Dear Kindergarten Families,

Welcome to Wixom Elementary! The beginning of Kindergarten is a very exciting time in your child’s life and we look forward to a great school year. Your child is in kind, capable hands with our kindergarten teachers and our entire staff.

To help our youngest learners transition into kindergarten, Walled Lake Schools will be utilizing a staggered start on the first day of school, Tuesday, August 27th. Please note the following information:

Kindergarten students with last names starting with A-L will attend Kindergarten in the morning from 8:55am - 12:09pm on Tuesday, August 27.
Kindergarten students with last names starting with M-Z will attend Kindergarten in the afternoon from 1:00pm - 3:58pm on Tuesday, August 27.

Please note the following information from our transportation department:

- Bus transportation will be provided on the first day of school for those students who are eligible for bus transportation throughout the regular school year.
  - Bus routes will be posted on the district website and on Skyward Family Access.
  - Bus drivers will be contacting all kindergarten families on August 20 and 21.
  - Transportation will be sending out postcards to families that indicate bus stops and times.
- If your child is eligible for bus transportation, it is recommended that they start this routine on the first day of school. Parents are welcome to follow the bus to school to see your child off to their first day of school, but it is highly recommended that they ride the bus to and from school this first day if they will be riding daily during the school year.
- Students who are not eligible for bus transportation will need to be dropped off and picked up at the front of the building on this first day, including students who may typically walk to/from school.
- If you choose to follow your child’s bus to school on the first day of school, parents are allowed to stay in the classroom until 9:10 for the morning session and 1:15 for the afternoon. At that point we will ask all parents to leave so that the children can experience kindergarten on their own for the rest of the session.

If you have questions regarding the staggered start please call the main office at 248-956-3400.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing all of you at our Meet and Greet and Ice Cream Social on Monday, August 26 from 3:30 - 5:30 pm.

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