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# NEWS & NOTES

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*Mission Statement: We, in partnership with the parents and the community, will provide a nurturing school environment which encourages all students to reach their fullest potential as citizens of the 21st century.*



## WELCOME BACK!

On behalf of the Weymouth staff, I welcome you back for another great year of learning. We have some wonderful plans for the 2008-2009 school year, fun included! We are placing a major emphasis on writing improvement and a pyramid of interventions. We want to see every child succeed in the Weymouth Family.

As you prepare for the new year, you may be asking yourself how you can join the fun and make a contribution to our success? My best recommendation is to encourage all parents to take an active role in your child’s education. We need you to get involved to help all our children learn as much as possible! Please plan to talk to your teacher about how you can use your gifts in the classroom as a volunteer. Another great way to get involved is to join the Parent Teacher Organization. Our first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 541-5181 or email me at [vagtst@charlottenet.org](mailto:vagtst@charlottenet.org).

Together we will have a great year!

Sincerely,  
Tim Vagts, Principal

### SCHOOL START-UP CALENDAR

**September 1st** NO School - Labor Day

**September 2<sup>ND</sup>**  
First Day for K-12 and ECDD students

**September 11th**  
School Pictures

**September 16th** P.T.O. meeting

**September 18th**— Weymouth fundraiser begins

### FERPA POLICY

It is a practice of the school district to periodically issue information and publish photographs of school programs and activities. Unless you advise the school district that you do not want photographs of your student included with published articles or information release, school officials may publish such photographs with school related articles or news releases. If you object to the publication of these photographs, please contact the Human Resources Office at 541-5103 by September 26, 2008.

### WEYMOUTH DAILY SCHEDULE



<b>A.M. ECDD Start</b>	8:50 a.m.
Dismiss	11:30 a.m.
<b>P.M. ECDD Start</b>	1:00 p.m.
Dismiss	3:45 p.m.
<b>Grades Kdg.- 4 Start</b>	8:50 a.m.
Dismiss	3:45 p.m.

Office Hours are from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

### STUDENT INFORMATION CARDS

In this information packet, you will find a student information card. It is very important that you return this card on the first day of school. Please be sure to complete both sides of the card and to sign your name. **If emergency information changes during the school year, please call the office and update your child’s card.** If there is an emergency at school, we want to get in touch with you as soon as possible.

We have many staff changes we are pleased to announce.

- Ms. Bogart ----- Kindergarten
- Mr. Edgerly ----- First Grade
- Mrs. Schmitz ----- Music
- Mrs. Gensel ----- Spanish
- Mrs. Minnis ----- Physical Ed.
- Mr. Dies ----- Lab Manager

## **SAFETY FIRST**

The Charlotte Public Schools continues to review safety and security plans at school. Based on the review, our schools are safe, but we want to make them even safer.

We found out that we are doing many things well at Weymouth. Visitors check in at the office and receive passes to wear, children are checked out of the office, and our drop off and pick up procedures are adequate. We also make it a point to engage unfamiliar visitors, such as grandparents, to verify their presence in the school or on the playground. As you can see, there is a lot to consider when it comes to keeping your child safe.

We want to remind you of one major recommendation we implemented recently. **The change has to do with building access through one set of front doors by the parking lot. (All other doors will be locked.)** This change will cause minor inconveniences, but is well worth the effort. In addition, we will hold two intruder drills this year as per new state law. Thank you for your understanding as we ensure a higher level of safety for your children. If you have any questions, please call 541-5180.



## **PICK UP/DROP OFF PLAN**

Thank you parents for helping us improve the safety of our students by following our pick-up/drop-off plan.

1. Pick up students in the big parking lot in front of portable 1 and 2.
2. Do not park along any yellow curbs.
3. No parking in front of the school to pick-up your children. This area is reserved for buses only.

## **PARENT RESOURCES**

Check out our new parent resources at the Charlotte Public Schools website. Just go to [www.charlottenet.org](http://www.charlottenet.org) and click on the Parent Resources button.

## **MEDICATION**

The following medication policy, adopted by the Charlotte Board of Education, will be followed at Weymouth.

There must be a physician's prescription for the medication, and the medication MUST be brought to school in the prescription container. The original pharmaceutical container may be considered the prescription.

Medications should be brought to school by the parent/guardian. Other arrangements must be confirmed with the building administrator or designee.

Parent/guardian consent, in writing, to administer the medication must be on file in the school office.

Except in an emergency that threatens the life or health of the student, medication must be administered by a school employee designated by the school administration in the presence of another adult.

Any change in dosage, or other medication procedures, must be accompanied by written instruction by the physician. Parental or guardian request/permission and physician's instructions should be renewed annually, or more often, if necessary.

Parents/guardians will pick up all medication at the end of the school year. The school will dispose of medication not claimed on or about the last scheduled day of the school year.

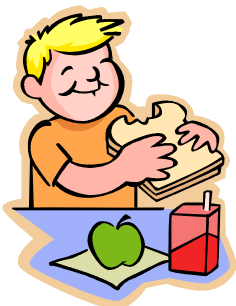
Medication will be stored in a locked cabinet or container in a designated location. Students may carry asthmatic inhalers if: a) the student has written approval from a physician or other health care provider; and 2) the principal or other chief administrator of the student's school has received a copy of the written approval.

Communication between the parent/guardian, school personnel, and physician, should be ongoing and according to need.



## **BREAKFAST/LUNCH ENVELOPES**

Breakfast and lunch programs will be offered again this year. Breakfast is offered to all Kdg – 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. Lunch is offered to all ECDD, Kdg.- 4 students.



The food service debit system is used at Weymouth Elementary. You can write one check for all your children's meals regardless of the building where they attend. Payments you make will be deposited into your family account. As your children go through the breakfast or lunch line, the cashier will scan their names. The price of each meal will then be deducted from your family account.

You can send payments to school with your students as in the past or you can mail payments directly to: Charlotte Public Schools, Food Service Office, 378 State St., Charlotte, MI 48813. Please... **ALWAYS** write your child's name on the envelope if you choose to send cash to school with your children. Do not mail cash.

If you ever have questions about your account, please call the food service office at (517) 541-5140. Food prices for this year are as follows:

<b>BREAKFAST</b>	<b>\$1.20</b>	<b>HOT LUNCH</b>	<b>1.90</b>	<b>MILK</b>	<b>.40</b>
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**Reduced meals for qualified families are Breakfast \$.30, lunch \$.40. To apply for reduced meals, fill out the enclosed application and turn it into the Weymouth office.**

**ATTENDANCE** School attendance is a key to success. When a child is late or misses school, they miss out on learning. If your child will be absent, please call the school at 541-5189 before 9:30 a.m. This will help us insure that all of our students are accounted for and safe. The attendance line is available 24 hours a day.