowed to start school in August.

If you have any questions, please call Lisette Perez at the Wyoming Public Schools Administration Building at 530-7550.



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Strive for Less Than

Make every day count!

- Be on time, every time
- Stay all day every day
- Set appointments before or after school
- Plan vacations when school is out
- Build backup plans or a buddy system to get students to and from school



Days Absent

Give a High 5 for higher success!

Did you know...

1. Missing more than 5 days in Kindergarten makes learning to read harder
2. Missing more than 5 days any year hurts learning and lowers test scores
3. Students who miss more than 10% of school a year (just 2 days a month) are more likely to drop out
4. Being late to school or leaving early leads to poor overall attendance
5. Absences affect everyone when teachers have to help students catch up

Being in school all day every day gives students a greater shot at success. Every day, every hour in class is a learning opportunity. Students who are absent, arrive late or leave early get less learning time than students with better attendance. That's why every student and every parent should Strive for Less Than 5 absences each school year.



#StriveForLessThan5

Superintendents throughout Kent ISD adopted the Strive for Less Than 5 campaign as an ISD-wide initiative because regular attendance is critical to student success!



EYES & EARS



Cherry Health

We will again be partnering with Cherry Health to offer dental and vision services for our students during this school year. These services will include a dental exam, x-rays, cleaning, fluoride, and sealants if needed as well as a comprehensive dilated eye exam. If glasses are prescribed, they will be ordered and delivered to your school after a discussion with a parent or guardian.



This is a wonderful opportunity to have these preventative services completed at school if you do not have a dentist or vision provider or are already a patient with Cherry Health.

If you would like these services and are unsure if you registered, please call Cherry Health School Linked Health programs at 616-776-2345.

PROCEDURES FOR CLOSINGS &

SEVERE WEATHER

During school hours, the Superintendent's office continuously monitors the weather and alerts each school in the event of approaching severe weather.

Announcements will be made on local radio and television stations regarding school cancellations prior to the start of the school day. There will also be a Robo Call made to all families and a notice on the district website under School Closings. Please make sure the school has your current phone number.

If students are in school when a tornado watch (meaning the possibility of a tornado exists) or

thunderstorm warning is issued, students will remain in session until the regular dismissal time. If students are in school when a tornado warning is issued, students will remain in school, taking shelter in designated areas.

Parents, legal guardians, or predetermined individuals may pick up students at school during any severe weather warning. Please do not call school during severe weather warnings unless you have a particularly serious problem. It is important that school lines remain open.

2024-25 PESTICIDE ADVISORY

Wyoming Public Schools has adopted an Integrated Pest Management program. Inherent with this are the District's efforts to reduce pesticide use as much as possible. While it may occasionally be necessary to apply a pesticide, this program does not rely on routine pesticide applications to resolve problems. We use various techniques such as habitat alteration, sanitation, mechanical means, exclusion, etc. to prevent pests from becoming a problem.

As required by Michigan law, you will receive advanced notice of non-emergency application of a pesticide (insecticide, fungicide, or herbicide), other than bait or gel formulation, which is made to the school, school grounds, or buildings. This advance notice of a pesticide application will be given 48 hours before the application by the following two methods:

- 1) Posting at the primary entrances to your child's school. The entrances that will be posted are the main entrance and those that have a sidewalk that leads directly to a parking lot.
- 2) Posting in the common area located by the main office of the school.

Please note that notification is not given for use of sanitizers, germicides, disinfectants or anti-microbial cleaners. In

certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without prior notice to prevent injury to students, but you will be promptly notified following any such application, via the two posting methods identified (above). You may review the school's Integrated Pest Management program and records of any pesticide application upon request by contacting David Holsworth, WPS Director of Operations, at (616) 530-7570 or holswod@wyoingps.org.

Parents or guardians of children attending the school are also entitled to receive the advance notice of a pesticide application, other than a bait or gel formulation, by first class United States mail postmarked at least 3 days before the application, if they so request. If you would like to be notified by mail please contact the WPS Operations Department at (616) 530-7570. Please provide the Department with your name, mailing address and what school(s) your child or children attend and your name will be placed on the advance notification by US Mail list.

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DIRECTORY INFORMATION/PERSONAL IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION

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"Directory Information" means information contained in an education record of a student which would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed. It includes, but is not limited to the following areas: name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, grade, participation in school activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, honors and awards received, student picture, and the most recent educational institution attended.

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Directory information may be disclosed without further notice or consent, unless the parent, or eligible student, refuses release of information by providing written notification to the Superintendent or Board of Education within thirty days of the date of the student's registration.

WYOMING PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2024 - 2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

AUGUST 2024				
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DESCRIPTION CODES

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS / STAFF PD

AUGUST 23 - FRIDAY	JANUARY 31 - FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 27 - FRIDAY	MARCH 14 - FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 1 - FRIDAY	APRIL 25 - FRIDAY

STUDENTS - 1/2 DAY - AM ONLY

AUGUST 20 - TUESDAY	MARCH 6 - THURSDAY
OCTOBER 17 - THURSDAY	MARCH 7 - FRIDAY
OCTOBER 18 - FRIDAY	MAY 29 - THURSDAY
DECEMBER 19 - THURSDAY	MAY 30 - FRIDAY
DECEMBER 20 - FRIDAY	

NO SCHOOL - ALL

AUGUST 30 & SEPTEMBER 02	Labor Day Weekend
NOVEMBER 27 - 29	Thanksgiving Break
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 03	Winter Break
FEBRUARY 14 & 17*	Mid-Winter Break
APRIL 04 - 11	Spring Break
MAY 26	Memorial Day

TEACHERS & STUDENTS REPORT

Elementary Semester & Conference Dates

1st Semester	8/20/2024 - 12/20/2024
2nd Semester	01/06/2025 - 05/30/2025
Fall K-6 Conferences	10/21/24 - 11/15/24
Spring K-6 Conferences	02/18/25 - 3/14/25

Secondary Semester & Conference Dates

1st Semester	8/20/2024 - 12/20/2024
2nd Semester	01/06/2025 - 05/30/2025
Fall 7-12 Conferences	10/21/24 - 11/15/24
Spring 7-12 Conferences	02/18/25 - 3/14/25

SIX PERIOD DAY SECONDARY

	High School	Junior High
School Day Starts (Staff)	7:10	7:25
First Period	7:30-8:30	7:45-8:45
Second Period	8:35-9:35	8:50-9:50
Third Period	9:40-10:35	9:55-10:50
Fourth Period	10:40-12:10	10:55-12:25
Lunches	A: 10:35-11:05, B: 11:10-11:40, C: 11:40-12:10	A: 10:50-11:20, C: 11:55-12:25
Fifth Period	12:15-1:10	12:30-1:25
Sixth Period	1:15-2:15	1:30-2:30
School Day Ends (Staff)	2:40	2:55
1/2 Day School Starts (Staff)	7:10	7:25
1/2 School Day (Students)	7:30-11:20	7:45-11:35

24-25 SCHOOL HOURS

ELEMENTARY

	Elementary K-4	Intermediate
School Day Starts (Staff)	8:25	7:55
School Day (Students)	8:45-3:30 w/30 min. lunch	8:15-3:00 w/30 min. lunch
School Day Ends (Staff)	3:55	3:25
1/2 Day School Starts (Staff)	8:25	7:55
1/2 School Day (Students)	8:45-12:35	8:15-12:05



EARLY CHILDHOOD

Because of the special nature of the students, schedule, and operations of the Early Childhood program, the Administration and the Association will meet yearly to agree upon a modified daily schedule.

Monday- Thursday	School Day Start Time (Staff)	7:55am
	School Day (Students)	8:15am - 3:30pm
	School Day Ends (Staff)	3:55pm
Friday	Prep Time (Staff only)	8:00am-1:30pm



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Welcome to Wyoming Public Schools!



Steven Reynolds has been named Wyoming Intermediate School Principal by Wyoming Public Schools Superintendent Craig Hoekstra and the WPS Board of Education. Reynolds comes to WPS from Grand Rapids Public Schools where he most recently served as Interim Principal at Harrison Park Academy.

Reynolds educational background, training, and professional credentials, which include an Associate Degree in Language Arts, a Bachelor of Science in Management, and a Master of Arts in Instruction and Curriculum, have been crucial in his ability to transform organizations and lead teams.

Reynolds has effectively implemented strategies of improvement to enhanced institutional operations and has led the development of multiple staff and scholar programs. His experiences include developing schoolwide improvement initiatives, operational management plans and professional development opportunities. He has also initiated and managed multiple student service and support programs to directly address the holistic needs of scholars. His diverse experiences and educational background have equipped him to elevate the educational environments in which he has served.

“I am very excited to be part of the WPS/WIS family. I am looking forward to collaborating with the entire school community to ensure the social and academic success of each scholar,” said Reynolds.



Michael Perez has been named Wyoming Junior High School Principal by Wyoming Public Schools Superintendent Craig Hoekstra and the WPS Board of Education. Perez comes to WPS from Grand Rapids Public Schools where he most recently served as Head Principal at Burton Middle School.

A graduate of both Grand Valley State University and Cornerstone University, Perez has a Bachelor’s degree in Teaching (Spanish and History) and a Master’s degree in Educational Leadership. He is an educational leader with over 14 years experience working in diverse roles within urban education settings, including teaching, administration, and technology coordination.

He has demonstrated success in enhancing scholar learning and performance, developing and implementing curriculum, and leading school-wide initiatives. Perez is committed to fostering a safe, engaging, and productive learning environment for all scholars and is passionate about making a lasting impact on scholars from various backgrounds through dedicated leadership and innovative teaching methods.

“I am absolutely thrilled to join Wyoming Public Schools as the new Junior High Principal. With a deep commitment to servant leadership, I am eager to come alongside our talented teachers to support and inspire them in their classrooms. My goal is to help them deliver innovative and exciting instruction to our scholars. Together, we will work to overcome any challenges that arise. I look forward to contributing my experience and background to a district that is truly making a difference, and I can’t wait to be part of this dynamic and forward-thinking community” said Perez.

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Guest Teachers

You impact our scholars by:

- Bringing your teaching skills into a classroom setting.
- Keeping them engaged as learners.
- Providing a consistent school structure.
- Working with colleagues, administrators, and paraprofessionals.
- Helping in ways big and small.



Food Service Staff

Your contributions matter because:

- You are one of the valuable staff members who will interact with our scholars on a daily basis.
- You prepare and serve healthy meals to our scholars and staff.
- You maintain a clean work environment.
- You manage our food inventory.



Volunteers

Your service matters because:

- You serve as a mentor and role model to our scholars.
- You read to and with our scholars.
- You keep our scholars safe on the playground.
- You help staff with administrative needs.



Bus Drivers

Why you are important to us:

- You are one of the first and last WPS faces that our scholars see each day!
- You provide safe transportation for our scholars and staff to and from school, on field trips, and to sporting events.
- You play a very important role within our school community.

Join our team today!

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WPS Athletic Schedules

Athletic schedules can be found at wyoming.bigteams.com or at the administration building, Wyoming Junior High, or Wyoming High School Offices.

Volunteers Always Welcome!

WHS ATHLETIC BOOSTERS PROMOTE:

Support for Student Athletes: Providing financial and moral support to student athletes, including equipment funding, uniforms, travel expenses, & other necessities.

Community Engagement: Fostering a sense of community and school spirit by encouraging attendance and participation in athletic events, and promoting a positive environment for students, parents, and community members.

Scholarships and Awards: Offering scholarships and awards to student athletes for their achievements in sports, academics, and community service.

Last school year we were able to purchase new baseball workout gear, send students to the Woman in Leadership Conference, provided 4 scholarships to our seniors, and paid out \$3,360 in concession volunteer payments to various programs.

Operations of our two concession stands, at the high school, is our main source of fundraising. Boosters operate the concession stands for various home athletic events, as well as special events being held at our school. We are successful through the countless hours of **volunteering** by our boosters, parents, coaches, staff, friends and family.

Our current pool of volunteers is stretched thin. The same dedicated parents have been working tirelessly

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Here's to The Mighty Wolves
Charging straight into the fight.
We will always cheer for victory
And you'll show them all your might.
WY-O-MING!

Hail to purple! Hail to black!
We're behind you all the way.
So let's go, team, go!
WE ARE THE WOLVES!
Let's win today!

Special thanks to Troy University and composer, Dr. John M. Long, for allowing the district the use of the fight song music, and to Chad Dykema, WPS employee, for writing the lyrics.

to keep our events running smoothly, but they can't do it alone. We urgently need more helping hands to share the load. If we do not get enough volunteers, we will be forced to close the concession stand at upcoming events, and our school community will miss out on these valuable experiences.

If you are interested in volunteering, or to learn more about what we do, and the perks of being a booster. Please email us at athleticboosters@wyomingps.org or contact the High School Athletic office at 616-249-7675. You may also reach out to a current booster.

We also have a Facebook page you can follow for updates and volunteer opportunities. Our meetings are held the first Monday of every month, August through June each school year, in the high school cafeteria.

Students who are in 9th through 12th grade can also volunteer, earn a hot meal and volunteer hours. Parents and coaches, you can earn funds towards the sport/program/group of your choosing. You earn money for your sport/program/group each shift you work!! Please attend our first meeting on Monday, August 5th at 6:30 pm.

**Athletic Booster Members for
the 2024-2025 School Year:**

Diane Kallemeyn, Melissa Bosovich,
Amanda Zapata and Mikaela Lamrouex



WYOMING ATHLETICS: MEET THE TEAM NIGHT

(For Fall Sports)

Tues., August 20, 2024 at Wyoming Football Field, 5:15 PM – 7:20 PM

At this event, families will have the opportunity to meet coaches and fellow student-athletes while learning about expectations for the upcoming sport season.

Below is the photo schedule for 2024 fall sport teams, student-athletes, and/or families. It is very important EVERYONE BE ON TIME in order to stay on schedule.

Individual and team photos will take place from 5:15 PM until 7:20 PM. Student-Athlete / Parent meetings will take place after each team has completed their team photos.

PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT WE MAY RUN AHEAD OF SCHEDULE – **BE EARLY!**

TEAM PICTURES

5:15 Varsity Golf
 5:25 Varsity Soccer
 5:35 J.V. / Freshman Soccer
 5:45 Varsity Tennis
 5:55 Cross Country
 6:05 Varsity Dance
 6:15 Freshman Girls Volleyball
 6:25 Varsity Cheer
 6:35 J.V. Girls Volleyball
 6:45 Varsity Soccer
 6:55 Freshman Football
 7:05 J.V. Football
 7:15 Varsity Football

INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY/GROUP

5:15 Varsity Volleyball
 5:25 Varsity Golf
 5:35 Varsity Tennis
 5:45 J.V./Freshman Soccer
 5:55 Varsity Dance
 6:05 Cross Country
 6:15 Varsity Cheer
 6:25 Freshman Girls Volleyball
 6:35 Varsity Soccer
 6:45 J.V. Girls Volleyball
 6:55 J.V. Football
 7:05 Freshman Football
 7:20 Varsity Football

ALL PHOTO PURCHASES MUST BE PRE-PAID ON SITE THE NIGHT OF THE EVENT.

ALL PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN AT THE WHS FOOTBALL FIELD!



Be sure to follow [WHSWolvesAthletics](https://www.facebook.com/WHSWolvesAthletics)

2024 FALL SPORTS PRACTICE STARTING DATES

HS Football	8/12/24	@WHS	Coach Carlton Brewster	brewstc@wyoingps.org
Soccer	8/12/24	@WHS	Coach Romer Carrasco	romer@wyoingps.org
Volleyball	8/12/24	@WHS	Coach Taejah Cross	crosstaejah@gmail.com
Cheer	8/12/24	@WHS	Coach Marlena Gray	graym@wyoingps.org
XC	8/12/24	@WHS	Coach Jason Pittman	pittmaj@wyoingps.org
Girls Golf	8/12/24	@Maple Hill	Coach Jeff Frick	frickj@wyoingps.org
Boys Tennis	8/12/24	@ Lamar Park 3:15-5pm	Coach Mikala Reynolds	mikyalalamicha@gmail.com
Dance	8/12/24	@WHS TBA	Coach Selina Chu	selinaisadancer@gmail.com
JHS Sports	Football XC Soccer Volleyball	@WJHS	Mike Sturm	sturmm@wyoingps.org

Let's Go Wolves!

What is.... Amplify CKLA?

by Dr. Jennifer Slanger, Director of Elementary Teaching & Learning

At Wyoming Public Schools, we are committed to the mission of empowering scholars to reach their immediate and future goals by providing ambitious instruction. It is our work to ensure that all scholars have a high-quality academic experience. New this year is our English Language Arts program for kindergarten through fifth grade: **Amplify-CKLA**.

Amplify-CKLA is a research-based literacy program that integrates the teaching of foundational skills with essential background knowledge. It addresses gaps in prior knowledge and vocabulary through its key pillars:

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| Content-specific | Develops knowledge in history, science, literature, culture, and the arts. |
| Cumulative | Connects topics and vocabulary across grade levels, allowing for deeper understanding over time. |
| Coherent | Ensures a unified curriculum from kindergarten through fifth grade. |

Learning how to read and write with Amplify-CKLA is:

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| Explicit | Teaches all 44 sounds and their 150 spellings, providing ample practice in diverse contexts. |
| Sequential | Progresses from simple to complex phonics and foundational skills, ensuring mastery and gradual independence. |

The process to adopt Amplify-CKLA included closely examining our own historical data about literacy with a team of teachers and administration, which triggered the move to adopt a more evidence-based resource. We reviewed only high-quality literacy resources, used the resource in classrooms, and consulted with Amplify-CKLA professional learning representatives to ensure we adopted the best program for our district. All kindergarten through 5th grade teachers have an opportunity to attend a one-day intensive training in using these new resources. Additional learning will be provided during the school year.

Our former resource relied on scholar choice and independent practice for reading instruction; Amplify-CKLA includes much more direct instruction and explicit guided practice; independent reading will still be part of your child's classroom.

At the beginning of each unit, a letter will be sent home that further describes the upcoming learning your child will be engaged in.



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WPS GAME DAY REMINDERS

To ensure all guests at WPS extracurricular activities have an enjoyable experience, the following guidelines are in place.

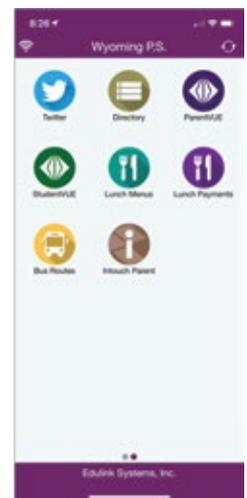
- **Scholars must have a school ID to enter.**
- **Only WPS and visiting team scholars are allowed to attend.**
- **K-8 scholars must be accompanied by an adult.**
- **Spectators are not allowed re-entry.**
- **Gates close at the start of the 2nd half.**
- **No bags or backpacks are allowed in the stadium.**
- **All scholars are expected to be in the bleachers when attending events.**
- **No loitering in front of the concession stands.**
- **All spectators must leave school property immediately following the game. Scholars who do not leave in a timely manner may not be allowed to attend future events.**
- **All scholars not complying with rules and policies will be reported to school administration and parents.**
- **WHS scholars will be escorted out of the stadium if not complying with expectations.**
- **Scholars who do not follow expectations will not be able to attend future games during the fall sport season.**

Thank you for helping keep our game day atmosphere safe and enjoyable for all attendees.

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- Link To StudentVUE Mobile Site
- Transportation & Bus Routes
- Intouch Parent Notification



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- Download the WPS App.
- Set Notifications by going to "Settings" and selecting the District and/or buildings from which you would like to receive you would like to receive notification.





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1ST DAY: TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2024 – 1/2 DAY

Garden Education Program Teaches “Everything from Seed to Plate”

by: Erin Albanese, Managing Editor/Reporter
School News Network

It was harvest day at the Oriole Park Elementary school garden, and second-grader Lincoln Woreniecki had pizza toppings on his mind. “Mushrooms are my favorite food. I like it on my pizza and my salad,” he said.



Whether Lincoln’s mushrooms came from the school garden or not wasn’t as important as the fact that he was thinking about produce and the many ways to eat it. He and his classmates headed outside to pick, weigh and taste the garden’s bounty, smelling thyme, watching bees and identifying flowers along the way.

Students began their lesson with a refresher course on what goes into making a garden grow, led by Holly Smith, co-lead teacher for HOPE Gardens. The Wyoming-based nonprofit focuses on empowering children, families and the community to grow their own food (HOPE stands for Help Other People Eat).



The organization is working with Wyoming, Godwin and Godfrey-Lee Public Schools on garden education, “everything from seed to plate,” said Julie Brunson, executive director. Lessons include soil science, composting, vermiculture pollination, and seed-saving and seed-sharing. Students also get cross-curricular lessons, such as how much

produce costs in the supermarket and how to determine that by weight.

“Our focus is really growing with Wyoming,” Brunson said. “What could it look like if all children, early childhood to adulthood, had the opportunity to learn where their food comes from?”

Oriole Park’s garden, planted by students and HOPE Gardens representatives last spring, now teems with beans, squash, spinach, kale, corn, eggplant and many other vegetables, including the popular Mexican sour gherkin, also known as a cucamelon.

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