



From our family to yours...

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year at Warren Hope Dawson Elementary School! **School starts Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>!** This "Back to School Info" site will give you some information for your child to start school the first day. More information about Dawson will be sent home in a large envelope with your child the first day he/she attends school. You can also follow us on Twitter @HCPSDawson, or "like" us on Facebook to receive the latest information about Dawson's events and activities!

### \* Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) \*

**Will we get to meet our teacher before school starts?** Your family is invited to our Open House on Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, anytime between 1:00pm-6:00pm. Children will be able to meet their teacher and locate their classroom prior to the first day of school. Open House is an informal meet and greet. Conference night will be held later in the fall. If your child will be going home by car this year, you may come to the Main Office to receive a car tag (with your child's name) for your car. You must have proper identification and be listed as male or female head of household on the emergency card to receive the car tag. If you do not have a car tag, even the first day, you will have to park and come in the office to sign your student out after dismissal at 2:15pm.

### **What are school hours and lunch prices?**

Hours: 7:40am – 1:55pm – Instruction starts promptly at 7:40am, and our "tardy warning bell" rings at 7:35am.

Arrival time: 7:10am – 7:40am (last bell rings) – PLEASE allow time to eat breakfast and be on time!

Meal prices: \$2.25 for lunch.

***Breakfast is free daily for all students EVERYDAY!***

**What if I need to sign my child out early?** During the school year, anyone signing a student out early **MUST** be at school by 1:30pm (12:30pm on Monday), have a photo ID, and be on the Emergency Card. There are no sign-outs allowed between 1:30 – 1:55 pm. Early sign-outs are for emergencies and occasional medical appointments only. It is not appropriate to sign children out early on a regular basis.

**How do I find out the bus stop for my child?** The Transportation Department only allows students to get on/off at the bus stop closest to their residential address. Your child's specific bus stop/times are included in the back to school site info. The Transportation form in this site, that you are to complete, will inform us if your child will go home by bus, car, walk, attend day care, etc. **FOR YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY, THE SCHOOL DOES NOT AUTOMATICALLY PUT STUDENTS BACK ON THE SAME BUS IN THE AFTERNOON THAT THEY RODE TO SCHOOL IN THE MORNING. WE MUST HAVE THE EXACT BUS STOP # OR LOCATION IN WRITING FROM THE PARENT. Please be note that some bus stops have changed/been eliminated from last year!**

**If we do not have enough information to send your child home safely, especially the first day, we will keep him/her safe at school until you contact us.** Please allow your child to go home the first day the same way that he/she will travel home all year. This makes dismissal much safer for your child and easier for the bus drivers. While buses traditionally arrive home later than normal the first few days of school, they will arrive home earlier if we have the information from you to make sure that every bus rider at dismissal is actually on his/her correct bus.

**May a kindergartner go home alone? .... NO!** A kindergartner child who does not have an older sibling with them or an adult waiting for the child at the bus stop or designated walker pickup point, will be returned to the school by the bus, or kept at school if walking/riding a bike.

We are excited about this school year. Dawson Elementary is a school where academic growth and safety are our highest priorities. We look forward to seeing you at Open House on August 8<sup>th</sup>!

## IMPORTANT! ..... FOR ALL STUDENTS!

PARENTS, HELP US GET YOUR CHILD HOME SAFELY!  
FILL IN ALL THE BLANKS BELOW (ONE PER CHILD).  
WE FOLLOW YOUR DIRECTIONS ON HOW YOUR STUDENT(S) GO HOME, NOT WHAT STUDENTS TELL US.

SAFETY PIN THIS ON YOUR K-2 CHILD. GIVE IT TO OLDER CHILDREN TO CARRY TO THEIR TEACHERS. THIS IS A REQUIREMENT EVEN IF YOUR CHILD KNOWS HOW HE/SHE IS GOING HOME. IF WE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION TO SEND YOUR CHILD HOME SAFELY, WE WILL KEEP YOUR CHILD AT SCHOOL.



### STUDENT TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION DAWSON ELEMENTARY

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student #: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell or Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

My child will go home by (check one):

\_\_\_\_\_ Bus # \_\_\_\_\_  
Stop # or Location \_\_\_\_\_

(must be completed)

\_\_\_\_\_ Car (must have tag from Main office)

\_\_\_\_\_ HOST Day Care at Dawson

\_\_\_\_\_ Walker/Bike Rider (Triple Creek subdivision ONLY)

\_\_\_\_\_ Other Day Care \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name and phone number of other day care)

