



Goodyear Elementary School

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Back to School!

First day of school is Thursday, September 5



Welcome back! We hope that all families enjoyed the summer and we are excited to begin the new school year. On Thursday, September 5 and Friday, September 6, all students will enter from the rear of the school. Teachers will be outside with signs and classes will walk to their classrooms together at 8:15 am. Kindergarten students will enter their classrooms directly.

Families are encouraged to accompany their child(ren) to the back of the school, but we can not let adults enter the school during this time. If you must enter the school, please use the front entrance and check into the school office. The front entrance will be open for students beginning on Monday, September 9 at 8:15 am. There is no supervision for students before school opens. Students arriving early may wait outside or in the back of the school. Please do not wait inside the front vestibule.

THIS WEEK'S
TOP STORIES



Join Us!

We will be hosting Popsicles on the Playground on Tuesday, September 3 from 2:30 - 3:30 pm on the Goodyear playground for incoming kindergarteners and new families. Please join our kindergarten staff and Mr. Kessarlis as we prepare for the opening of school.

Traffic & Parking Around the School

Traffic will be heavier than usual during the first days of school. Many new families may be unfamiliar with the posted signs and traffic patterns. We encourage families to park safely on the side streets if not using the drop-off lane. Please review the school guidelines on [traffic & parking](#).

Summer Reading

The [WPS Summer Reading](#) program partnered with the Woburn Public Library's [Read to Bead](#) program. Students will submit their summer reading logs to teachers on Thursday, September 5 and will wear their reading beads to school on Friday, September 6.

Before & After the Bell Program

The school's Before the Bell program will begin on Monday, September 9 at 7:15 am. Supervision is provided by Beth Bennett & Kristin Borselli. Students must [register](#) prior to attending. The After the Bell program will begin on Monday, September 16. Registration and a catalog of classes will be sent after the start of school. Pickup time is 3:45 pm. For information about the [North Suburban YMCA](#) and [After School Club](#) programs, please contact them directly.

Student Attendance

The Massachusetts' Department of Elementary & Secondary Education uses student attendance as one measure of school accountability. Students who miss 10% or more of school days are considered chronically absent. This applies to excused and unexcused absences. More information can be accessed on the MA DESE [Student Attendance](#) page.

If your child will be absent from school, you must leave a voice message with the school office on the day of the absence. If we do not hear from you, our family liaison will visit the residence to confirm the absence.

School Bus Schedule

The WPS Bus Schedule has been released. [Goodyear routes](#) will be buses # 7, 9, 15, 16. Bus #9 makes a stop at the Lutheran Church After School Club and bus #16 makes a stop at the Woburn Boys & Girls Club. The YMCA program has a separate bus. There are no registration or fees for bus use in Woburn.

Back to School Night

Elementary Back to School Night is Thursday, September 12 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. This is an adult-only event designed for families to meet their child(ren)'s teacher and discuss the classroom and curriculum. New families will receive information to access their [PlusPortals](#) account. The PlusPortals is the main mode of communication for the school to post information and student report cards.

WPS Food Services Department

We encourage all families to complete and submit an [application](#) for free and reduced breakfast and lunch. The online application is available in several languages on the [WPS](#)

[Food Services](#) page. New students will receive their pin code during the first week of school. Breakfast is served daily at the school from 8:00 - 8:15 am and menus are available at the beginning of each month. Please review the new WPS policy for [Meal Debt Support & Collections](#).

From the Nurse's Office

Please ensure that we have the most up-to-date medical information for your child(ren) on file, including immunizations, medical care plans, and medication forms (if necessary).

Upcoming Dates

Thursday, August 29:	School office opens at 8:30 am - 2:00 pm
Monday, September 2:	School closed (Labor Day)
Thursday, September 5:	First day of school
Friday, September 6:	Read to Bead Day
Thursday, September 12:	Elementary Back to School Night 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Thursday, September 19:	Early-release 12:30 pm
Wednesday, October 2:	Walk to School Day

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