

# Epworth Elementary School

Summer Newsletter 2021

## Principal's Message

Dear Families,

The summer is officially drawing to a close and soon we will begin the 2021-2022 school year. For families new to Epworth Elementary School, my name is Dan Butler and I am entering my tenth year as principal of Epworth Elementary School. This is my nineteenth year working in Western Dubuque Schools, where I have fulfilled many roles. I am confident you will find Epworth Elementary to be a fantastic choice. At Epworth Elementary, we place a high value on people. Positive relationships with students, colleagues, and families are of the utmost importance. We believe in genuine communication, while providing a welcoming atmosphere focused on teamwork, growth, and fun.



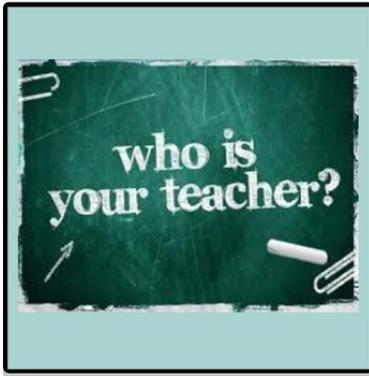
The first day for Transitional Kindergarten through Fifth Grade students will be Monday, August 23. Preschool students will have their first day of school on Tuesday, August 24. Preschool and Transitional Kindergarten teachers will be reaching out to families to schedule brief orientation conferences prior to the start of the school year. Kindergarten through Fifth Grade students and families will have the opportunity to attend Open House, which is scheduled for Wednesday, August 18 from 5:30-6:30 PM.

This newsletter is filled with important information about the start of the school year. Please read and refer to it often as a reference. Epworth Elementary will share a newsletter in this format once per month throughout the school year. You can expect an additional newsletter on Friday, August 13 as well. We also keep our [website](#) up to date at all times, as well as sharing information on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#). We use [#eesbobcats](#) as our official hashtag for all of these social media platforms. If you are interested in text message alerts from Epworth Elementary, please stay tuned to next week, as information will be coming.

As we lead up to the beginning of the year, do not hesitate to contact me with questions, concerns, or whenever you feel necessary. The best way to reach me is [dan.butler@wdbqschools.org](mailto:dan.butler@wdbqschools.org) or 563-876-5514 ext. 7002. I am looking forward to a great school year.

Yours in education,

Dan Butler



## Class Lists

Class rosters for the 2021-2022 school year will be made public on Monday, August 9. To find out who your child's teacher is, please check your [parent portal account](#) (the same system that was used for registration). These rosters **will not** be posted in the building at Epworth Elementary.

## 2021-2022 WDCSD Calendar

[Click here](#) or on the image to access and download the Western Dubuque Community School District calendar for the 2021-2022 school year.



## Open House: Wednesday, August 18 (5:30-6:30 PM)

Epworth Elementary will host an Open House on Wednesday, August 18 from 5:30-6:30 PM. Students and families will have the opportunity to meet their teacher and visit their classroom. Students can bring their school supplies if they choose.

Additionally, Dinger's D'Lites Food Stand will be in the parking lot providing sandwiches available for purchase. You can find more information about Dinger's D'Lites' [here](#).

## Arrival and Dismissal Times

The earliest students can arrive to school is **7:50 AM**. Once students arrive, they will take their belongings to their lockers and head to the cafeteria or designated waiting area before being dismissed to class at 8:10. Students arriving after **8:25 AM** are considered tardy. Additional details can be found on our [website](#).



We have two dismissal shifts in the afternoon. The first shift is dismissed at 2:55 PM and the second shift is dismissed at 3:10 PM.

First Shift (early bus riders): 2:55 PM

Second Shift (late bus riders, walkers, car pick-up, and Y-Care): 3:10 PM



## School Supply Lists

[Click here](#) to access school supply lists for 2021-2022.

## Important Upcoming Dates

- **Wednesday, August 18:** Open House for K-5th Grade (5:30-6:30 PM)
- **Monday, August 23:** First day of school for TK-5th grade students
- **Tuesday, August 24:** First day of school for preschool
- **Monday, September 6:** No School (Labor Day)
- **Wednesday, September 8:** School Pictures
- **Monday, October 4:** No School (Teacher In-service)
- **Tuesday, November 9:** Parent/Teacher Conferences
- **Thursday, November 11:** Parent/Teacher Conferences
- **Friday, November 12:** End of First Trimester (2 Hour Early Dismissal)
- **Monday, November 15:** No School (Teacher In-service)
- **Wednesday, November 24:** No School (Teacher Comp. Day)
- **Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26:** (No School: Thanksgiving Holiday)



## Western Dubuque Back to School Information

[Click here](#) or on the image to access and download the summer informational letter sent out from the Western Dubuque Community School District. This is filled with all kinds of policy information, as well as important dates within the district.



BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATION

Visitors...
Tennis...
Mission...
Diversity...
Registration...
Caldwell...
Benton...
Ballston...
Buckeye...
Barnard...
Central...
Oyarcville...
Epworth...
Farrington...
Fillmore...
Cary...
Crest...
Holy Cross...
Lorenburg...
New Vienna...
Pocahontas...
Petersburg...
Pleasant...
Rockwell...
Warrington...

Online Registration Process for ALL Students
All students attending Western Dubuque Community School District must be registered each school year using our Online Registration System.

Fall Registration & Fee Day for the 2021-2022 School Year
Elementary Schools: Complete registration online by Monday, July 26th.

Elementary Open Houses
All elementary schools will be holding an open house from 5:00-6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 11.

Secondary School Meetings
All Secondary Schools have scheduled meeting times in August for various students.

School Supply Lists: School supply lists can be found on the District and school websites.

First Day of Class Schedule for the 2021-2022 School Year
Grades K-12: Monday, August 23 Preschool students: Tuesday, August 24

RevTrak (Online Payment Processing System)
RevTrak allows you to make school-related payments via credit card or debit card at your convenience from our District website.



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Western Dubuque Schools is strongly discouraging the use of cash & checks for payment of school fees, lunch deposits and other optional purchases both at registration and throughout the 2021-22 school year.

Please do not send payments with your child to school if at all possible.



For over a decade, the District has successfully utilized a simple and efficient online payment solution called RevTrak ( https://w-dubuque.revtrak.net/ ) Parents can log into their account 24/7 and see their child's required annual fees, if any, and also make other optional purchases like yearbooks & activity passes.

For family lunch accounts, you can receive an email notice from Total Access Dining when your balance falls below a certain amount and quickly add money with a direct link to RevTrak found right in the body of the email itself.

Please refer to the instructions located at https://tinyurl.com/RevTrakInstructions21 if you have not already begun using this time-saving (and free) payment feature.

Mark Frasher
Business Manager, Western Dubuque Schools

Table with columns for Fee Type, Full Rate, and Reduced Rate. Includes sections for Book Fees, Other Fees, Transportation Fees, and Preschool Tuition.

2021-2022 WDCSD Fee Schedule

Click here or on the image to access and download the Western Dubuque Community School District 2021-2022 fee schedule.



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You can find all kinds of ways to connect with us below. If you are interested in receiving text message updates, please stay tuned to next week's newsletter with directions for sign up.

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