



The Principal's Corner

Greetings Wayman Parents and Guardians,

It has been wonderful having the children back in school. We are amazed by the behavior and wonderful manners that the children have brought back with them. It is evident that the students and teachers have spent time discussing classroom routines and school-wide procedures. As we walk through the hallways and visit classrooms, we are impressed at how quiet the school is and by the teaching and learning that is already taking place at Wayman Academy of the Arts.

Should you ever have questions, concerns, or suggestions during the school year, please do not hesitate to call us at 695-9995. Our purpose is to help each child become the very best he/she can be. Effective communication between home and school is extremely important in achieving this goal. It has been shown that strong parental involvement and interest in education is a crucial factor in student success in school. We encourage you to be well informed with up to date information about your child's class and our school.

If you wish to discuss a matter that directly affects your child in the classroom, please speak with your child's teacher first. He/She is the person who interacts with your child on a daily basis and will be able to address your concerns. Your child's teacher would be the best person to help you in the areas of: your child's academic progress, any behavioral concerns you may have, any concerns or questions you may have about classroom routines or procedures, classroom discipline matters, and homework. In addition, the classroom teacher can share ideas to help you reinforce skills and concepts taught at school.

If your concerns center on a school wide practice, please direct your call to one of us. We will do our best to contact you as soon as we possibly can.

Thank you,
Simaran Bakshi

Assistant Principal's Corner

We are super excited!!!!!!!

A great big **THANK YOU** to all of our wonderful students and parents that participated in our school's first fundraiser! It was an absolute success. We reached our goal and will now be able to purchase books, books and more books for our classrooms and school's Reading Room!!!! WAA is on the move!!! Thank you for your help and cooperation.

Parents, I will be sending a notice home when our shipment of 'goodies' (including the students' prizes) arrive so that you can make arrangements to pick them up. Again, thank you so much for your participation. We enjoyed partnering with you.

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- 9/30—Student of the Month (SOM) Celebration
- 10/1—Drug Free Week Starts
- 10/9—Early Release (12:45 p.m.)
- 10/11—Drug Free Week Ends
- 10/14—Columbus Day
- 10/16—Boss's Day
- 10/21—Book Fair Starts; End of the 1st Quarter
- Early Release (10/09 & 10/23 @12:45 p.m.)
- 10/24—Family Night (5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.); Writer's Tea @ 2:00 p.m.
- 10/25—Book Fair Ends; Teachers' Planning Day (No School)
- 10/28—Theater Works: Teacher from the Black Lagoon-12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. (K-2)

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Kindergarten

School is back in session and our Kindergarteners are eager about learning. In Math, we are learning how to write, count, and represent with objects the numbers 0 to 10. Students are learning, in Language Arts, how to recognize and write the upper – and lower-case letters of the Alphabet; use illustrations (pictures) to help tell a story; and read printed text (words) from left to right. We are learning how to get ideas (create topics) for our stories and drawings, in Writing, from friends, authors, illustrators, and our surroundings. In Science, we are learning about the 5 Senses: hear, see, smell, taste, and touch; and finally, in Social Studies, we are studying from our *Weekly Readers* how we get ready for school and about school rules.

1st Grade

First Grade is busy at work this month! We are working on Story Structure in Reading. We are looking at characters, setting, problems, and solutions in stories that we hear and read. In skills we are working on beginning, middle and ending sounds in words as well as our short vowel sounds. In math, we are working on different strategies to make 10 and finding missing addends. In Science we are working on making observations. In Social Studies, we are working on character traits. We encourage you to ask your child about what they are learning at school!

2nd Grade

We are in need of pencils and Crayola crayons to complete daily classwork. Agendas need to be signed each night. Homework goes home at the beginning of each week and is due on Friday. Completed homework should be placed in the homework folder. Please remember that students are expected to be in uniform on a daily basis. Shirts and PE uniforms can be ordered through the front office.

3rd Grade

We are super excited about this school year. The faculty here at Wayman Academy of the Arts are eager to see your children rise to the occasion of MOVING ON UP—SUCCESS, NOTHING LESS! The teachers have planned rigorous lessons to meet your children's' academic needs. Here are a few things you can do to assist us in our endeavors:

1. Review all homework assignments with your child.
2. Make sure your child gets proper rest each night.
3. Review and sign agenda book/planner daily.
4. Adhere to scheduled time of parent-teacher conferences.
5. Ensure your child attends school daily except for emergencies.
6. Remind your child to respect self, classmates, and all adults.

Thank you for entrusting your children to Wayman Academy of the Arts.

Third Grade Team

3rd Grade

Third grade is off to a great start! In Reading, we are working on Author's Purpose, main idea, and context clues. In Math, we are working on place value, rounding, estimation, numeration and number sense. Science is making us become good observers and learning about matter. We are looking forward to learning so much more.

4th Grade

Fourth Graders are Putting the Pieces Together and Moving Up!

In Mathematics, we are learning how to write numbers in the millions in different ways: standard form, expanded form, and word

form. Parents, use playing cards (A-9) to create 6– digit numbers and your fourth grader can write the number in the different forms. In Science, students are defining a testable question and recognizing its importance in a scientific investigation.

In Reading, we are working on fluency, comprehension, noting details, plot, cause & effect, and multiple meaning words. Parents, please continue to monitor your child's nightly reading time. Everyone should be reading from 20 to 30 minutes each night. Reading makes us smarter! It has been proven that children who read a lot have stronger vocabularies, better writing skills, and sharper thinking skills. Best of all reading is FUN!

In Writing, we have been learning how to write narratives. Fourth graders usually write personal narratives. They are sharing accounts and stories from their own lives. Narratives can be true or fictitious. This past week, we focused on the structure of the narrative story.

5th Grade

Fifth grade is settling into our routines and expectations. In math, we are currently working with division. We have been focusing on dividing 2 and 3 digit dividends with 1 digit divisors. 2 digit divisors will be coming up shortly. It is vital that students practice and review their multiplication facts at home, for at least 5 minutes a night. Knowledge of these facts is critical for fifth grade math.

In science, we are study the important components of scientific inquiry and what makes up a good investigation. Our next unit of study will be Physical Science, specifically the three states of matter.