

Whiteriver Unified School District No. 20

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Parent & Community Newsletter

October 2023

WUSD Families,

Here we are one quarter of the way through the school year! This school year has brought changes to the Student Information System, which is the electronic system we use to store all student information including attendance and grades. The registration process was completed in the new system so all parents have access through Parent VUE. The Parent Portal link on the website takes you to the parent access page. When you log in you can see information for all students under your care including daily attendance and grades. Although all schools send out progress reports and attendance letters, I highly recommend logging in from time to time. If you have questions or need help logging in, you may see the Student Data Coordinator at your child's school.

Something else new this year is the testing system used for district tests. All schools give a pretest and posttest as well as a test at the end of every quarter to monitor how much students learn within that time. This year all five schools are using the same system for these tests. This will allow us to better track student learning and growth from Kindergarten to 12th grade. If you have questions about your student's grade or test scores you should contact the teacher.

As we move through the school year, I want to emphasize the importance of students attending school every day. The 4-day school week creates a significant loss of learning when students do not attend school regularly. Please make school attendance a priority in your home.

Families are partners in education, we appreciate your support and encourage you to be actively involved in your child's education by attending monthly PAC meetings, quarterly parent-teacher conferences and other school activities.

Happy Fall and Happy 2nd Quarter!

Superintendent Leann Lacapa

Our Mission
WUSD, together with community, will empower all students to achieve their highest potential, graduating prepared for college and careers.

Our Core Values
Schools are for Children
Schools Belong to the Community
Schools are People Developers
Self-Effort Educates

Governing Board
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Leann Lacapa

Alchesay High School
Principal Dr. Monica Barajas
AP/AD Dr. Chris Johnson
AP/CTE Laurel Endfield

Canyon Day Junior High
Principal Darcy Helle
AP/AD Brianna Endfield

Cradleboard Elementary
Principal William Beach

Seven Mile Elementary
Principal Misty Cook-Goseyun

Whiteriver Elementary
Principal Bonnie Kasey

Important Schedule Reminders:

All WUSD schools are on a 4-day school week. All schools and district offices are closed to the public on Fridays.

Elementary Schools	Start time: 8:45 a.m.	End time: 3:45 p.m.
Canyon Day Junior High	Start time: 7:35 a.m.	End time: 2:35 p.m.
Alchesay High School	Start time: 7:35 a.m.	End time: 2:45 p.m.

All students should be on time every day!

Nil Goch'oba' "Be Kind" Campaign

The mission of Whiteriver Unified School District is to empower all students to achieve their highest potential, graduating prepared for higher learning and careers. One key aspect of this mission is ensuring that all students have a safe and secure learning environment. We all have a responsibility to do our part to create a secure and safe environment for students, staff and community members. This year we will use the Apache phrase "*Nil Goch'oba*", "be kind" to emphasize the importance of being mindful and thoughtful in our words and actions. Keep a lookout for presentations at PAC meetings and school activities to promote kindness every day.

WUSD Construction Projects

The Governing Board has been committed to improving facilities throughout the school district over the last year including:

- AHS Wellness Building
- New press box at AHS football field
- New AHS Softball field
- AHS Baseball field renovations
- SES roof replacement and structural repairs
- Activity Center renovations-concession stand, scoreboards
- CDJH scoreboard

Current Projects:

- CDJH Iron-rod fencing
- Additional teaching housing units
- CDJH field house renovations

District leadership continues to assess facility needs to determine future projects including school bathroom renovations, HVAC replacement, roofing and fencing.

Governing Board Policy KCD Public Gifts/Donations

While WUSD welcomes the enthusiastic support for students and athletic teams in the form of gifts and donations it is important that Governing Board Policy KCD is followed. This policy requires that all gifts and donations be prior approved by the WUSD Governing Board. Please see the district website for the Letter to the Public regarding donations; you may stop by any school front office or district office for a copy of the letter. The Governing Board meets the second Wednesday of every month so donation approval does require advance preparation.

School Custodian Appreciation Day October 2, 2023



WUSD By the Numbers

1	Preschool
5	School Campuses
22	District Buildings
39	CBE 3 rd Graders-smallest grade level in district
50	% Native American Staff
63	Daily Bus Routes (a.m., midday, and p.m.)
72	AHS Staff-largest staff in district
144	Total School Days
205	1 st graders-largest elementary grade level
266	Cradleboard Elem students-smallest district school
259	10 th graders-largest grade level in district
405	Whiteriver Elem students
420	CDJH students
437	Total district staff
438	Seven Mile Elem students
827	AHS students
2,356	Total Students