

R.B. Wright Elementary School



Student Handbook 2021-2022

Good Manners, Good Grades and Good Attendance

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome to R.B. Wright Elementary School. We look forward to working with you and your child this year. Please take the time to look over the contents of this handbook. It explains what you can expect from the staff at our school as well as our expectations of you and your child. If at any time you are unclear about an item, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

We hope that you will remember R.B. Wright Elementary School is your school and our success greatly depends on you. Plan to get involved at the school and spend quality time talking with your child about his/her school day. Also, become actively involved in your child's education by knowing his/her daily schedule, homework assignments, friends, etc.

Together we can make the 2021-2022 school term a successful and rewarding experience for both you and your child.

Our Vision

R. B. Wright Elementary School will serve as a model of excellence in the areas of academic achievement, fine arts, attendance, and student success.

Our Mission

R. B. Wright Elementary is committed to providing its students with opportunities for academic excellence in a safe and caring environment where individual differences are respected.

We Believe:

- All students learn differently, and varying teaching strategies are needed to meet individual needs and learning styles.
- All students learn best in an encouraging environment where expectations are high.
- All students can learn responsibility and the consequences of their choices.
- All students can be taught goal setting and problem solving.
- All students should learn to respect themselves, others, and property.

Commitments:

In order to achieve the shared vision of our school: RBW staff have made the following commitments.

- Create a positive environment for your child
- Engage in meaningful professional learning
- Collaborate with each other on common goals.
- Work together to support the STEAM initiative in all content areas.
- Provide parent resources/information to support your child.

R. B. Wright's School Goals:

- Students will read on grade level.
- Students will be able to perform appropriate grade-level math skills.
- Students will demonstrate appropriate grade-level skills in the area of writing.
- Students will demonstrate personal responsibility for their actions.
- Students will demonstrate an understanding of fine arts.
- Students will apply the Engineering Design Process (EDP) and Design Thinking in varying activities of the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) initiative.

Our STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) initiative will engage and empower students during their school careers and provide life skills. Many of the STEAM activities are done daily in the classrooms through project based lessons and inquiry based lessons. We also have STEAM days where school wide activities and challenges allow students to problem solve, work collaboratively and complete different projects/challenges. STEAM supports a wide range of activities. Listed below are some of the STEAM related activities:

- School Wide STEAM Days
- Science/ Math- Project Lead the Way Lessons, Math manipulatives
- Science Experiments- consumable products, microscopes, experiments
- Technology- robots, computers, iPads, chromebooks
- Engineering- Makers Movement, Legos, Project Lead the Way Lessons
- Art Classes/Club- supplies focusing on Art and Geometry
- STEAM Classes- focusing on Science/Measurement/Data/Art
- STEAM Grade Level Projects- Pollinator Garden, Litter Project, School Garden, Composting/Tortoise Habitat, etc.
- Music - Chapel/Fine Arts/Theatre Programs

The following procedures and policies are additions to our county policies and are school specific to R. B. Wright Elementary School.

SCHOOL HOURS: Due to scheduled supervision, students should not arrive at school until 7:10 am. Students wishing to eat breakfast should report to the cafeteria. Breakfast service begins at 7:10 am. If you want your child to eat breakfast at school, please drop him/her off early enough so there is sufficient time to eat before school begins. Students choosing not to eat breakfast should report directly to their classroom when the bell rings at 7:20.

School instruction begins at 7:40 am and ends at 2:30 pm. Any student arriving after 7:40 am will be considered tardy. If a child arrives after 7:40 am, he/she must sign in at the school office. ***An adult MUST sign in any student who arrives late.***

STUDENT DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP: **Bus transportation is only provided to in-zone students.** All students who do not ride the bus to school should be dropped off in the back of the school except Pre-k and 5th grade students and siblings. Pre-K students and 5th grade students and siblings may be dropped off in the front of the school. Please follow afternoon pick up routes on the dismissal plan and share with those picking up your child. Because we often schedule after-school meetings and training sessions for our staff, all students should be picked up before 2:45 pm.

CAFETERIA: Visitors are not allowed to eat lunch with your child. We are focusing on the safety of all students.

LUNCH DELIVERIES - We ask to help with interruptions to make plans to have your child's lunch prepared before they are dropped off each day. No deliveries should be made to the school.

Students attending all Colquitt County schools are eligible for breakfast and lunch at **NO COST**. No further action or any additional application is needed.

CLUBS: R. B. Wright offers the following clubs/organizations to eligible students.

Art Club provides extended opportunities for students to create art for the classroom and school community. It is offered to 4th and 5th graders, once per week from 2:30-3:30.

- Purpose: Art Club is a way for your child to further their experience in Art at R.B.Wright Elementary
- Club Advisor: Ty Sutz
- Activities: Club members create age appropriate artwork using a variety of media, as well as help design and paint murals for our school.

Junior BETA Club is open to 4th and 5th graders who maintain an 85 or above average in all academic areas after the second grading period.

- Purpose: BETA Club encourages effort, rewards merit, and reinforces good citizenship.
- Club Advisors: Caroline Glenn/Kristin Griner/Amy Grobe/Hayley Jarvis/Grabiela Ramirez
- Activities: quarterly meetings, school service projects, sponsors dance, end-of-year trip, student scholarships

Student Government Association (SGA) provides leadership opportunities as officers and board members.

- Purpose: SGA exists to provide students with an opportunity to voice ideas that will have a positive impact on our school and our community.
- Club Advisors: Hayley Jarvis and Caroline Glenn
- Activities: school and community projects, Homecoming float, sale of Packer favors, fundraisers, student scholarships

Technology Club is a computer skills, after-school club open to 4th and 5th graders.

- Purpose: This club provides opportunities for 4th and 5th graders to extend their basic computer knowledge through high interest, technology activities.
- Club Advisors:
- Activities: create products through the use of technology (i.e. web pages, PowerPoint presentations, digital and video photography, etc.)

Video Broadcasting is open to students in 4th & 5th grade.

- Purpose: This club provides opportunities for students in 4th & 5th grade to learn how to record, compile, & edit videos to produce a school news broadcast and special videos for R.B. Wright.
- Club Advisor: Kendra Jenkins
- Activities: Members of this club work to write, record, edit and publish the weekly news for R.B. Wright and create special videos for special events.

Running Club is open to 2nd - 5th graders.

- Purpose: to provide students with an opportunity to become healthy through exercise.
- Club Advisor: Martha Hobbs
- Activities: promotes a healthy lifestyle through exercise

TOME Reading Bowl Team is open to 4th and 5th graders

- Purpose: promotes a passion for reading
- Club Advisors: Bonnie Kirkley and Susie Strange
- Activities: read and discuss children's literature and participation in reading bowls

R. B. Wright Choir- 3rd-5th grade students

- Purpose: learn proper vocal technique in a choral situation through weekly rehearsals
- Faculty Advisor: Ingrid Wingate
- Activities: Weekly rehearsals and formal concerts; occasional community performances

Theatre Performing Arts Club - 3rd-5th grade students

- Purpose: focus on Georgia Theatre Arts Standards learning and contextualizing theatre arts vocabulary through rehearsing and performing a musical
- Faculty Advisor: Ingrid Wingate
- Activities: Weekly rehearsals and formal stage performances

4-H is available to all 4th and 5th graders and is held during designated class time.

- Purpose: "I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking, my HEART to greater loyalty, my HANDS to larger service, and my HEALTH to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my World."
- Club Advisors: 4th and 5th Grade Teachers, 4-H Representatives
- Activities: updated at monthly meetings

Choosing Healthy Activities and Methods Promoting Safety (CHAMPS) is available to 5th graders and is completed during designated time during the school day.

- Purpose: CHAMPS provides students with the skills to avoid involvement in drugs, violence, gangs, negative peer pressures, etc.
- Club Advisors: 5th Grade Teachers, Colquitt County Sheriff's Representative
- Activities: classroom activities, graduation ceremony

Star Wars/Dodgeball Club is open to 2nd- 5th graders.

- Purpose: to provide students with an opportunity to become healthy through exercise
- Club Advisor: Martha Hobbs
- Activities: promotes a healthy lifestyle through exercise

Academic Quiz Bowl is for 4th and 5th grade

- Purpose: to encourage students learning while promoting teamwork
- Club Advisor: David Griner
- Activities: promotes student good study habits and learning outside of the classroom.

R. B. Wright PTO Information
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Our Parent-Teacher Organization is a volunteer group dedicated to supporting RBW and enhancing the educational quality for ALL its students. Parental involvement is important and contributes greatly to the success of our school. We invite you to share your gifts of time, talent, and/or money to help RBW's PTO! Please follow the R.B. Wright Elementary School Facebook page and school Remind messages for information and reminders throughout the year.

Officers

President - Alicia Sims
Vice President - Casey Jo Bennett
Treasurer - Karen Carver
Secretary - Joy Croy
Past President - Carrie Lasseter

Annual Special Events

Snow Day - Katie Harrison, Chair
Water Day - Christine Clifton, Chair
Teacher Appreciation - Jenna Alderman,
Chair / Lacey Herndon, Co-Chair

Fundraising

Fence Banner Advertising - Laura Dell, Chair

Support your school and advertise for your business by purchasing a banner to hang all year along the alley. Contact sunbeltransfers@gmail.com for more information.

Spirit Night - Megan Fleetwood, Chair / Kristen Pucik, Co-Chair

Please eat dinner and support our school when spirit nights are offered throughout the year. If you have a restaurant that would like to participate, please contact mmorse27@gmail.com.

Pregame Supper - Beth Cannon, Chair / Alex Newton, Co-Chair

RBW will be hosting the Packers' pre-game supper for the Colquitt County vs. Westlake game on August 27, 2021. Help support this fundraiser by selling tickets and serving the night of the event. Contact bethcannon3@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer.

Raffle - Carrie Lasseter, Chair

Last year we raised over \$22,000 for our school with this fundraiser! We will begin raffle ticket sales in January 2022. Contact carriegeerlasseter@gmail.com to learn about ways to help.

Brick Campaign and Car Magnet Sales - Stella Wingate, Chair

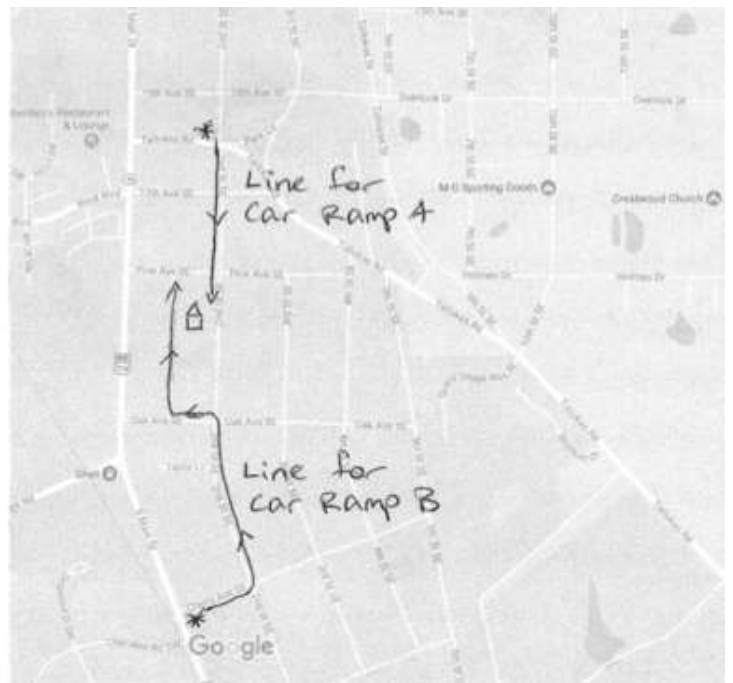
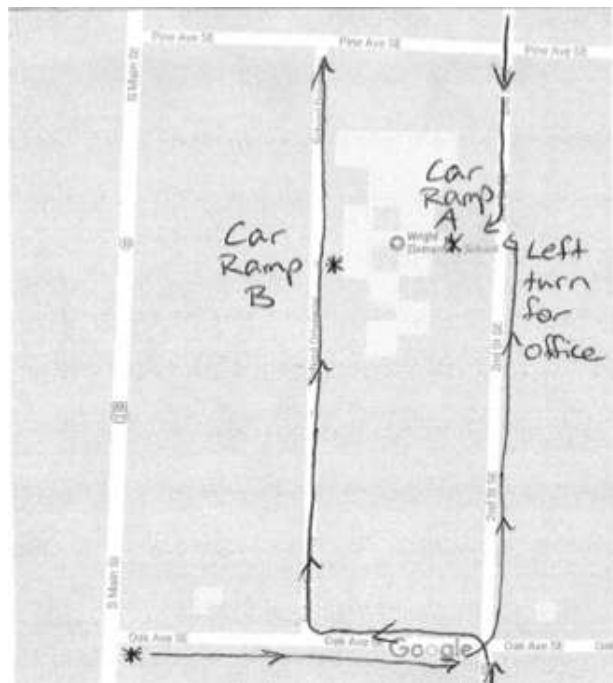
Take an opportunity to leave a legacy and beautify our campus at the same time by purchasing a brick for your child or for someone special you would like to honor or remember. You can also support RBW by purchasing a magnet for your vehicle. Contact stellafwingate@gmail.com for more information about either of these programs.

Please contact one of the officers or chairs if you would like to contribute in any way. We look forward to working together to serve the needs of our children. This is going to be a great year at RBW!

Alicia Sims

R. B. WRIGHT

Dismissal Plan



Car Ramp Assignments

Car Ramp A (next to front office):

Buses, Day Care Vans, Pre-K, K

Car Ramp B (next to cafeteria):

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th

**Families with multiple children should convene at the ramp assigned to the youngest child.*

Car Ramp A

Merge into carline at the red-light intersection of Tallokas Road and 2nd Street.

At all times, leave intersections and entrance to Front Office unobstructed.

Car Ramp B

Merge into carline by turning onto Cherry Avenue from S. Main Street.

Turn left onto 2nd Street, turn left onto Oak Ave, and make a right-hand turn into Car Ramp B.

At all times, leave intersections unobstructed.

PBIS at R. B. Wright

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As a school, we want to be proactive in teaching our students positive behaviors. Therefore, R. B. Wright is participating in Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS). We are using this framework to help our students have a safe, positive learning environment and to provide consistency in all areas of our school.

What does PBIS look like at R. B. Wright?

We will be using three consistent school-wide expectations:

The “3 Rs” -

Be Respectful

Be Responsible

Follow Routine

You will see these expectations posted throughout the building, as well, as in each classroom. Our teachers will be using lesson plans to teach these three expectations to our students for all areas of the school (cafeteria, playground, classroom, etc.). To reinforce these expectations, your child/children will be acknowledged with R. B. Bucks when they display one of the “3 R’s”. They will then be able to shop in our PBIS school store (located in the cafeteria) or participate in our whole school celebrations throughout the academic year. Students will also be able to use their R. B. Bucks for classroom incentives.

How can you be a partner in this effort?

We want you to be a partner in helping us make our school a more positive place for our children to learn. During Open House you will receive our Expectations Matrix and Classroom Matrix. Please review these matrices with your child/children. Additional ways to be involved are: using the expectations in your home, making sure your child/children come to school on time every day, and asking them if they were acknowledged throughout the day. Any staff member can acknowledge any student, so please encourage your child/children to display our “3 R’s” all day long.

Please remember that we are using a framework and we will meet some challenges along the way. But, we know that together, through consistency and positive relationships, we will improve the behavior of all students for many years to come.

Thank you,

R. B. Wright PBIS Committee

Grade Level Schedules

	Lunch	Recess
Prek	10:40	9:00
Kindergarten	10:50	1:30
1st Grade	11:10	12:45
2nd Grade	12:20	10:20
3rd Grade	11:30	12:05
4th Grade	11:45	1:05
5th Grade	12:00	11:45

Special Lunches

DUE TO COVID - We are not having visitors for Covid this year.

GRADING

Colquitt County's Promotion and Retention Policy will be upheld. Each teacher shall be responsible for determining through a variety of assessments whether a student appears to be on grade level or achieving at a level which, with accelerated, differentiated, or additional instruction or interventions, would allow the student to perform at grade level by the conclusion of the subsequent school year.

Where the teacher believes the student is not performing at such a level, the teacher must implement remediation efforts as set forth in regulations or procedures. Parents will be informed of promotion and retention requirements in the student handbook or in other information disseminated to parents. A school-level team will review a student's performance prior to any decision to retain the student.

Prior to a student's retention, the student's parents must be notified of the possibility of retention and given the opportunity to attend a meeting to discuss the matter. School-level promotion and retention decisions may be appealed to the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent's decision shall be final.

Honor's Day

Honor's Day will occur for 3rd-5th Grade students. PK- 2nd Grade students will be honored with end of year celebrations in their classrooms.

Academic Honor Roll

3rd-5th Grade Students who earn an 85 or above in all academic areas.

Honor Roll of Excellence

3rd-5th grade students who earn a 93 or above in all academic areas.

Presidential Pin

5th grade students who earn a 93 or above in all academic areas each grading period throughout the year.

RBW Traditions

Chapel- Every Friday

R.B. Wright's Performing Arts Program began in 1960. The program traditions include a musical/dramatic program performed by each class in all grades throughout the year, character education is re-enforced throughout student role-playing, and students are recognized for community achievements. By participating the students are exposed and/or master the Georgia Standards of Excellence specifically English Language Arts/Speaking and Listening Standards.

Every Friday, there are two performances at 8 and 9. Each class will be assigned a Friday to perform. Families and guests are invited. Parents will be invited to help prepare for the program with costumes, snacks, and decorations.

Grits for Grands- September

In 2001, Grits for Grands became a tradition. All grandparents are invited to attend a free breakfast in their honor for Grandparent's Day.

Room Parents/Moms

Each teacher appreciates having a room parent. This parent agrees to help the teacher organize events and needs in the classroom such as parties, chapel, and holiday events.

Ornament Day

Ornament Day varies from grade level to grade level. This event usually occurs in December and parents are encouraged to offer help creating ornaments with the students.

White Christmas

During the last week before Christmas break, we encourage our students/families to give back to the community. We have a drive to collect for the Food Bank and the Humane Society. On the last day before break, the student body attends an assembly where some students perform. Teachers will contact parents if their child/class is performing to invite you to attend.

Snow Day

A tradition since 2004, Snow Day is a special occasion each year. It "snows" every year in January on the RBW hill. All students, parents and staff snow tube down the hill. PTO funds Snow Day each year through different fundraisers. Parents are invited to attend and help push students on the sleds and tubes.

Market Day

Market Day is a new tradition. Each grade will create a grade level product connected to their STEAM projects. Parents and guests are invited to attend and shop the student created merchandise. Students develop skills to be entrepreneurs from growth, production, marketing and sales.

Field Day

Three different events occur. Prek has its very own Field Day. Kindergarten- 2nd Grade will have a special day and 3rd- 5th Grade students will be scheduled for another day. Parents are invited to attend. Many parents bring lawn chairs and set up tents. Snacks are available to purchase from the SGA.