



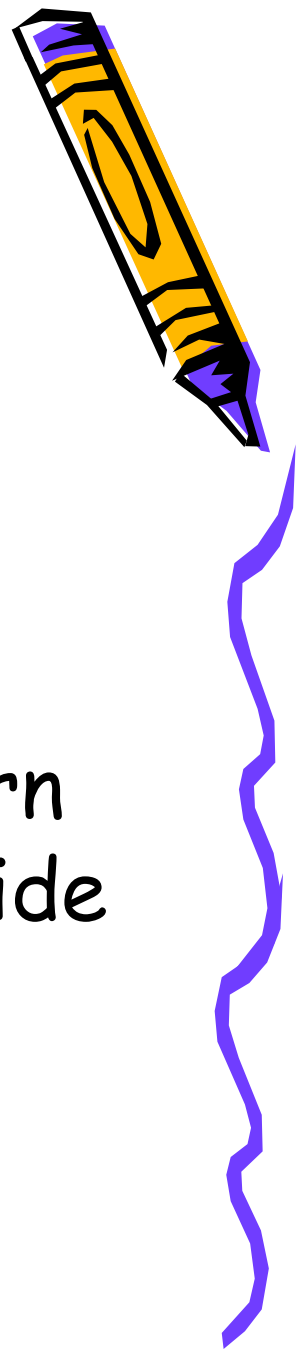
# Kindergarten Parent Meeting

Whitfield Elementary School  
May 11, 2017



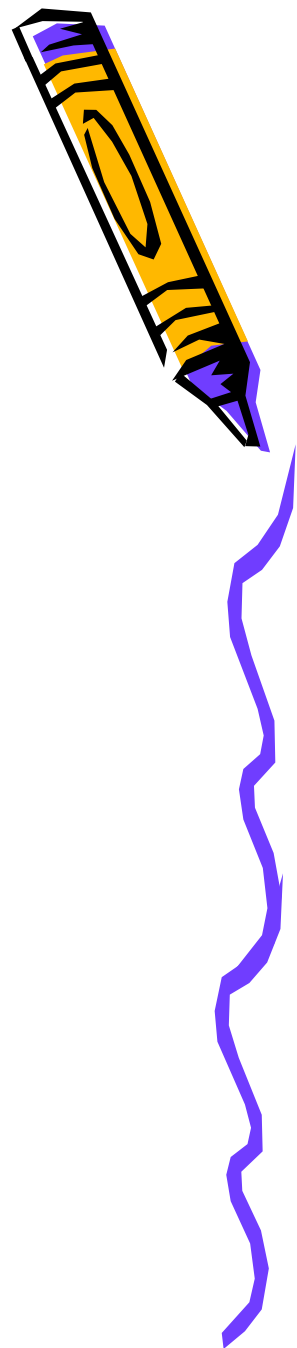
# Welcome

- Introductions
  - Dr. Krista Antonis, Principal
  - Philosophy - All children can learn and it is our responsibility to guide them during their journey



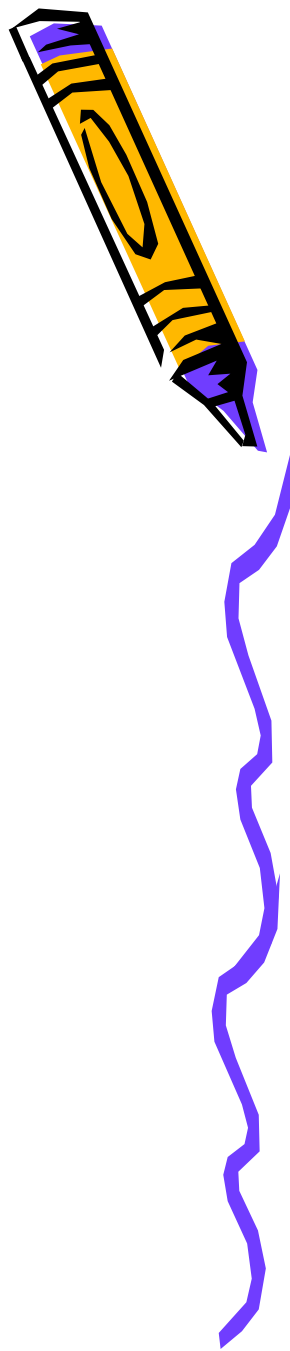
# Office Staff

- Mrs. Jennifer Weidner
  - Secretary to the Principal
- Mrs. Brandy Miner
  - Secretarial Assistant (attendance)
- Mrs. Beth Focht
  - Program Coordinator



# Communication

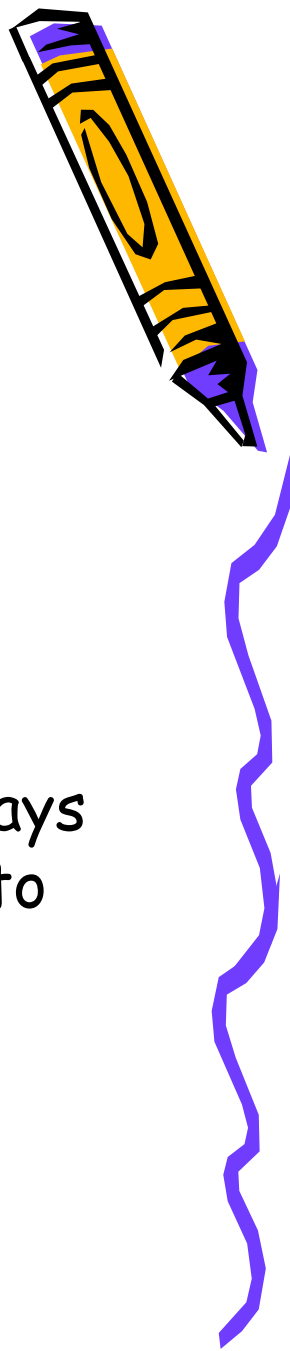
- When to call the Office
  - Changes in schedules
    - Late arrivals and early dismissals
  - Changes in routine
    - Please plan in advance when possible (sending a note the morning of)
      - Person picking up
      - Family changes
      - Illnesses



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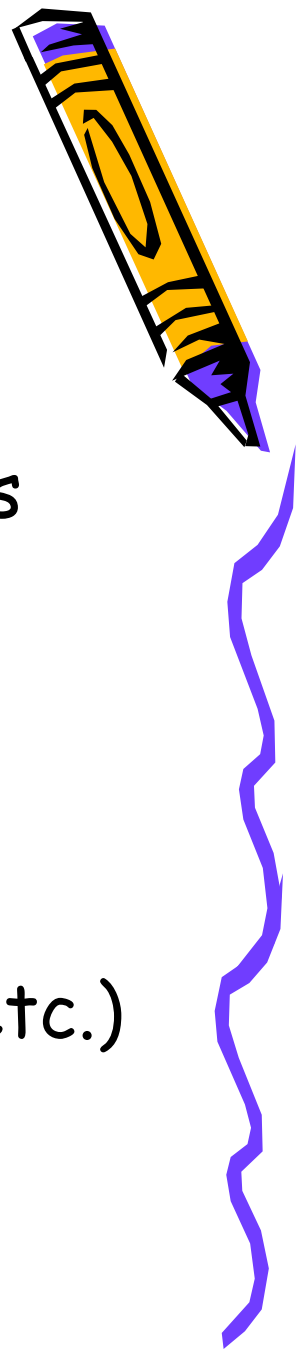
- Special events
  - Educational Trips

Our mornings are a little busy and we cannot always answer the phones, please know it is acceptable to leave a voicemail. We will get your message!



# Communication

- Communication can occur via...
  - School/class newsletters and updates
  - Email, voicemail, and websites
  - Phone calls (before / after school)
  - Notes to teachers and/or office
  - Conferences (phone or school)
  - Building Visitation- (lunch, Dr. visit, etc.)



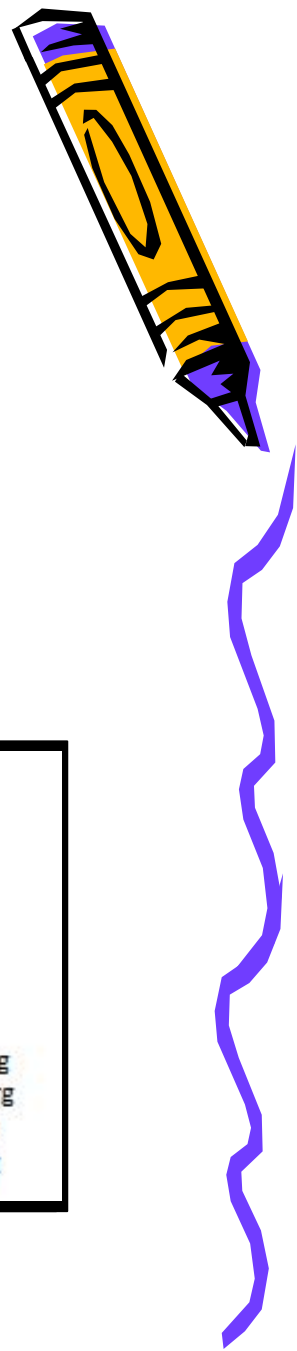
# Volunteer Clearances

## Required clearances:

- Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance (CY113)
- Pennsylvania Criminal Records Check for Volunteers (SP4-164A)
- FBI Fingerprinting only required if living out of state or not residing in PA for the past 10 years



# Communication Card



**WILSON SCHOOL  
DISTRICT**

2601 Grandview Boulevard  
West Lawn, PA 19609-1324

Whitfield Elementary School  
2700 Van Reed Road  
West Lawn, PA 19609

**VISIT US AT [WWW.WILSONSD.ORG](http://WWW.WILSONSD.ORG)**

Krista M. Antonis, Ed.D.  
Principal, Whitfield Elementary

610-670-0180 Ext. 1610  
[AntKri@WilsonSD.org](mailto:AntKri@WilsonSD.org)



**Whitfield Elementary Contact Information**



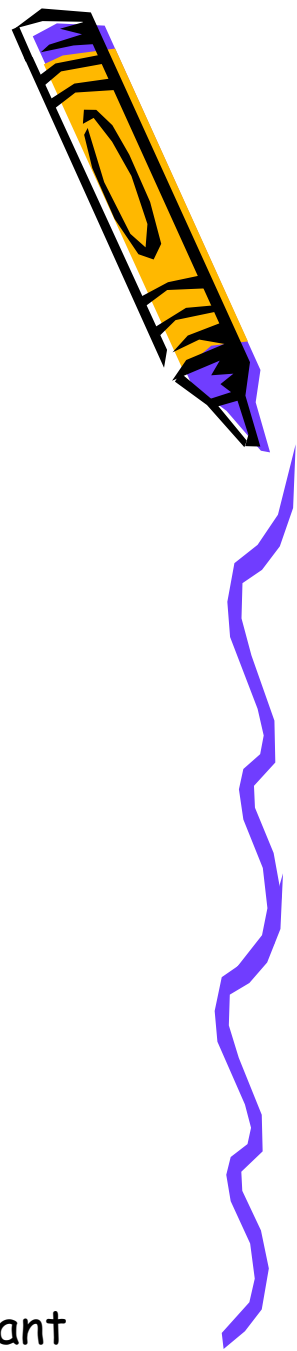
Principal: Dr. Krista Antonis  
2700 Van Reed Rd, West Lawn, PA 19609  
District website: [www.wilsonsd.org](http://www.wilsonsd.org)  
School Hours (8:35am-3:25pm)  
610-670-0180

| <u>Contact</u>                 | <u>Ext</u> | <u>Email</u>                                                 |
|--------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Main Office- Jennifer Weidner: | 1610       | <a href="mailto:weijen@wilsonsd.org">weijen@wilsonsd.org</a> |
| Attendance-Brandy Miner        | 1611       | <a href="mailto:minbra@wilsonsd.org">minbra@wilsonsd.org</a> |
| Guidance Office-Rita Barbon:   | 1615       | <a href="mailto:barrit@wilsonsd.org">barrit@wilsonsd.org</a> |
| Nurse-Robin Lysakowski:        | 1630       | <a href="mailto:lysrob@wilsonsd.org">lysrob@wilsonsd.org</a> |





# Kindergarten Teachers



- Madeline Bieber
  - All-day kindergarten



Jill Riccitelli,  
Instructional Assistant

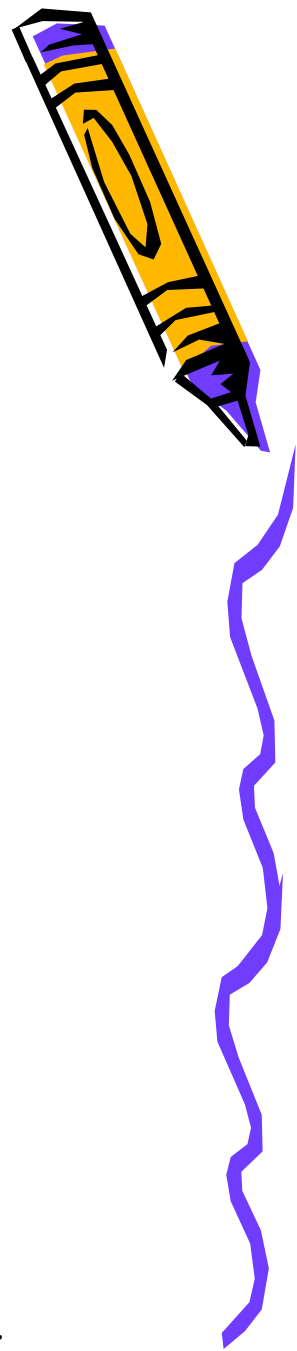


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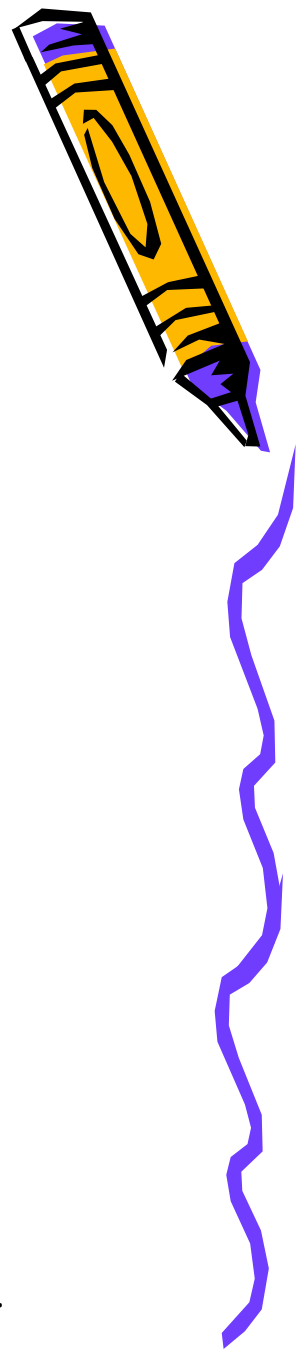
- Erica Hassler
  - All-day kindergarten



Christine Kreuzberger,  
Instructional Assistant



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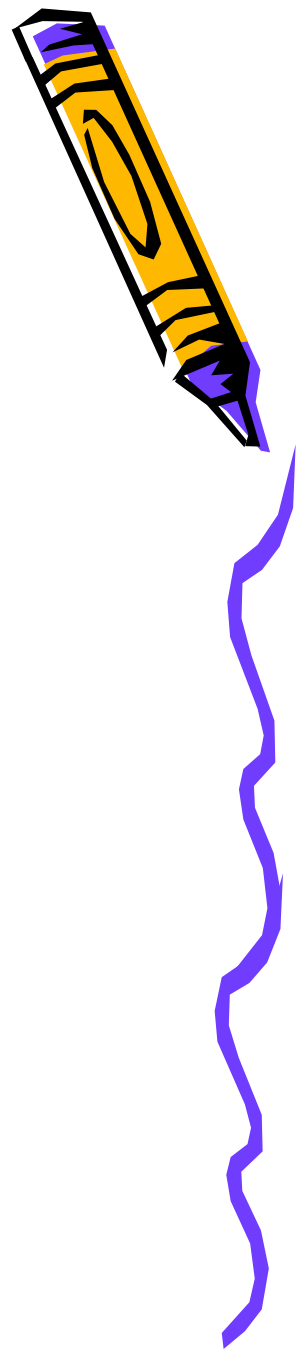
- Molly Hodnik
  - All-day kindergarten



Catherine Drake,  
Instructional Assistant



# Kindergarten Teachers



- Caitlyn Marrella
  - All-day kindergarten



Carolyn Peterson,  
Instructional Assistant



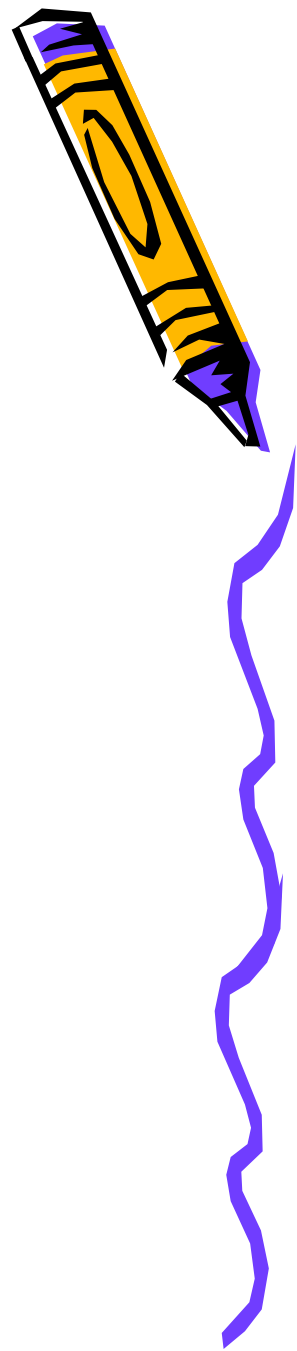
# IST / R+II



- Jennifer Joiner
  - Instructional Support Team - Teacher
- IST is a team of educators working together to provide assistance to students experiencing academic and/or behavioral difficulties.



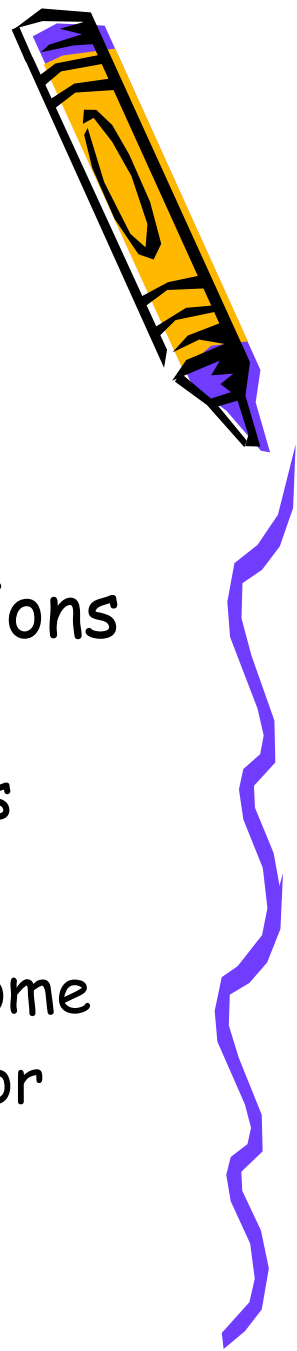
# Kindergarten Entry



- Standards - developed by the PA Department of Education (PDE)
  - Infant / Toddler
  - Pre School
  - Kindergarten



# Things like...



- Motor Skills (fine and gross motor)
  - Cutting, coloring, manipulating blocks, etc.
  - Jumping, hopping, and skipping
- Positive and appropriate social interactions
  - Is comfortable around other children
  - Can understand and follow simple directions
- Emotional Readiness
  - Is able to separate from the security of home
  - Is excited to learn and can pay attention for 5-15 minutes



# Pre-literacy Understanding

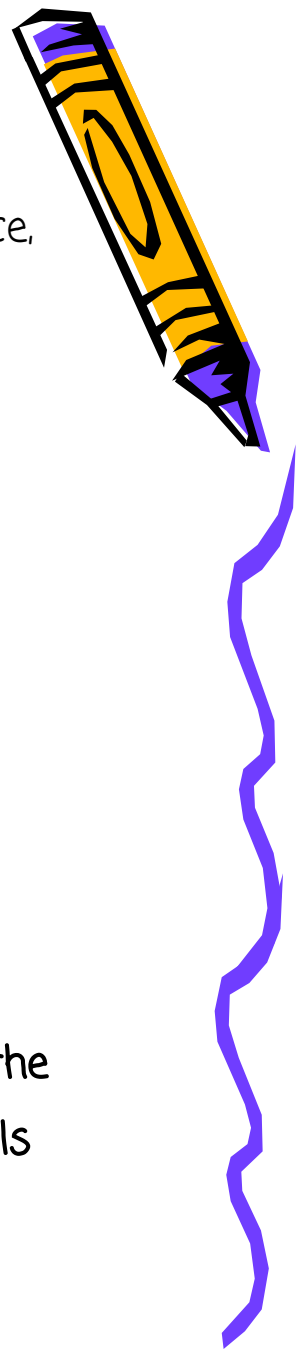
- Is familiar with the use of books
- Knows difference between text and pictures
- Can sustain interest in a short story





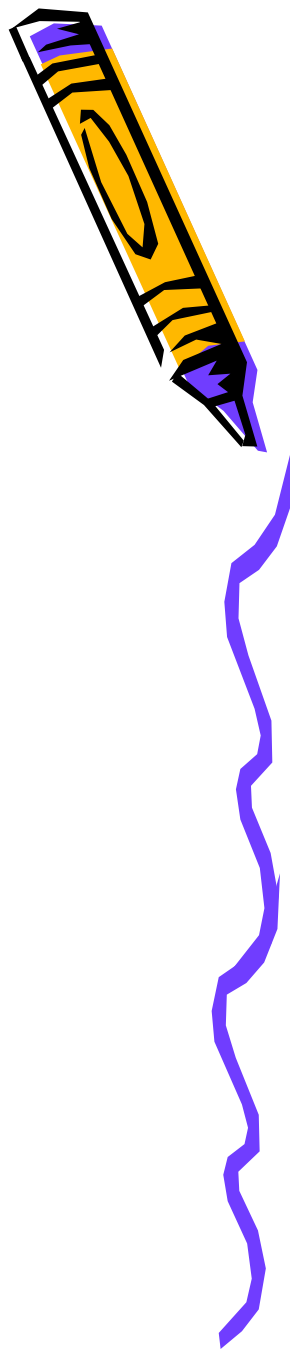
# Typical Day

- 8:50-9:40 am: Students get ready for the day! We unpack, take attendance, go to ABL, participate in calendar, and morning meeting activities.
- 9:40-10:45 am: Reading Workshop
- 10:45-11:00 am: Recess
- 11:00-11:45 am: Handwriting and Writing Workshop
- 11:45 am -12:10 pm: Rtl/Phonemic Awareness
- 12:10-12:25 pm: Recess
- 12:25-12:50 pm: Lunch
- 12:50-1:50 pm: Math
- 1:50-2:35 pm: Content
- 2:35-3:15 pm: Special
- This is what our day typically looks like at the beginning of the year. As the year goes on, our schedule will change to accommodate our growing skills and developing curriculum.



# Specialists

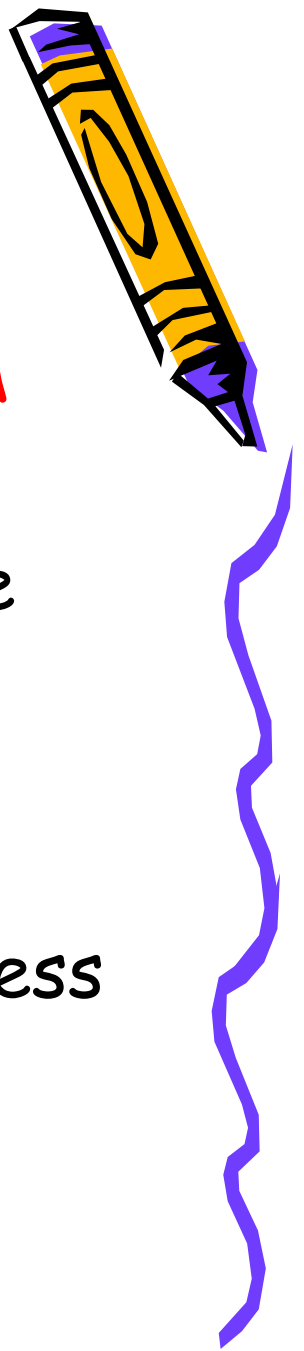
- Gym - Jayme Worrell
- Art - Gina Angelotti/Erica Mitchell
- Music - Phyllis Sands (TBD due to retirement)
- Library - Rachel Schultz
- Discovery - Matt Derr
- Social Citizenship - Jim Schalk



# Jumpstart to Kindergarten

Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> 8:30AM and 10:30AM

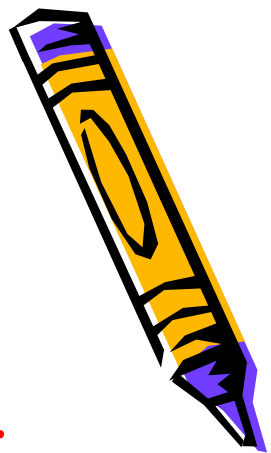
- To introduce parents and families to the procedures and practices of the Wilson School District
- To assess student developmental readiness for a successful kindergarten year



# Packet Pickup

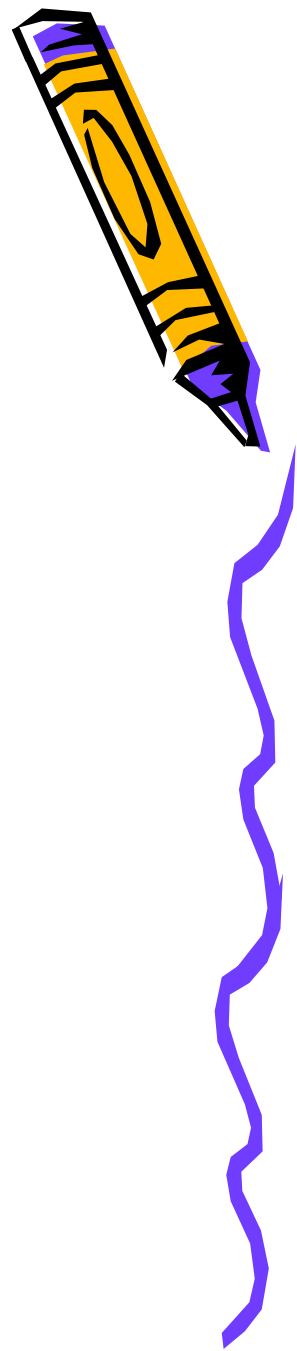
Will also be done during Jumpstart

- Pick up beginning of school information and paperwork – (permission needed to have someone other than a parent pick up packet)
- Separate letter will be mailed home with teacher assignment and staggered start date



# Staggered Start

- First 3 days of school
  - August 28 (1/3 of class)
  - August 29 (1/3 of class)
  - August 30 (1/3 of class)
  - August 31 (All students)
  - September 1 No School
  - September 4 No School
- *Focus will be on students learning the daily routines in the classroom.*



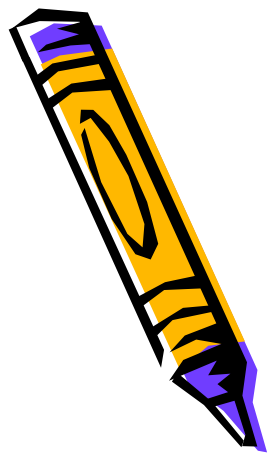
# Kindergarten Times

- Drop off starting at 8:15 AM
- Breakfast/Reading in the Gym 8:15-8:35 AM
- Homeroom at 8:35-8:50AM
- Instructional Hours from 8:50AM-3:25PM
- Dismissal begins at 3:25 PM

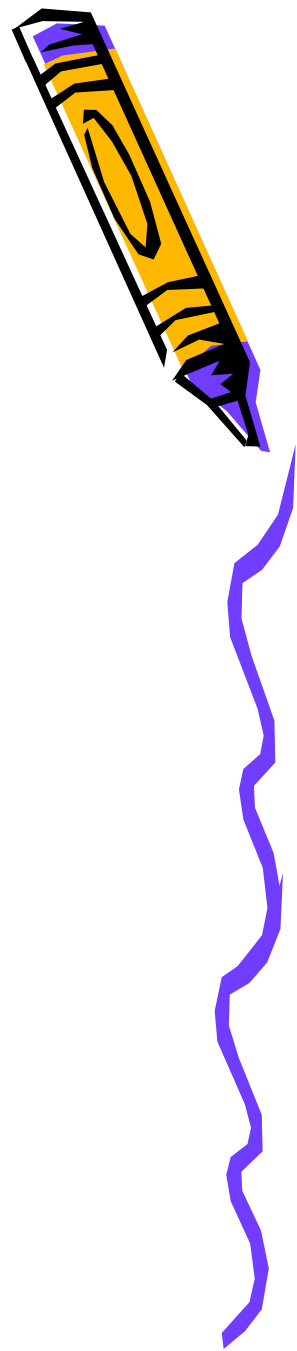


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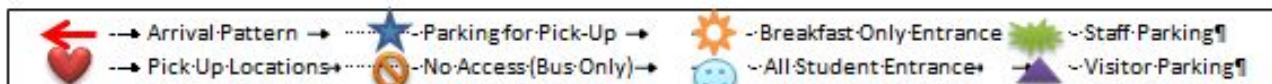
- 8:15 – 8:45 Parent Parking lot



# Breakfast/Late Entrance

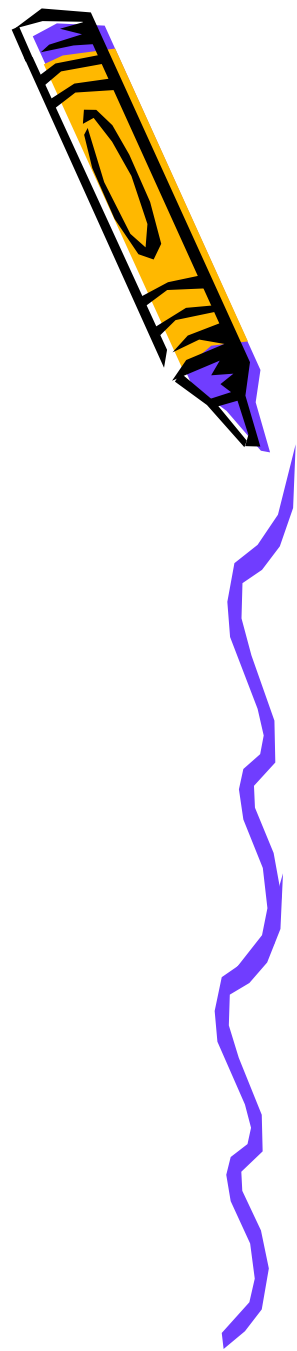






# Pick Up

- 3:25 Back Playground/Hand Off
  - » Walking
  - » Parking - Berks Place
  - » Parking - Parent Parking Lot
  - » Parking - Dwight and Ellen
  - » Parking - Lower House Lot

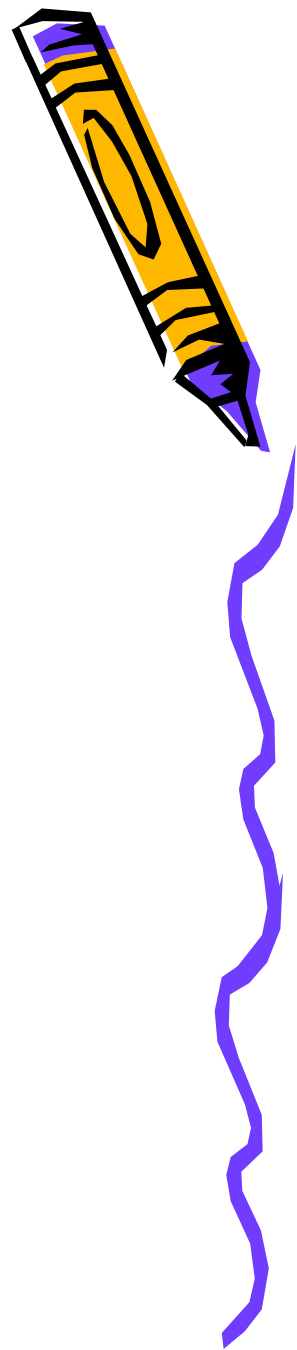


# Reading Specialists

- Lori Mattern

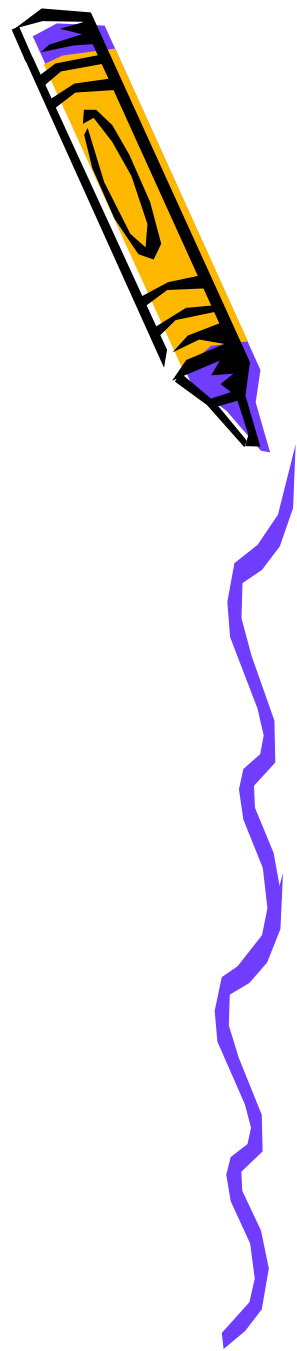


- Carrie Spayd



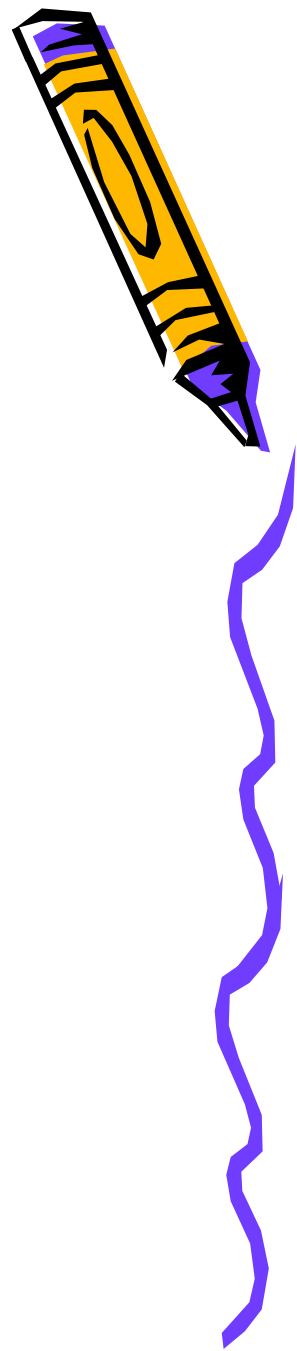
# ESL

- Steffany Snell
  - English Language Learners



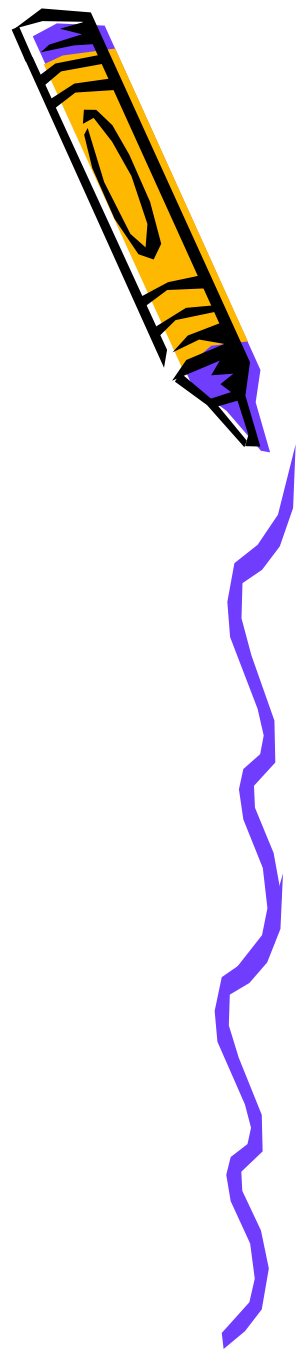
# MDS

- Chris McAfee
  - Multiple Disabilities Teacher



# Life Skills K-2

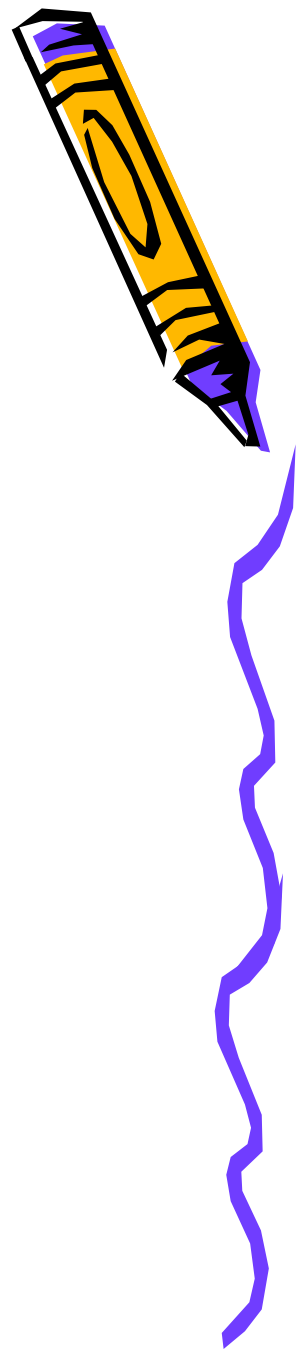
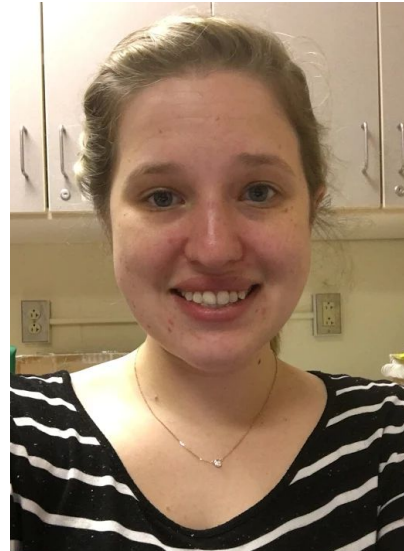
- Lori Shuart





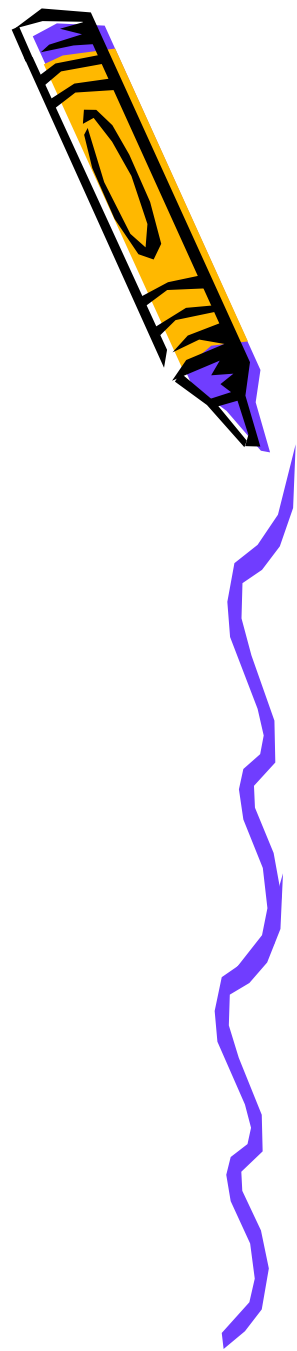
# Speech / Language

- Speech / Language Therapists
  - Mrs. Jamie McGee and Miss Marybeth Rissinger



# Autistic K-2

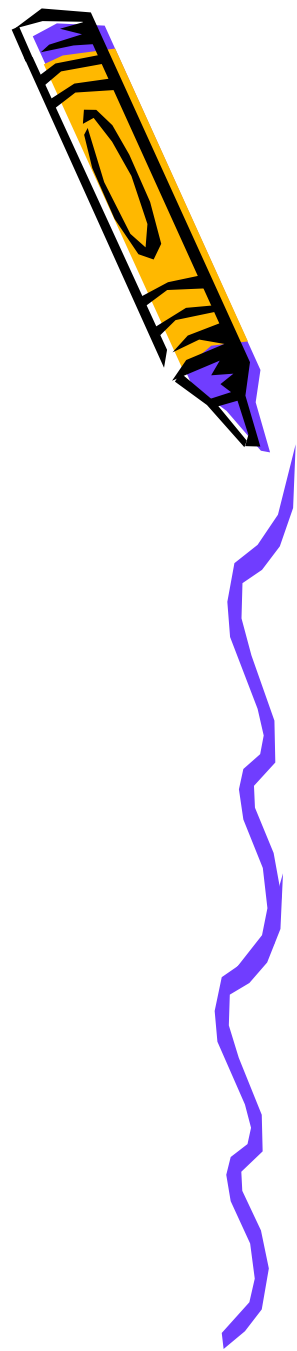
- Holly Armbuster





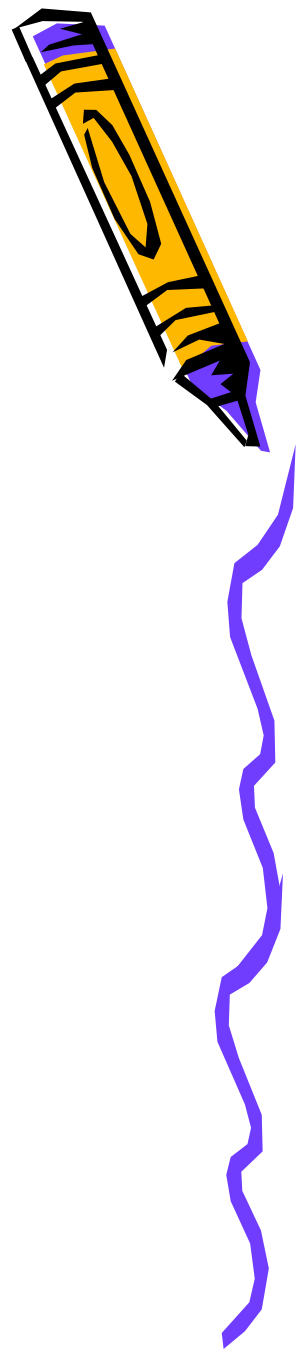
# School Nurse

- Robin Lysakowski, RN



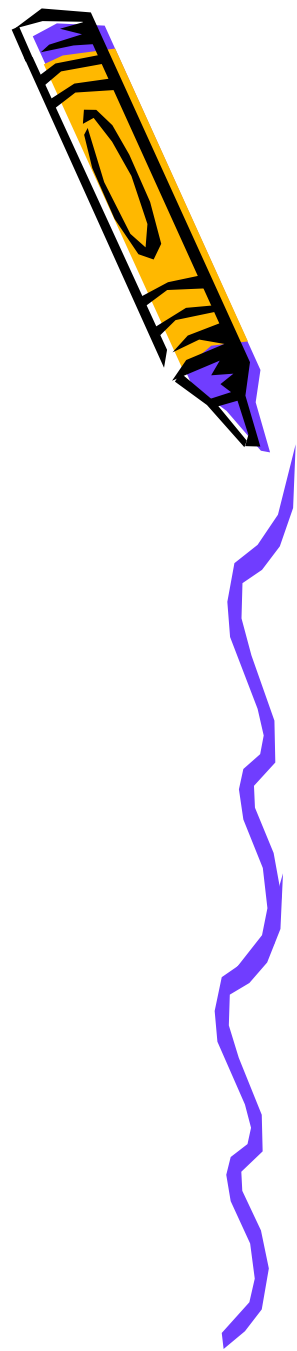
# Health Information

- Immunizations
- Screenings
- Medications
- Excusals
- State Requirements



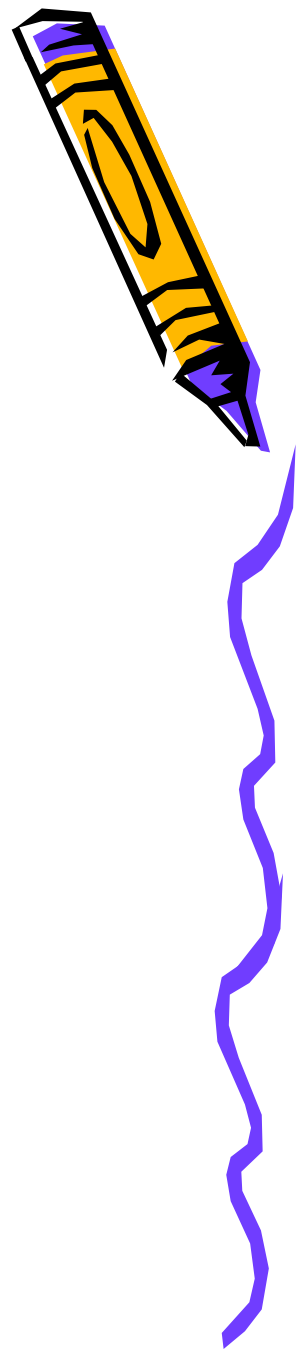
# School Counselor

- Rita Barbon



# School Wide Positive Behavior

- Common Language
- Expectations
- School Zones
- Taught and Reinforced



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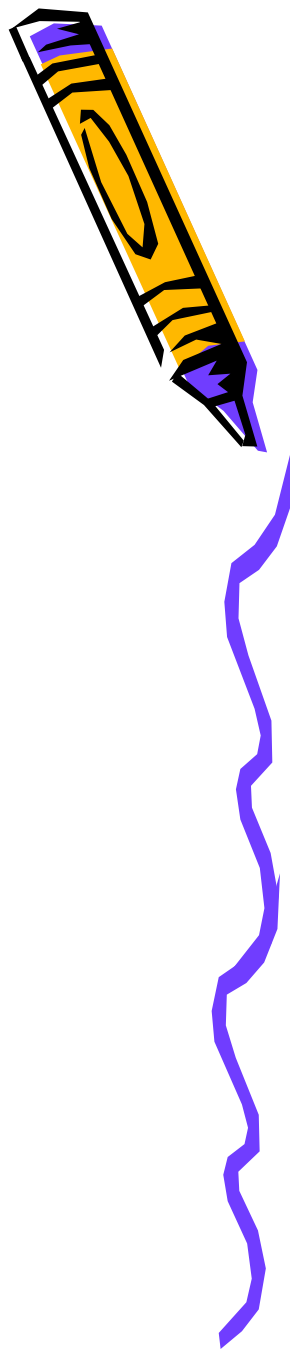
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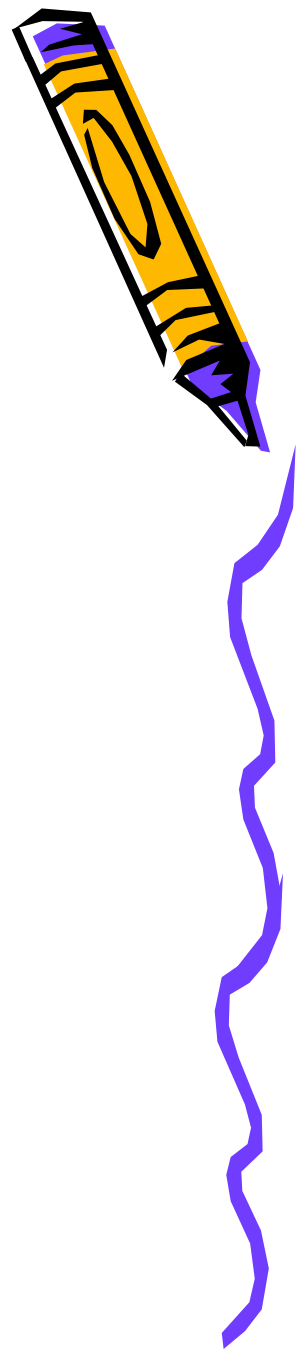
# Being Involved...

Research shows that students who have parents who are actively involved in their schooling are more successful in school than students whose parents are not involved in schooling.



# Ways to stay involved...

- Checking the backpack daily
- Talking about the day
  - specific questions
- Reading together
- Volunteering in the class/school
- Joining the WHSA/PTO



# WHSA

- Whitfield Home-School Association

Join in on the fun!

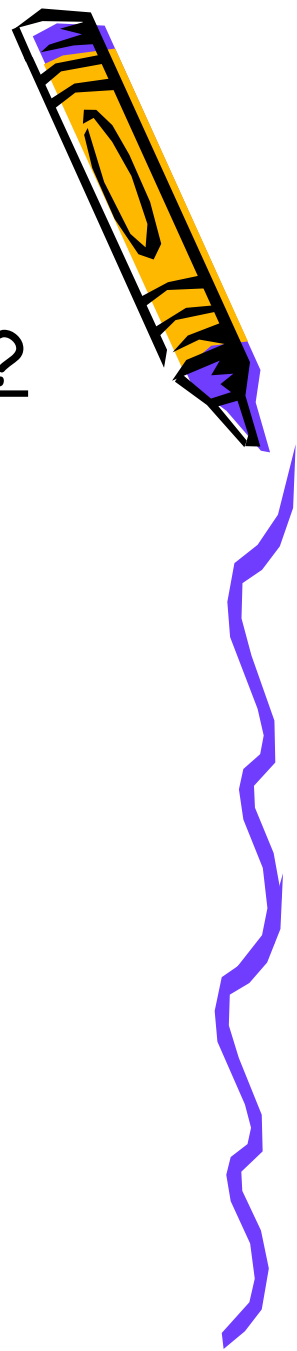
- Student directory
- Support the students at Whitfield
- Helps to fund activities / events
  - \*Book Distributions
  - \*Classroom Parties
  - \*Family Reading Night
  - \*After-School Programs
  - \*Author/Artist Residency
  - \*Holiday Shop
  - \*Playground
  - \*School Store
  - \*Bingo Night
  - \*Book Fair





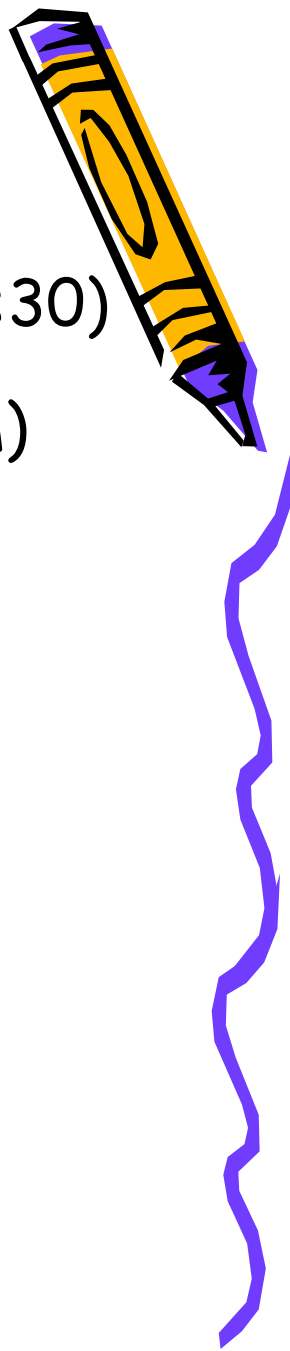
# WHSA

- Fundraising- How can you help?
  - Color-A-Thon
  - Boxtops - monthly contests
  - Spirit Wear
  - Ink Cartridges
  - Redners' Receipts
  - Target
  - Giant A+ Rewards
- Biggest need: YOU! We need volunteers to help run our fun activities!



# Important Dates

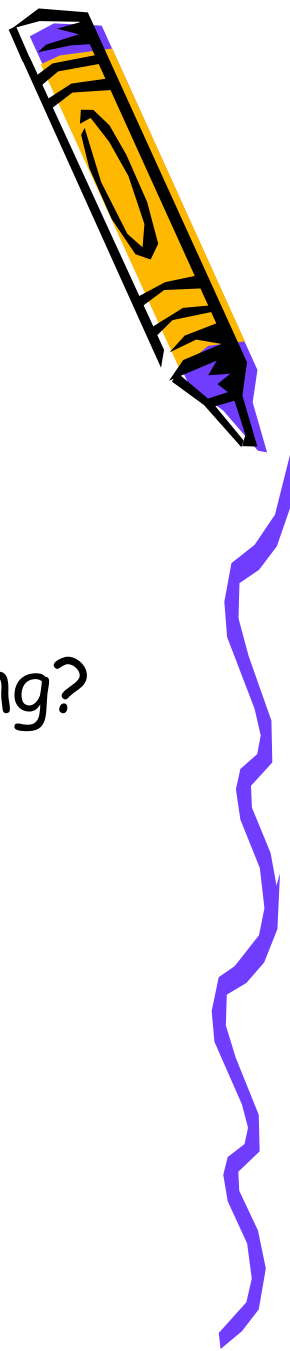
- August 8 - Jumpstart Kindergarten (8:30 & 10:30)
- August 16 - Meet the Parents/Kids Night (6pm)
- August 28 - First Day of School
- September 1 & 4 - No School
- September 5 - Picture Day
- September 6 - Meet the Teacher Night (6pm)
- September 20 - Early Dismissal (11:45)



# Common Questions

- When is the first day of school?
- Where are pick-up and drop-off locations?
  - Walking / drop-off students
  - Bussed students
- Related arts/Specials - what and how long?
- Can I eat lunch with my child?
- Can I walk my child to the classroom?
- What if my child is late for school?
- Childcare before/after school?

Additional Questions?





"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire."

-William Butler Yeats

