



WILDWOOD WHATNOT

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UPCOMING EVENTS

AUG

- 9** First day of school - Welcome Back!
- 10** New Parent Orientation - 6-7pm
- 31** Back to School Night - 6-7pm

SEPT

- 4 Labor Day - **No School**
- 5 Regular schedule for First, Second and Third Graders begins today

IMPORTANT LINKS

Wildwood Morning Car Line and Afternoon Release	Wildwood Family Calendar	Wildwood School Calendar	Hot Lunch Use password Wildwood
Witter Field Update	Student Schedule	Breakfast Available for all at the front picnic tables!	
WWD Calendar for 2023-2024			

ATTENDANCE REPORTING

Please report your student's absence or tardiness - include the reason.
You are welcome to email your teacher but you must also report by either calling 510-594-2719 or emailing: wwdattendance@piedmont.k12.ca.us

MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL DAYMOND

Dear Wildwood Families and Community,

It is my absolute delight to welcome you back for another wonderful year at Wildwood Elementary! This year marks a special milestone in Wildwood's history, as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of our school's establishment in 1924. For a century, Wildwood Elementary has provided an exceptional education to generations of students. As the newly appointed Principal, I am honored to join the Wildwood community during this momentous centennial year. I look forward to commemorating this important occasion with our students, families, teachers, and staff throughout the 2023-2024 school year.

Though much has changed over the past 100 years, Wildwood's commitment to academic excellence and nurturing young minds remains unwavering. Here's to the next 100 years of learning and growth!

At Wildwood, we strive to see each and every student, making sure they feel known, supported, and that they belong. My top priority is nurturing an environment where



every child can thrive academically and socially. I am committed to fostering excellence and success for all!

Together with our Trischool partners, Beach and Havens, we share a vision of developing curious, creative, collaborative students who think critically, communicate effectively, and act responsibly. Our Trischool community is dedicated to academic excellence within a supportive, inclusive climate.

Guided by the Wildwood Way, we build community by being responsible, being respectful, being inclusive and being problem-solvers. I am inspired to see the connections we create by living these values each day.

I'm looking forward to getting to know each of you and supporting your children as they learn and grow. Please feel welcome to reach out anytime with questions or ideas. Please stop by and introduce yourself! I know this is the start of an amazing year!

Fondly,
Melissa Daymond
Principal Wildwood Elementary



Please be sure to read our [Piedmont Trischool Welcome Back Letter](#)

Stay up to date on what's happening at Wildwood by reading our weekly **Wildwood Whatnot**, sent every Wednesday. The Whatnot has information on campus events, Parent Club activities, and District news. You can also download the [Wildwood School Calendar](#) to see all school and Parent Club events at a glance. Reading the Whatnot and checking the online calendar are great ways to stay in the loop on Wildwood happenings! Another great resource is our [Wildwood Website](#)!

Wildwood Bell Schedule: *Special schedule for August 9 to September 1*

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday Minimum day	Thursday	Friday
8:30 am START	K-5 school starts	K-5 school starts	K-5 school starts	K-5 school starts	K-5 school starts
2:00 pm Grade K	Kindergarten Dismissal	Kindergarten Dismissal	1:45 pm ALL students K - 5 Dismissal	Kindergarten Dismissal	Kindergarten Dismissal
2:00 Grades 1,2, the 3	Grades 1, 2, and 3 Dismissal	Grades 1, 2, and 3 Dismissal		Grades 1, 2, and 3 Dismissal	Grades 1, 2, and 3 Dismissal

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8:30 am START	K-5 school starts	K-5 school starts	K-5 school starts	K-5 school starts	K-5 school starts
3:00 pm Grades 4 and 5	Grades 4 and 5 Dismissal	Grades 4 and 5 Dismissal		Grades 4 and 5 Dismissal	Grades 4 and 5 Dismissal

Individual Reading Assessment Schedule

Grades 1-3 ONLY

August 9th - September 1st

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade students ONLY
- 2:00 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday Dismissal
- Wednesday's dismissal will remain at 1:45 pm for ALL GRADES 1 - 5
- Tuesday, September 5: Grades 1 - 3 join grades 4 and 5 with the regular schedule dismissal at 3:00 pm. (Monday is Labor Day.)

As we prepare for the first day of school, I want to share some reminders to support a smooth start to a new year for all:

- Class assignments are available Friday, 8/4, after 4:00 pm
- Kindergarten Meet and Greet: Tuesday, 8/8, 8:30 am - 8:50 am, Kindergarten Playdate following on the kindergarten playground!
- Wednesday, August 9th School starts at 8:30 am
- No supervision before 8:20 am first week, 8:25 am after
- Be mindful and respectful at dropoff. Please contribute to the safety for all
- Grades 1 - 3 release at 2:00 pm through 9/1 for reading assessments.
- Beginning Tuesday, 9/5, release at 3:00 pm for grades 1 - 5
- Kindergarteners release daily @ 2:00 pm except for Wednesday @ 1:45 pm
- Every Wednesday is 1:45 pm release for ALL grades
- Breakfast is served at 8:15am at the front gate picnic tables.
- Lunches are set for the first week. You do not need to preorder.
- Order [LunchMasters](#) by Tuesday, 9 am weekly.
- Bring water bottle, snack, and lunch (if you choose)
- All school supplies are provided.
- You will be receiving a welcome back letter from your child's teacher highlighting more specific details pertaining to your child's classroom.
- The new family orientation is Thursday, August 10th, 6-7 pm, in the Wildwood Library. (For parents/guardians only.)

There is a lot of information here... and more is yet to come. Have questions?
Please reach out!

- Principal Melissa Daymond: mdaymond@piedmont.k12.ca.us
- Administrative Assistants to Principal
Christine Petersen & Jennifer Davidhazy: Wildwoodoffice@piedmont.k12.ca.us

- Wildwood Parent's Club Presidents
Nicole Moore & Carolyn Pan:
wildwoodparentsclub@gmail.com

Trischool Mission

Beach Elementary, Havens Elementary, and Wildwood Elementary, the three elementary schools in Piedmont Unified, are intentional in working together to support a Trischool Vision of Academic Excellence. We are committed to providing students and staff with a supportive, caring, and inclusive community where learning experiences foster life-long curiosity, creativity, collaboration, critical thinking, communication, and responsible citizenship.

WILDWOOD NEWS

COUNSELING CORNER

Welcome back to school!

While many students are happy to walk right into school on the first day, others are more reluctant to separate from their caregivers in the morning. First step is to check in with yourself and make sure you are managing your own separation anxiety privately. Children look to parents for reassurance about what's dangerous and what's not. So while you're empathizing with your child's concerns, be sure that you're also expressing confidence that your child will be safe and happy at school. You can explain that it is completely "normal" to be a bit anxious about a new situation, but they can trust that their teacher will take care of them. Some ideas that may help:

- Develop special goodbye rituals like a brief song or movement you do together
- Send a note or picture from home in their backpack
- Plan something they can look forward to when they get home from school
- Create times for laughter in the morning to reduce stress
- Get lots of sleep!

In addition to talking with your child's teacher, please don't hesitate to reach out if you feel your child is struggling during their school day.



Colleen Stormer, School Counselor

cstormer@piedmont.k12.ca.us

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PARENTS CLUB NEWS

WILDWOOD PARENTS CLUB MESSAGE

Dear Wildwood Families,

Please join us Wednesday, August 9th, to welcome Ms. Daymond to Wildwood, have some Back To School Coffee and purchase some Wildwood Gear in the courtyard after drop off. On behalf of the Wildwood Parents Club, we hope your summer vacations were enjoyable and we welcome you back to school. We also want to extend a warm welcome to all new families and look forward to working with you this year.

The Wildwood Parents Club and Wildwood Dad's Club, jointly provide volunteer support for our school and our wonderful teachers. Additionally, we organize fundraising efforts in conjunction with Beach and Havens Parents' Clubs and the Piedmont Education Foundation. The high quality of education in Piedmont is due in large part to the high level of parent involvement. We hope that we will be able to lead all parents of Wildwood students to actively participate in volunteer and fundraising efforts.

As our children join their friends and teachers in the classrooms, we will welcome new parents, visit with friends and sign up to help with various projects, fundraisers and programs that make Wildwood such an enriching experience for our children. Working together, We are Wildwood.

[Nicole](#) and [Carolyn](#)

WPC Co-Presidents

wildwoodparentsclub@gmail.com



PUSD NEWS AND EVENTS

PLAYDATES

- Kindergarten playdates on August 5th and 8th [here](#).
- 3rd grade playdate on Friday, August 4th at 3:30pm at Piedmont Park

SCHOOL NEWS TO KNOW

- [Register](#) your student by Friday, **August 4th** to receive their class assignment at 4PM **THEN...** head over to the **Room Parent** [sign-ups](#) and **THEN** sign up!
 - **Leave Phones and Connected Watches at home!!!**
 - **EARLY DISMISSAL REMINDER** for 1ST-3RD GRADE is at 2:00pm until Sept. 4th except Wednesdays.
 - After School Enrichment (**ASE**) classes for 1st-3rd grade [registration](#). Fall Semester After School Enrichment [registration](#) opens **Aug 17th**.
 - **Traffic Safety** Want to help show our new Principal that we can drive safely? [Sign up](#) to help direct traffic or just show up and put on an orange vest found just inside the front doors on the left in a basket. [Traffic Rules](#)
 - **School Lunch** Please order lunches for the second week of school by Tuesday, August 8th at 9am. TIP: order for the whole month if you can and try to only order for days that your student will pick the lunch. The school only gets reimbursed for lunches that are picked up.
 - **Harvest Festival** What is it? Find out more and about all of the activities on the WPC [website](#).
 - **Wildwood Gear** Merch is back! Purchase a cute tee or cozy sweatshirt for yourself or your little one, now's your chance! You will soon be able to order online via the Piedmont store. We'll also bring the gear to many of the in-person events this fall so you can try and buy!
- Happy shopping!
- The Merch Team



WILDWOOD PARENT CLUB NEEDS YOU!

- WPC is urgently looking for an **Assistant Treasurer** to help with managing payments and reimbursements and to work occasionally with the Treasurer on budget. Please email [Nicole](#) or [Carolyn](#) if this sounds like a fit for you.
- Please join the WPC in the **Wildwood Library** on **August 22nd** from **7-8pm** for the first WPC meeting!

JOIN THE WILDWOOD DADS CLUB!!!

The Wildwood Dads Club (WWDC) fosters community support and fundraising for Wildwood Elementary School through monthly social gatherings, barbecues, a month-long pumpkin patch, the wildly popular annual Crab Feed, and other great events.

Sign up here or email wwdcpresident@gmail.com for more information.

First Dads Club Meeting

August 23, 7:30pm at the Kona Club

Wildwood Entire School Welcome Back BBQ

August 24, 5:30-7:30pm



MORE SCHOOL INFO + RESOURCES

WPC WEBSITE

WILDWOOD FACEBOOK COMMUNITY

PUSD CALENDAR

PUSD ELEMENTARY ACADEMIC
CALENDAR

WILDWOOD FAMILY CALENDAR

IN-PERSON RESOURCES

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Whatnot submissions are due on Tuesdays.
Please email: whatnot@piedmont.k12.ca.us