



Lawrence County School District
Walnut Ridge Elementary School

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This packet has been prepared especially for parents of boys and girls entering Walnut Ridge Elementary School for the first time.

We are committed to making the transition to school a positive one for you and your child and the material enclosed will help.

We look forward to serving you and your student this year. In order for your child to have the best year possible, the school and home must work together.

Please feel free to call on us at any time in the interest of your child.



Transportation Policies

Many of the students who attend Walnut Ridge School are transported to and from school by bus. It is important that students and parent understand and follow the rules of safety and good conduct.

School bus safety is a team effort. The following steps will ensure your child's safety.

1. Children will be instructed concerning proper behavior as bus riders. It is unsafe to drive a school bus while children are misbehaving. Therefore, we must insist on strict observances of the rules of behavior. The bus drivers have the same authority over the children while they are on the bus as the teachers has over them while they are in school.
2. Parents should see that their children observe rules of good behavior and courtesy. This will make for a much pleasant and safe trip for all the children.
3. School buses will not run when the weather makes it dangerous. On doubtful mornings, the local radio station will announce the decision as early as possible. It is impossible many times to predict the road conditions in advance so the decision on bus operation may have to be made shortly before the regular bus departure time.
4. All students will be required to ride the bus in the afternoon unless a **WRITTEN NOTE** or **TELEPHONE CALL** (before 2 pm) indicates otherwise.
5. Certain types of clothing (long dangling jacket or sweatshirt drawstrings, long backpack straps, long scarves or other loose clothing) can create a hazard as your child gets off the school bus. Such clothing can be caught in the bus handrail, door, or other equipment. In recent years, a number of children across the U.S. have had their clothing caught as they exited the bus and several were dragged by the bus and then killed when the bus ran over them. Please take the time to check your children's clothing to make sure it is safe.

6. Parents are asked to talk to their child about the following safety rules:
 - a. Stay away from the Danger Zones around the bus.
 - b. Don't try to pick up something dropped near the bus – the bus driver may not see you.
 - c. Other motorists don't always stop for a school bus. Use extreme caution whenever getting on or off the bus.

7. Child Restraint – The Arkansas Transportation Laws for Children includes laws governs how children and teenagers can ride in vehicles. Arkansas state law requires all children under 15 years old to be properly secured in a vehicle. The following are guidelines for restraint designs according to a child's age and/or weight:
 - A rear-facing infant carrier or rear-facing convertible seat should be used until the child is at least 12 months old and weight 20 pounds.

 - Children over one year of age and weighing between 20 and 40 pounds should use a forward-facing seat with a harness. Use of this type of restraint should be continued until the child weighs approximately 40 pounds.

 - Children who weigh between 40 and 80 pounds should ride in booster seats. Use should continue until the child fits into the adult lap and should seatbelt (at approximately 80 pounds with a height of four feet, 10 inches).

 - Children over six years of age and weighing more than 60 pounds must ride in a seat belt until age 15. The backseat is the safest place to ride for all children under the age of 13.

 - For all seats, remember to carefully read the child safety owner's manual as well as the vehicle owner's manual.

 - For more information on car seat restraints or to learn how to properly install your child's car seat, call the Community Outreach department at Arkansas Children's Hospital at (501)365-5655 or contact your local police station.

Practical Parenting Tips



Value and have a positive attitude about learning

Ensure your child attends school regularly

Set aside daily family time

Ask your child what they learned at school today

Set aside regular time and space for homework

Make sure your child is well rested, well fed, and healthy

Form a two-way communication between school and home

Keep your contact information updated in the school office

Form relationships with the school and teachers

Attend school functions

Support your child's school by notifying the school of your willingness to volunteer

Know your child's grade level requirements and graduation requirements

Use the library and other community resources

Meet your child's friends and get to know their parents

Support family learning through everyday activities

Set limits on behavior and discipline patiently

Say "I love you" and "yes" as much as you say "don't" and "no"



Walnut Ridge Parent Center

Lindsey Romine, Coordinator

Dyan Heard, Facilitator

The Walnut Ridge Parent Center provides parents with materials and services to improve a child's academic achievement.

We are here to provide parents a variety of materials to help your child with school work. We can also help you design specialized materials to help meet your child's specific educational needs.

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

Cost All materials are FREE to check out

Materials

- Parenting Books
- Pamphlets
- Videos
- Learning Games
- Flash Cards
- Science Kits
- Geo Blocks
- Leapster Leap Frog System
- Geo Safari

Equipment

- 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 WR Community Center.

Hours

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



Child Care Programs

The Walnut Ridge School District recognizes the needs of our parents in regard to the hours they work and the fact that these hours may not match the regular school day. To help our parents, we provide quality Child Care Programs during the school year and the summer. Both programs are approved by the Department of Human Services.

Paw Patch, before and after school child care, is open on days school is in session, unless otherwise noted. Eligible children must be enrolled in the Walnut Ridge School District (Kindergarten through 6th grade). Fees are based on the number of children in a family and the hours they attend. Children may attend either before school, after school, or a combination of both. They may be enrolled full-time, part-time, or drop in. Children are provided a snack at no additional charge. Paw Patch opens at 6 am and closes at 6 pm.

The opening day for **Vacation Station** depends on the school calendar. It closes for the summer on or near the last Friday in July. Any child, regardless of where they go to school, who has had their 5th birthday and are enrolled in Kindergarten through the 6th grade for the next school year may participate. During the summer, children are provided breakfast, lunch, and a snack at no additional charge. Vacation Station opens at 6 am and closes at 6 pm.

A special enrollment form to participate in either program must be completed and turned in once a year.

Paw Patch Child Care

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 pm
After school snack provided



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Kindergarten

Behavior Expectations

To help practice self-control, we use the following learning time rules:

- Eyes are watching
- Ears are listening
- Hands in lap
- Sit on pockets
- Criss-cross applesauce
- Lips are closed
- Raise your hand when you want to talk



Walnut Ridge Elementary Kindergarten

Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Principal: _____

1st Quarter

Behavior Habits

_____ Classroom Behavior

_____ Work Habits

_____ Shows Respect

_____ Practices Responsibility

_____ Playground Behavior

_____ Listens and Follows Directions

Grading Code:

S—Satisfactory

N - Needs improvement

U - Unsatisfactory

_____ Days Absent

Literacy

_____ Recognize rhyming words

_____ Produce rhyming words

_____ Count syllables in words

Grading Code:

+ meets mastery

✓ progressing

- not yet progressing

Lower Case Letter Recognition

a b c d e f g h i j k l m

n o p q r s t u v w x y z

Upper Case Letter Recognition

A B C D E F G H I J K L

M N O P Q R S T U V W

X Y Z

Letter Sound Recognition

A B C D E F G H I J K L

M N O P Q R S T U V W

X Y Z

Math

_____ Unit Grade

_____ Write numbers 0-10

_____ Count objects in a set

_____ Count orally 0 - 25

Number Recognition

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Writing

_____ Draw picture

_____ Orally tell a story about
the picture

_____ Understand that the
picture carries meaning

_____ Write name with correct
letter formation

Letter Formation

Please practice the correct stroke order shown below for each letter.

