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Lawrence County School District

2019-2020 School Calendar

Teacher In-Service – 5	Aug. 5-8, 12
1st Day of School	Aug. 13
Labor Day Holiday	Sept. 2
End of 1 st Quarter (42 days)	Oct 10
Parent/Teacher Conferences	Oct 18
Thanksgiving Holiday	Nov 25-29
Last Day of School Student	Dec 20
End of 2 nd Quarter (45 days)	Dec 20
Christmas Break	Dec 23-Jan 3
School Reconvenes	Jan 6
Teacher In-Service 6	Jan 20
Teacher In-Service 7	Feb 17
End of 3 rd Quarter (48 days)	March 13
Student Day/PT Conference 3-8	March 19
Spring Break	March 20-27
Good Friday	April 10
Baccalaureate	May 10
Graduation	May 15
Last Day for Students	May 22
End of 4 th Quarter (43 days)	May 22
Memorial Day	May 25
Teacher In-Service (10)	May 26,27,28

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Weather Day 3 May

Weather Day 4 May

Weather Day 5 May

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Total Student Days	178
Teacher In-Service Days	10
Parent/Teacher Days	2
Teacher Days	190

*weather days subject to change

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Walnut Ridge School Telephone Numbers

Elementary Building	886-3482
Middle Level Building	886-6697
High School Building	886-6623
Superintendent Office	886-6634
Bus Shop	886-2571
Cafeteria	819-0555
Parent Center	819-0443

WALNUT RIDGE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

Superintendent	Terry Belcher
High School Principal	(7-12)Jacob Kersey
Asst. Principal (7-12)	Jason Belcher
Elem. Principal (K-6)	Lee Ann Cheadle

LAWRENCE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2019-2020

Greg Gill, Joe Penn, Pat Roby, Vickie Mitchell, Clay Sloan, Brittany Schmidt, Doyne Davis



LAWRENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Walnut Ridge Public Schools (870) 886-6634 508 East Free Walnut Ridge, AR 72476

August 13, 2019

Dear Parents,

The Lawrence County School District receives federal funds for Title I, Part A programs. Throughout the school year, we will be providing you with important information about this law as it relates to your child's education. This letter lets you know about your right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of the classroom staff working with your child. Our district or school will be able to provide you with the following information regarding the qualifications of your child's teacher(s):

- Whether their child's teacher has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria has been waived.
- What baccalaureate/degree/major the teacher has and any other graduate certification or degree major held by the teacher and the field of discipline of the certification.

If at any time your student has been taught for four (4) or more consecutive weeks by a teacher(s) that is not highly qualified, then you will be notified by the school.

You also have the right to request information regarding the qualifications of the paraprofessional(s) assisting your child's teacher(s). If your child is receiving Title I, Part A services from a paraprofessional, then our district or school is able to provide you with the following information:

- Whether the paraprofessional has completed at least two years of study at an institution of higher education.
- Whether the paraprofessional has completed an associate's degree (or higher).
- Whether the paraprofessional has met a rigorous standard of quality through our state's certification procedure for determining the quality of paraprofessional staff.
- Whether the paraprofessional has: (a) the knowledge of and the ability to assist in instructing reading, writing, and mathematics or (b) the knowledge of and the ability to assist in learning activities, such as homework, reading readiness, writing, mathematics, and other support as appropriate.

To request this information please contact your child's school:
Walnut Ridge Campus 870-886-3482 or by e-mail at Leeann.Cheadle@bobcats.k12.ar.us
Should you have any other questions regarding your child's education, please do not hesitate to contact the superintendent's office at 870-886-6634.

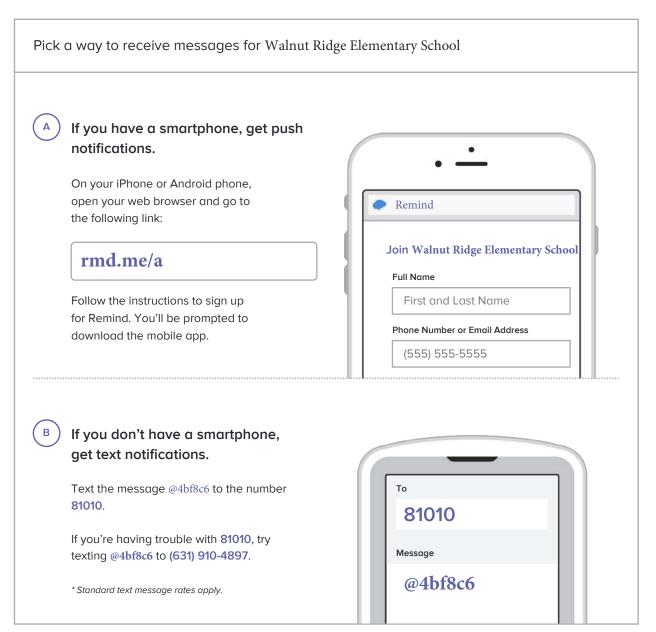
Sincerely,

Terry Belcher
Superintendent
Lawrence County School District



Sign up for important updates from Walnut Ridge Elementary School.

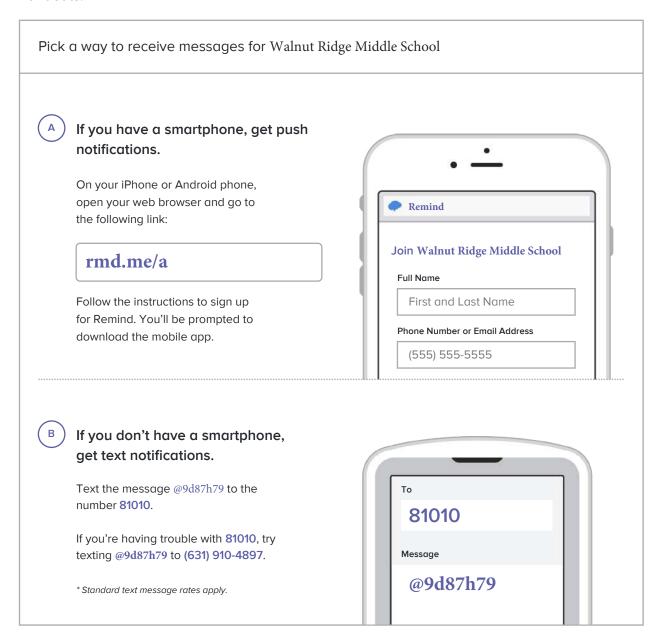
Get information for **Walnut Ridge Elementary School** right on your phone—not on handouts.





Sign up for important updates from Walnut Ridge Middle School.

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Parental Involvement Plan

Walnut Ridge Elementary & Walnut Ridge High Schools

2019-2020

Abridged version of the LCSD Parental Involvement Plan. The complete version can be found at http://www.bobcats.k12.ar.us/view/walnut-ridge-elementary-plan or http://www.bobcats.k12.ar.us/view/walnut-ridge-high-plan. If you would like a copy of or more information about the Parent Involvement Policy or information about the Parent Center, contact Dyan Heard at 870-819-0441 or Lindsey Romine at 870-819-0443.

Lawrence County School District Parent Involvement Policy

Lawrence County School District (LCSD) will involve parents in regular, two-way meaningful communication addressing student achievement and ensuring:

- that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning
- that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education
- that parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.

In compliance with Section 1118(a)(2), of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), **LCSD** agrees to implement required statutory requirements to:

- Involve parents in the joint planning and development of the district's Title I plan through representation on the district ESEA team and participation in fall and spring ESEA meetings.
- Involve parents in an Annual Local Review of the Title I Program and use the results of the Annual Review to address any identified barriers to parental participation. The Annual Review will be conducted each spring and will include an analysis of state and local assessment data, a review of grade level needs and services provided, parent/teacher/and/or student survey data, and a summary analysis of the effectiveness of Title I Services.
- Involve parents in the development, implementation, and review of Parent-School Compacts. The compact will be discussed and signed during fall parent-teacher conferences and reviewed during spring conferences. The compact will also be posted on the district website.
- Involve parents in the planning and development of effective parent involvement activities through representation on each building's Title I Needs Assessment/Evaluation Committee or Schoolwide Committee. Committee meetings will be scheduled flexibly with the scheduling needs of parents in mind.
- Build the schools' and parents' capacity for parent involvement by:
 - o providing parents with information on state standards, assessments, requirements of Title I, monitoring their child's progress, and working with educators. Information will be provided during an annual fall meeting, through quarterly progress notices, at parent-teacher conferences, in the district newsletter, and on the district website.
 - o providing materials, resources and training to help parents work with their children to improve academic achievement. Resources will be provided in classroom newsletters and communications, through the school website, and the Parent Center. Parent trainings and family education nights will be planned each year based on the school needs assessment and may include a family Literacy Night, Math Night, etc.
 - o communicating regularly with parents in clear and understandable terms. This will include opportunities for parents to participate in decision-making roles, volunteer opportunities, classroom newsletters, an annual parent survey, parent-school compacts, and parent-teacher conferences. Parent-teacher meetings will be scheduled at any time, as requested by parents.
 - o coordinating parent involvement activities with other initiatives including HeadStart, after-school programs, etc.

The **LCSD Parental Involvement Policy** has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I programs as evidenced by meeting minutes.

Bobcat Faculty



Elementary Building

Office

Lee Ann Cheadle Andrea Roark Stephanie Denton **Principal** Counselor **Secretary**

Kindergarten

Ginger Atkinson Jennifer Brown **Cameron Priest Amanda Henry**

Tashena Tate **Heather Dickson** Savannah Dail Natosha Ward

First Grade

Second Grade Hillary Anderson Jennifer Roark Heather C. Dickson

Third Grade **Chrissy Sain**

Erin Manning Susan Ashlock **Fourth Grade**

Jenny Andrews Natalie Wallin Marcia Martin Felissa Craig

Resource

Terrie Ponder Rachel McQuay

Reading Recovery Jessica Light

Jennifer Biggers

Title I Dyan Heard DeeDee Bridges -Aide Jill Caldwell -Aide

Library Keely Huskey

Literacy Coach **Brooke Bramlett** **Keyboarding** Vanessa Hufstedler Music Saundra Essman

Art Jean Fowler **GT Coordinator**

School Nurse Anna Lou Shaw Stephanie Nichols

Parent Center Dyan Heard Facilitator **Lindsey Romine** **Tonda Brand Physical Education**

Blake Coffman

Chase HalBrook

Seth Hart

Speech Melanie Hicks

Coordinator

Cafeteria **Kristal Jones** Angie Trinidad Tammy Winfrey Samantha Burton **Angie Perez Autumn Robinett** Vicky Davis

Aides Debbie Blalock LaDonna Nunally Cassie Bullard Terri Stevens **Raven Dobbs** Destyni Caldwell

Bobcat Faculty



Middle Level Building

Office

Lee Ann Cheadle Jacob Kersey Jason Belcher Candace Eveland Susan Doyle

Principal (Grades 5-6) Principal (Grades 7-8) **Assistant Principal** Counselor

Secretary

Language/Reading

Ashton Roby Sherry Schafer Kristy Bateman **Courtney Weathers**

Math Hollie Thielemier **Angela Brady** Rebecca Bullard **Dawn Craft**

Social Studies

Grant Smith **Ginger Pratt** Travis Fleming **Special Education**

Sarah Hoffman **Amy Privett** Jean Baltz -Aide Courtney Wilcoxson -Aide Destyni Caldwell -Aide

GTC Coordinator

Tonda Brand

Music

Saundra Essman **Darlene Moore**

Title I Dyan Heard

DeeDee Bridges -Aide

Band

John Long

Speech

Melanie Hicks

Library Debbie Archer

Parent Center

Dyan Heard -Facilitator Lindsey Romine -Coordinator

School Nurse

Anna Lou Shaw Stephanie Nichols

Science

Tracy Jared AnnMarie Brogdon Health Jason Ward

<u>Art</u>

Jean Fowler Jamie Pattin

Physical Education

Blake Coffman Janna Berry Shane Duncan Jason Ward

Business Angela Horner

Family Work Connections Diana Howard

Nutrition Education Series

be an active family

10 tips for becoming more active as a family



Physical activity is important for children and adults of all ages. Being active as a family can benefit everyone. Adults need 2½ hours a week of physical activity, and children need 60 minutes a day. Follow these tips to add more activity to your family's busy schedule.

set specific activity times Determine time slots throughout the week when the whole family is available. Devote a few of these times to physical activity. Try doing something active after dinner or begin the weekend with a Saturday morning walk.



plan for all weather conditions Choose some activities that do not depend on the weather conditions. Try mall walking, indoor swimming, or active video games. Enjoy outdoor activities as a bonus whenever the weather is nice.

Set a rule that no one can spend longer than 2 hours per day playing video games, watching TV, and using the

computer (except for school work). Instead of a TV show, play

plan ahead and track your progress Write your activity plans on a family calendar. Let check it off after completing each activity.

the kids help in planning the activities. Allow them to

include work around the house Involve the kids in yard work and other active chores around the house. Have them help you with raking, weeding, planting, or vacuuming.



use what is available Plan activities that require little or no equipment or facilities. Examples include walking, jogging, jumping rope, playing tag, and dancing. Find out what programs your community recreation center offers for free or minimal charge.

build new skills Enroll the kids in classes they might enjoy such as gymnastics, dance, or tennis. Help them practice. This will keep things fun and interesting, and introduce new skills!

an active family game, dance to favorite music, or go for a walk. start small Begin by introducing one new family activity and add

ready. Take the dog for a longer walk, play another ball game, or go to an additional exercise class.

include other families Invite others to join your family activities. This is a great way for you and your kids to spend time with friends while being physically active. Plan parties with active games

more when you feel everyone is

turn off the TV



such as bowling or an obstacle course, sign up for family programs at the YMCA, or join a recreational club.

treat the family with fun physical activity When it is time to celebrate as a family, do something active as a reward. Plan a trip to the zoo, park, or lake to treat the family.





Walnut Ridge Parent Center

Providing parents with materials and services to improve children's academic achievement.

*ABOUT THE PARENT CENTER...

We are here to help parents by providing a variety of materials for your use when helping your children with school work. We can also help you design specialized materials to help meet your child's specific educational needs.

Parenting materials are also available to check out that cover a variety of topics. Some topics, just to name a few, include ADD/ADHD, homework, discipline, behavior, listening, drug and alcohol prevention, and how to encourage a child to read.

*COST...

All materials are FREE for your use!!!

***VOLUNTEERS...**

Volunteers are also welcome and needed. If you have a willingness to help we could use you on our team!

Materials:

- PARENTING BOOKS
- PAMPHLETS
- VIDEOS
- LEARNING GAMES
- FLASH CARDS
- SCIENCE KITS
- GEO BLOCKS
- LEAPSTER LEAP FROG SYSTEM
- GEO SAFARI
- MUCH, MUCH, MORE

Equipment Available:

- COPY MACHINE
- LAMINATOR
- CUTTING/TRIMMING BOARD
- ELLISON LETTER CUTTING SYSTEM

Activities in the Parent Center:

- Parenting Classes
- Newsletter Production
- Volunteering
- Collecting Box Tops, Best Choice UPC Codes, Tyson Project A+ Labels, and Ink Cartridges

LOCATION:

The Parent Center is the middle yellow building between the Middle School and the W.R. Community Center.

HOURS:

We are open throughout the school day. Extended hours available by appointment.

Lindsey Romine, Coordinator Dyan Heard, Facilitator





WALNUT RIDGE SCHOOL

PARENT CENTER SURVEY

Walnut Ridge School is committed to parental involvement within our school system. Parents are welcomed and encouraged to be involved in their child's education. This survey is to help us improve and better understand your needs. Please complete the form and return to the school with your child or mail to Walnut Ridge School, Attn: Parent Center, 508 East Free Street, Walnut Ridge, AR 72476. Thank you in advance for your time.

	Kindergarten - 6 th grade 7 th -12 th grade
PI	ease check the appropriate grade level(s) of your child(ren) enrolled in Walnut Ridge School.
	aterials in the Parent Center range from preschool through 12 th grade, along with a variety of arenting books. If you would like to see more materials in a specific area, please list.
	Managing StressOther
	Single Parenting
	Health/NutritionInternet Safety
	ne Parent Center provides parent meetings throughout the school year. Please check any eas in which you are interested in or that would benefit you the most.
	If yes, which would be the best time for you to attend parent meetings? MORNING EVENING
6.	Would you be interested in attending parent meetings (approx. 1 hr. in length)? YES NO
5.	Would you be willing to volunteer some of your time at the Parent Center? YES NO
	If yes, what time of day would be the most convenient for you to use the Parent Center? MORNINGNOONAFTERNOONEVENING
4.	Are you interested in utilizing the Parent Center for educational or parenting needs? YES NO
3.	Are you aware the materials in the Parent Center are available for your use free of charge? YES NO
2.	Are you aware the Parent Center is available to parents with children in Kindergarten through 12 th grades? YES NO
1.	Are you aware the Parent Center provides materials and services for parents to aid their children with homework and school projects? YESNO

Walnut Ridge School Volunteer Information Sheet

We are looking for parents and other adults who are committed to supporting Walnut Ridge School by helping to provide the community's children with the best possible education. Our school gives students a variety of opportunities for challenge and enrichment, but we could do even more with your help.

We invite you to participate in our volunteer program. Could you spend an hour a week during story time, helping students with an art project, tutoring a child, or volunteering in the parent center? Could you speak to classes about your business or hobby when they are studying a related topic? We have a need that you could fill.

Please check any areas which	you would be	interested i	n volunteering:	
Reading with a student	Parent Co	enter	_Volunteer from home	
Tutoring a student	Teacher	Helper		
Do you have an age level you	would prefer	to work wit	h?	
•	-	•	our business or hobby?	
Circle which time of day wou Morning	ald be most cor Afternoon	venient for	you to volunteer: Either	
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Child(ren) you have enrolled	in our school			
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Name	Grade	Name	Grade	



Dear Parent,

Educational technology and funding changes daily. To keep up with these changes and expenses, our school is participating in our local supermarket's Apples For The Students Program.

The Apples For The Students Program enables our school to earn Apple Computers and iPads, sporting goods, audio visual equipment, science supplies, hundreds of other items to choose from, and it all FREE......

To earn these FREE awards we simply have to collect as many register receipts as possible from September 1st, 2019 through March 2nd 2020. Ask your friends and relatives to shop at the sponsoring supermarket identified below and save every receipt.

Send the receipts to school with your student as often as possible. Here at school we will count the value of the register tapes collected and redeem them for great items that benefit your child.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Below is the name and address of our participating store.

Hays Supermarket

1000 SW Front St

Walnut Ridge, AR 72476



Walnut Ridge P.T.O. welcomes parents/guardians of children in Walnut Ridge School.

2019-20 OFFICERS

President	Marcia Martin
Vice President	Drew Garland
Secretary	Andrea Davis
Treasurer	Kristal Jones
Means & Ways	Cyndi Brady
Co-Means & Ways	Stephanie Nichols
Publicity	Lindsey Romine



at Walnut Ridge Elementary School

Kindergarten Through 6th Grade (Ages 5-12)

Before School

Hours: 6:00 am - 7:30 am

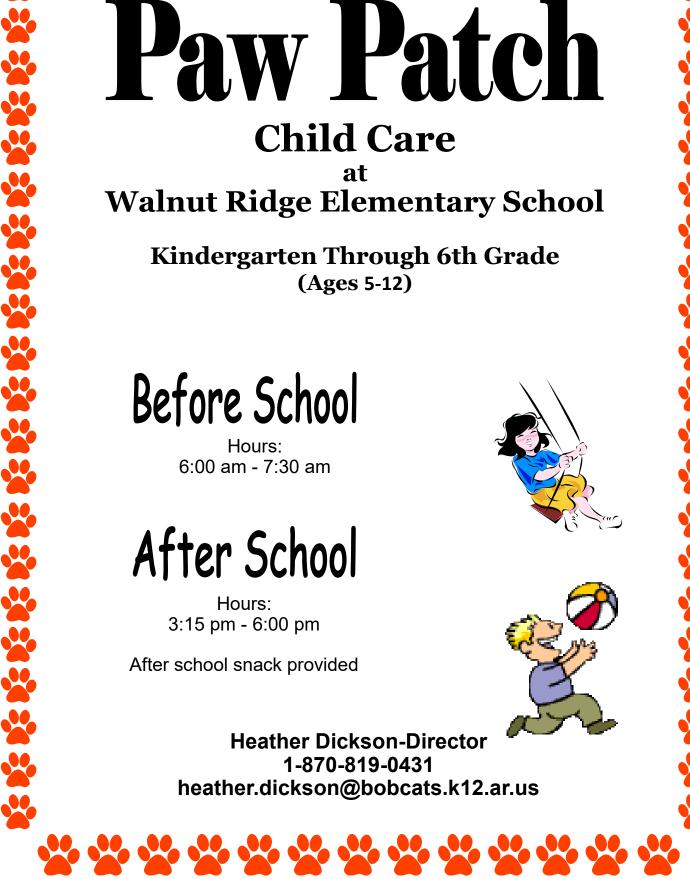
After School

Hours: 3:15 pm - 6:00 pm

After school snack provided



Heather Dickson-Director 1-870-819-0431 heather.dickson@bobcats.k12.ar.us





JOIN OUR TEAM DURING JUNE AND JULY SUPER FUN AND ACTION PACKED GOOD TIMES!

ACTIVITIES

SWIMMING, COMPUTER LAB,

LIBRARY,

FIELD TRIPS, MOVIES, ETC.

For more information contact
Heather Dickson-Director
1-870-819-0431

heather.dickson@bobcats.k12.ar.us

Parent Activities Planned for 2019-2020

The following are parent involvement activities planned for the 2019-20school year. More information will be posted on the website and in the newsletters when the event date is near. We look forward to and encourage involvement from all of our parents.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Date</u>
Orientation (9 th Graders & New H.S.	August 8
students) Open House	August 8
Volunteer Training	October
Booster Club	Quarterly
8 th Grade Parent Meeting	October
Parent/Teacher Conferences	Oct. 18 / Mar. 19
Senior Class Parent Meeting	September
Junior Class Parent Meeting	September
Sophomore Parent Meeting	October
Band Parent Association (Grades 6-12)	Fall, Winter, Spring
Book Fair	December
Science Fair Project Night (Grades K-6)	January
Financial Aide Night	February
Pi Day Activity (5/6 Grade)	March
Kindergarten Registration Night	April
Volunteering	Ongoing