



# *Falcon News*

## Back to School Newsletter

*William Ford Elementary*

*Five Houses...One School!*

Office: 313-827-6400 School Website: <http://wford.dearbornschools.org>

### August & September, 2019:

- **August 23rd:** Ice Cream Social, 2:00-3:00. Meet teachers,
- **August 26th:** 1st Day of School, 11:45 Dismissal for all students.
- **August 27th-29th:** 1st-5th 3:30 Dismissal, Kindergarten and Young 5's 11:45 Dismissal
- **August 30th-September 2nd:** No School - Labor Day Weekend
- **September 3rd:** Full Days for all Students.
- **Sunday, September 8th:** PTA Back to School event at Ford Field, Ford Field, 1-4:00
- **Thursday, September 12th:** Open House, 6-7:30
- **September 20th:** 11:45 Dismissal
- **September 25th:** Late Start, School begins at 9:30
- **September 27th:** No School for Young 5's and Kindergarten Students
- **Monday, September 30th:** Picture Day!

### Welcome Back Ice Cream Social Returns!

Have an ice cream, meet your child's teacher for the 2019-2020 school year, visit with friends, and join the PTA at our annual Back to School Ice Cream Social on **Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2:00-3:00** in the William Ford Cafeteria!

### Kindergarten and Young 5's Soft Start

All district Kindergarten and Young 5's students will have a Soft Start for the first week of school. Kindergarten and Young 5's students will be dismissed at 11:45, Monday, August 26th through Thursday, August 30th. Afternoons will be spent with parent meetings and workshops, planning, 1-1 assessments, and more to ensure a successful transition for each child. Teachers will share more information and times of meetings with parents.

### 2019-2020 PTA Board

William Ford's PTA Board for the 2019-2020 school year! Congratulations to our new board!

**President: Nada Alajahmi**

**Vice President: Najlaa Ammari**

**Treasurer: Leen Kanafani**

**Co-Secretary: Fatimah Ahmad & TBD**

**Reflections Chair: Intissar Fernandez**

### Are You Interested in Volunteering or Attending Field Trips?

If you are interested in helping with events in your child's classroom or attending field trips you must have a completed i-Chat and Background check on file with Dearborn Schools. There are no exceptions. Come to the school office for more information.

### Scent Sensitivity

Parents and Students...just a reminder that William Ford has students and teachers with severe sensitivity to scents (lotions, perfumes, colognes, detergents, etc.). Please do your best to avoid scented products while attending or visiting William Ford Elementary. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

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## William Ford Elementary Staff for 2019-2020

The staff at William Ford Elementary has spent the summer preparing for the upcoming school year. Many hours have been spent in professional development, researching and reading educational publications on best practices, planning collaboratively, organizing classrooms into learning centers, and some well-deserved rest and relaxation. Our outstanding teaching and support staff is listed below...

**Principal:** David Higgins    **Assistant Principal:** Raeda Akroush

**Preschool:** A. Maktari, G. Abdallah    **Young 5's:** T. Sadek

**Kindergarten Team:** Z. Beydoun, S. Hamm, N. Schaefer, S. Sobh, A. Vann

**1st Grade Team:** S. Alawy, M. Albachachy, M. Bazy, A. Obad, K. Borrello (1st-2nd)

**2nd Grade Team:** F. Ahmad, R. Cwiek, Z. Makled, G. Sabra, K. Borrello (1st-2nd)

**3rd Grade Team:** F. Cheaib, K. Schmidt, T. VanProeyen, S. Zaban

**4th Grade Team:** F. Cercone, K Cojei, M. Hamid, D. Mrocza

**5th Grade Team:** H. Bazy, J. Fakhreddine, I. Fernandez, S. Luckow, R. Michaels

**English Language Development Specialists:** N. Abadeh, F. Abdulla, M. Berry, F. Shami, K. Shajrah, M. Shajrah    **Teacher Consultants:** P. Honer, K. Rodriguez

**Instructional Coaches:** E. Garcia, L. Syring    **Early Childhood Specialist:** C. Rydlicki

**Social Worker:** M. Berry    **Speech:** S. Saidi    **Psychologist:** T. Champagne

**Media Specialist:** T. Lake-Kinnaird    **Media Secretary:** TBD

**Special Area Teachers:** B. Hossein, E. Scannell, S. Adkins, B. Logsdon, J. Lesniak, M. Sabourin, J. Styczynski, J. Lively

**Office Staff:** S. Assaf, A. Babikian, S. Wazne, N. Almudhegi

**Engineer and Custodial Staff:** G. Schilbe, D. Matykowski, D. Banks, K. Moses, G. McComb

**Kitchen Staff:** C. Dughlas, N. Dabak, N. Hendieh

**Noon Hour Supervisors:** E. Abdulla, H. Abu Halawa, A. Ahmed, N. Aldubaily, N. Almudhegi, S. Gorski, H. Mahmoud, N. Hammoud

### Please Remember...

- Please DO NOT park on the Ternes and/or Alber near the safety cones.
- **Daily Schedule: 8:35-3:35 (PK, Young 5's and Kindergarten dismiss at 3:30)**
- NO students should be at school before 8:05 unless they are here to eat breakfast. If they are not here for breakfast they will be asked to call home.
- **Please have students at school ON TIME and picked up from school ON TIME.**
- Students who walk home are to go directly home after school. Please review safety procedures with your child, and your expectations if they walk or ride their bike.
- **For students who ride their bike to school, the bike rack is near the cafeteria entrance. Students are encouraged to lock their bikes.**
- If your child is going to be late or absent, please call the office before 9:00am at 827-6400. The office is open daily from 8:00-4:00.
- **It is very important that the office has at least two emergency numbers on file!**

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