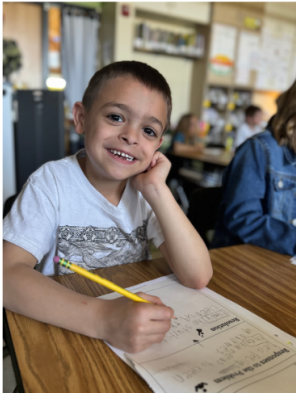




## WILDWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BACK-TO-SCHOOL INFORMATION & EVENTS

2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR



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## Back-to-School Guides

The Back-to-School Guides are available via the links below. The guides contain information about school supplies, open house events, nutrition, transportation, and helpful information to prepare for the 2025-26 school year.

- [Wildwood Elementary Back-to-School Guide](#)
- [O.H. Anderson Elementary Back-to-School Guide](#)
- [Mahtomedi Middle School Back-to-School Guide](#)
- [Mahtomedi High School Back-to-School Guide](#)
- [Passages Back-to-School Guide](#)
- [Preschool Back-to-School Guide](#)

## Back-to-School Checklist

- ☐ [Read the Family and Student Handbook](#). Complete the verification forms in Infinite Campus by September 2.
- ☐ Use Infinite Campus to see your child's homeroom teacher for the 2025-26 school year. Available on **August 21 after 12 pm**.
- ☐ Obtain School Supplies: [Click here for the Wildwood School Supply lists](#).
- ☐ Use the pin pad picture to practice your student's lunch pin. Pins will be emailed in August.
- ☐ Review the [educational benefits form](#) to see if your family qualifies for the 2025-26 school year.
- ☐ If interested, apply for [health insurance for your child](#).
- ☐ Transportation postcards will be mailed to families at the end of August. If you do not receive a postcard, please contact transportation services at 651-407-2431 or email them at [transportation@isd832.net](mailto:transportation@isd832.net).

Dear Wildwood Families,

Welcome to the 2025-26 school year! Wildwood Elementary School is a joyful family, and we will be here to support each other and provide an excellent education for your child.

This welcome packet has links to find important information to get the school off to a great start! You'll find information about school supplies, how to find out your child's teacher, and other important information.

Wildwood has been busy this summer. We've been planning and preparing for the school year and working together to ensure the support of all of our learners.

We have an opportunity to get to know students socially and academically before school starts. We will be having Assessment Days on Tuesday, September 2nd, and Wednesday, September 3rd. School for all Wildwood students starts Thursday, September 4th.

Your joyful partner,  
Mr. Scott Briske, Principal, Wildwood Elementary School

## **New Staff or New to a Position at Wildwood Elementary School**

### **Teachers:**

- Megan Ferlong SPED Teacher

### **Paraprofessionals**

- Cassandra Lukin SPED Paraprofessional

### **Important Dates/Calendars**

[WW Digital Day Calendar](#)

[District printable school year calendar](#)

### **School Supplies**

[Click here for the Wildwood School Supply lists](#)

All students can bring their supplies to assessment days. If you need school supply support, [please view this information for instructions.](#)

### **Open House and Assessment Day Details**

Wildwood is excited to share important updates to the Open House and Assessment Day schedules for the upcoming school year, designed to strengthen family connections and support student success.

### **Kindergarten ONLY Schedule:**

#### **August 28: Kindergarten Open House (4:00–5:30 PM)**

Kindergarten families are invited to attend Open House, where they can meet their child's teacher and specialist staff. Outside organizations, including MAC, MAEF, and the PTO, will also attend to provide helpful resources and community support. *Please note that only kindergarten and specialist teachers will be present on the 28th.*

#### **Kindergarten Family Connection/Assessment Day & Picture Day**

**September 2 (11:00 AM–7:00 PM) OR September 3 (8:00 AM–4:00 PM)**

Kindergarten families can meet with teachers, participate in assessments,

and have their child's picture taken. These days provide flexible opportunities for families to engage with the school and support their child's learning.

*In August, a sign-up for a 35-minute time slot for either day will be sent out to Kindergarten families.*

### **Grades 1-2 Schedule:**

**August 28th, No Open House** For grades 1–5, the traditional Open House has been replaced with an extended Family Connection and Assessment Day.

#### **Grade 1 & 2 Family Connection/Assessment Day & Picture Day**

**September 2 (9:30 AM–7:00 PM) OR September 3 (8:00 AM–4:00 PM)** This will be a time for families to meet with teachers, see the classroom, and take some short assessments. Picture day will also take place during these hours.

*In early August, a sign-up for a 35 min time slot for either day will be sent out to Grade 1-2 families.*

### **What Families Can Expect**

These changes reflect Wildwood's commitment to creating meaningful opportunities for families to engage with teachers, specialists, and community partners early in the school year. Renaming Assessment Days to Family Connection Days highlights the importance of partnership and communication.

### **Assessment Day Plan**

Appointment information will be shared with families in mid-August, and you will be able to sign up for a 40-minute appointment. Teachers will use the assessment time to meet with individual students and get to know students personally as readers and mathematicians. Families will have an opportunity to share information and goals for their children.

### **Childcare for Assessment Days**

We will offer free child care on our assessment days (Sept. 2 and Sept. 3) from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. You may choose care for a single day or both days. Our Wildwood paraprofessionals will supervise students. Students will need to

bring their own bag lunch for the day. The sign-up will be coming out in mid-August.

### **Our Mission at Wildwood Elementary School**

The mission of Wildwood Elementary School, the joyful Zephyr family dedicated to building the foundational pathway of learner agency and personal excellence, is to ensure that each student has intrinsic passion for life and learning with compassion for oneself and others, through a vital system distinguished by:

- A culture of exploration, play, wonder, and creativity
- An equitable learning experience for all
- A community that builds authentic relationships, a sense of belonging, collaboration, and trust
- A culture that views challenges as opportunities to persevere and grow
- An array of exceptional and global learning experiences that cultivate academic, social, and emotional growth

### **Student and Family Handbook**

[Please click here for our Student and Family 2025-26 Handbook.](#) All Parents/Guardians must annually verify that they have read and understand the General Information and School Policies and the Summaries of District Policies contained in the Mahtomedi Public Schools Student and Family Handbook. Verification of the handbook must be submitted in Infinite Campus by families by September 2, 2025.



## **School Hours**

Please note the start and end times for our school. School begins at **9:05 AM** and ends at **3:35 PM**. Busing information is available via the district website [www.mahtomedi.k12.mn.us](http://www.mahtomedi.k12.mn.us). If you have any questions regarding transportation, please contact them at 651-407-2431.

## **Morning Drop-off Procedure**

Starting at **8:50 AM**, staff members will be in the drop-off lane area to open your child's door and welcome them into the school. You, the parent, do not need to leave your vehicle! Students cannot enter the building unsupervised before **8:50 AM**, so please do not drop off your child before **8:50 AM**.

(Pre-K families will be parking in the recess lot and entering through the preschool doors.)

## **Doors for students entering and exiting**

*Main Door:* This door is for students who are dropped off, first-grade students who ride the bus, and bus riders who eat breakfast.

*East Door (by Kindergarten):* This door is for Kindergarten and second-grade students who ride the bus. We will have staff outside to support students.

## **Afternoon Pick-up Procedure**

Starting at **3:30 PM**, staff members will be in the pick-up lane area to locate and assist your child in your vehicle. As you arrive, please have your student's name tent on the front dashboard so it is easily seen by the supervising staff. (Each Wildwood student will receive the name tents at the open house or at your child's assessment day.)

*Note: Please do not park in the parking lot and walk between the cars to pick up your child. This disrupts the flow and safety of the pick-up process.*

## **Leaving Wildwood**

Families will be able to exit Wildwood via Stillwater Road/County Road 12 (the same road you entered) or via Jamaca Avenue if you live north of Wildwood. The Jamaca exit can be accessed by the loop road located on the west side of the playground. This exit will be available from 8:50-9:30 AM and 3:30-4:00 PM.

Note: The Jamaca gate is only to be used for exiting Wildwood before and after school. It is not to be used to enter the campus nor to exit during school hours.

## **Communication**

On Thursdays during the school year, you will receive the Wildwood Weekly e-News with timely school information, notifications, and announcements. All registered families are automatically signed up. Please make sure you read this to stay connected to what's happening at Wildwood.

## **School Nutrition**

Due to MN Legislation, breakfast and lunch are provided for free to all students (including preschool) during the school year. Please note that students will be charged for seconds and a la carte items, including milk if they bring their own meal from home. Please click here for [meal prices for seconds](#).

Menus for each of our schools are available on SchoolCafé ([Schoolcafe.com](http://Schoolcafe.com)). Please note: all students MUST take a full meal for the meal to be free. If this requirement is not met, the items will be charged separately at our a la carte prices and not be provided for free. For more information, please visit the [Nutrition Services website](#).

Even though meals are free, students still must input their lunch personal identification number (PIN) when going through the line. You can find your child's lunch PIN by accessing an existing [School Cafe account](#) or creating a free account if you do not yet have one. For new and Kindergarten students who do not have lunch PINs, please know that lunch numbers will be emailed to all families in August.

## **How to see lunch numbers in School Cafe**



- Go to your child.
- Click on the barcode icon to view their lunch PIN number.

One helpful way for elementary students to learn their lunch PIN is by printing a [picture of the lunch pad](#) or letting them see it on a device and letting them practice entering and memorizing their lunch number.

1. Enter your lunch number one key at a time
2. Press the GREEN key marked “ENTER”
3. The green light on top will stay on
4. If the pad beeps, ask the cashier for help
5. If you make a mistake, press the RED “CLEAR” key and start over

**Help Us Keep the Lines Moving** We want students to have as much time to eat as possible, and when students do not know their lunch number, it slows down the lines and reduces the time for students to enjoy lunch.

## **Educational Benefits at Mahtomedi Public Schools**

### ***Need help covering the cost of school-related expenses?***

Fill out an Educational Benefits Application to learn if you are eligible for assistance with school-related activities. **There are several ways educational benefits can support your family, including field trips, athletics, activities, scholarships for community education classes, college preparation and applications, and you may be eligible for potential discounts on utilities, and home technology.** To find out if you qualify, fill out an Educational Benefits Form at [www.schoolcafe.com/mahtomedips](http://www.schoolcafe.com/mahtomedips), sign in and click “apply” or complete the Application for Educational Benefits following the instructions. A new application must be submitted each year. Or use the [pdf printable form](#) and then return your completed Application for Educational Benefits to Mahtomedi District Office, Attn: Nutrition Services Department, 1520 Mahtomedi Avenue, Mahtomedi, MN 55115



### **Infinite Campus**

During the summer of 2025, we are transitioning our student information system from ParentVue/StudentVue to Infinite Campus (Campus). This change is being made to provide a more modern and efficient system to support staff and families. You will use the Campus system to check grades, view schedules, and report attendance (Google Forms will no longer be used for attendance). The ParentVue app and system will no longer be used. Please set up your account as soon as possible as we want to ensure you receive important notifications and can submit absences for the 2025-26 school year. Email instructions were sent to families on Friday, July 18. If you have any questions, please contact the Mahtomedi Technology Department at [MPSCampusSupport@isd832.net](mailto:MPSCampusSupport@isd832.net)

### **Mahtomedi ePay Fees/Donations**

For the upcoming school year, we'll continue to use Mahtomedi ePay as a convenient way for families to pay for fees/donations associated with field trip costs and certain school supplies. We will inform families with the necessary details, including specific amounts and instructions at a later date.

### **Transportation**

If your child needs school transportation for this school year, you will receive a postcard at the end of August from our Transportation Services indicating their bus route number as well as pick up and drop off information. If you do

not receive a postcard and your child will need school transportation, please call our transportation department at 651-407-2431 or email them at [transportation@isd832.net](mailto:transportation@isd832.net)

If you receive a route postcard and your child will no longer need school transportation, please call the transportation department at 651-407-2431 or email them at [transportation@isd832.net](mailto:transportation@isd832.net)

### **Technology/ Devices**

All kindergarten through second-grade students at Wildwood Elementary will be issued an iPad. The device will stay at school each day unless there is a specific reason it needs to go home. If the iPad is brought home, please make sure you take good care of the device, keep it charged, and bring it back to school the next day so it is available for learning.

### **Volunteers/ Visitors**

#### **Important Change for Volunteer Background Checks**

For Mahtomedi Public Schools, student safety is a top priority. To strengthen that commitment, we are updating our volunteer background check process.

#### **What's New**

**All volunteers are required to complete an application and background check annually.** Volunteers are required to complete an application and background check if they plan to volunteer (supervise students without a staff member). No retroactive background checks will be used.

**A background check must be completed if you are supervising groups of students without a staff member present.** A background check is required if you plan to:

- Attend off-campus events with students (e.g., field trip chaperones)
- Work directly with students without the direct supervision of a licensed teacher or administrator (e.g., field days, classroom helpers, Fun Run, book clubs)

## **Background Check Process**

To begin the process, please [visit our volunteer application and background check system](#). Once you complete the application, you will then receive an email for your background check process. The cost will be \$10 each year. For the 2025-26 school year, applications and background checks will be valid from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

Volunteer opportunities will continue to be shared through school newsletters and directly by teachers.

We value our volunteers and are thankful for your support in keeping our schools safe, supportive, and focused on our students. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe school environment!

If you have any questions, please contact George Macko at [george.macko@isd832.net](mailto:george.macko@isd832.net)

## **Referendum**

Mahtomedi Public Schools will hold a two-question referendum on November 4 - one for operating revenue and one for facility improvements. To learn more about our referendum, visit the Mahtomedi Public Schools [referendum website](#) or attend one of the upcoming community learning sessions at 5:30 pm on the following dates: August 6, September 9, September 23, October 7, and October 29 at Mahtomedi High School.

## **Open Job Positions**

We are hiring for the 2025-26 school year. [Click here to see a list of positions we have an immediate need to fill](#). A full list of open positions and more information can be found [here](#).

## **Community Education**

Don't Miss Mahtomedi Community Education Fall Registration  
Mahtomedi Community Education has been busy preparing another year of offering activities, athletics, enrichment, building use, and, of course, our fun family events. Browse the Fall Catalog on [mahtomedi.ce.eleyo.com](http://mahtomedi.ce.eleyo.com) to view

our exciting lineup of opportunities sure to appeal to learners of all ages and interests. Don't miss fall registration, which is live on July 22 at 8 am. We look forward to seeing you explore your passions, develop new hobbies, and connect with others in your community!

Do you have an idea for a Mahtomedi Community Education class, event, or activity? Are you interested in teaching a Mahtomedi Community Education class? Send your ideas to us at [communityed@isd832.net](mailto:communityed@isd832.net). We look forward to connecting!

### **MPTO (Mahtomedi Elementary Parent Teacher Organization)**

The MPTO is a registered 501c3 non-profit that is led entirely by Volunteers. Through our fundraising, we are able to provide discretionary funds and books for classroom teachers and specialists, subsidize field trips, and fund special requests such as the adaptive climbing wall at Wildwood and the Lü Interactive Playground Systems at Wildwood and OHA. We offer enrichment programs for Elementary students, such as Card Sharks/Strategy Games, Missoula Children's Theatre, and Art Adventure. MPTO sponsors teacher appreciation events such as Thankful Thursdays and Holiday meals. MPTO hosts several community events throughout the year like Family Movie Nights, Trunk or Treat and Family Volunteer Day. Funds to support these programs are raised through events like the Fun Run, Spring Fling, book fairs, and yearbook sales. Visit [mahtomedipto.com](http://mahtomedipto.com) to sign up for our newsletter and learn more!

### **Mahtomedi Area Educational Foundation (MAEF) Welcomes the Class of 2038!**

MAEF is excited to Welcome the Kindergarten Class of 2038 and their families! It is time to show your Zephyr Pride! Stop by the MAEF table in the cafeteria during the Wildwood Elementary School Kindergarten Open House on Thursday, August 28, and pick up your free Class of 2038 sign! We'd love to see your Kindergarten student with their Class of 2038 sign! Send your photos to MAEF at [jen.palmer@maefgives.org](mailto:jen.palmer@maefgives.org)

We look forward to connecting with you on September 2 & 3 at the Family Connection & Assessment Days. Discover how MAEF fuels innovation, inspires student engagement, and provides vital support through classroom grants, scholarships, essential resources, and impactful district initiatives like

upgraded playgrounds, digital arts and engineering programs, literacy libraries, and mental wellness support. **Save the Date!**

The Zephyr Get Together | October 2 | Pine Tree Apple Orchard

Fall fun is around the corner! Join us for connection, celebration, and more — details coming soon! Connect with MAEF via our [website](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#) to learn more about MAEF and how you can support Mahtomedi Public Schools!