

A vibrant illustration of school supplies spilling out of a blue backpack. The items include a red book, a blue book, a calculator, a magnifying glass, a ruler, a protractor, scissors, pencils, pens, highlighters, and a stapler. The background is dark blue with a yellow splash behind the supplies.

Hello! I'm...

I'm Beth Dagostino, Lead Principal at Westlake Elementary School.



Hello! I'm...

I'm Amanda Musselman, Associate
Superintendent of Instruction



I'm Stephanie Morgan, Ed.D,
Director of Student Services.



What we will be covering tonight.



Introductions to the Principals and Kindergarten Teachers.



Provide an overview of our Portrait of a Lifelong Learner



Discuss our Kindergarten Program Options.



Share the WES PTA, Resources, Project Link, and how to Register.



Principal

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Meet our Principals:
Jim Sanfilippo
Kim Tucker



Principal

This is our team!



Dr. Ayers

Year of Teaching: 28
Degree in Education from
The University of North
Carolina Chapel Hill,
Masters Degree in
Education from Mercer
University Atlanta, and
Doctorate at the
University of South
Carolina



Mrs. Basen

Years Teaching: 16
Degree in Early Childhood
Education from John
Carroll University



Mrs. D'Ettorre

Years Teaching: 28
Degrees in Elementary
Education & Early
Childhood Education &
Masters in Curriculum
and Instruction from
Bowling Green State
University



This is our team!



Mrs. Harmon

Years Teaching: 18
Degree in Early Childhood
Education & Masters in
Reading from
Baldwin-Wallace College



Mrs. House

Years Teaching: 9
Degree in Education from
the University of Michigan
& Masters in Special
Education from Walden
University



Miss Soltis

Years Teaching: 5
Degree in Early
Childhood Education &
Masters in Reading
from Ohio University



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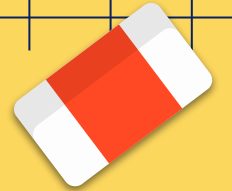
Miss Obral

Years Teaching: 7
Degree in Early Childhood
Education from Kent State
& Masters in Special
Education from Walden
University



Ms. Zkiab

Years Teaching: 19
Masters in Early Childhood
Education from John
Carroll University



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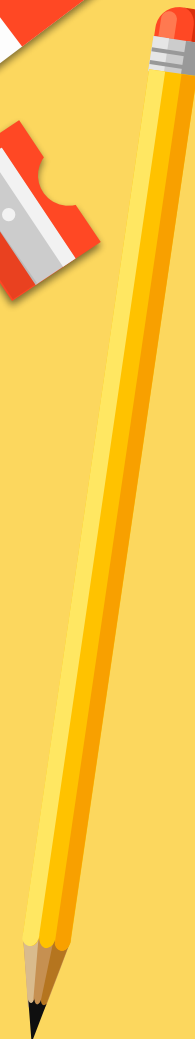
Mrs. Diso

Years Teaching: 14
Degree in Early Childhood Education and a Masters degree in Educational Technology from Baldwin Wallace University.



Mrs. Morris

Years Teaching: 15
Degree in Elementary Education from the University of Maryland & two Masters degrees in Elementary Reading & Math and Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment from Walden University



This is our team!



Mrs. Meecha

Years Teaching: 19
Degree in Special Education
PreK-12 from the University
of Dayton, Masters in Adult
Learning and Development
from Cleveland State
University, & License in
Educational Leadership and
Administration from
Bowling Green University



Mrs. Fortuna

Years Teaching: 13
Degree in Special
Education Licensed K-12
from Kent State
University.



Mrs. Abfall

Years Teaching: 22 Degree in
Elementary and Special
Education from Bowling Green
State University, Master's
Degree in School Psychology
from Kent State University



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Portrait of a Lifelong Learner

INTEGRITY

- Develops empathy and social awareness to understand how behaviors and actions impact others.
- Exhibits character development and demonstrates the ability to take action for the greater good.
- Listens to understand others' perspectives and contemplates problems through a variety of lenses, locally and globally.

GLOBALLY-MINDED

- Explores differences and diversity in the world with sensitivity.
- Collaborates and works with others to reach a united goal.
- Contemplates how our actions impact the world and the people around us.

RESILIENT

- Perseveres and adapts during times of adversity or stress - such as family or relationship problems, health problems and uncertainty.
- Exhibits courage and strength in the face of fear.
- Shows tenacity in the pursuit of goals despite obstacles and challenges that they may face.

EMOTIONALLY INTELLIGENT

- Possesses self-awareness and is able to manage thoughts and feelings with maturity.
- Applies social skills and remains in tune with the feelings of others around them.
- Practices empathy for an understanding of others' perspectives.



INNOVATIVE

- Engages in problem solving and remains resourceful while thinking critically.
- Promotes intellectual curiosity.
- Uncovers new ideas and forms solutions to contribute meaningful and impactful changes for themselves and others.

BALANCED

- Expresses a connection between physical well-being and conscious decisions that lead to a healthy lifestyle.
- Establishes and maintains positive relationships by being mindful of others.
- Retains the ability to organize and self-regulate the demands of daily life.

COMMUNICATOR

- Listens actively and responds to show understanding.
- Utilizes a variety of methods to effectively convey ideas.
- Formulates a well-crafted response that is rooted in well-researched ideas.

PURPOSE

- Commits to future goals and pursues them vigorously.
- Displays determination in all aspects of life.
- Makes decisions that help to achieve self-fulfillment.

Westlake Elementary School

Kindergarten
House



The 152,000-square-foot, two-story PK-4 elementary school is located at
27555 Center Ridge Road, Westlake, OH 44145.

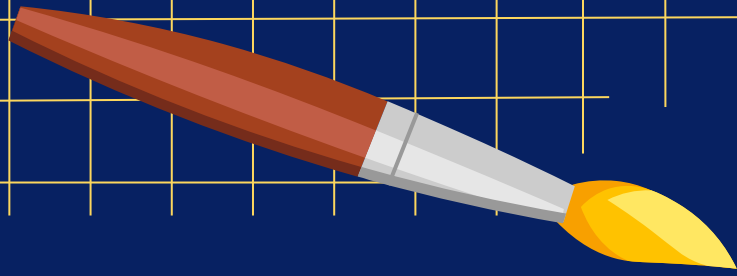
WES Main Office: 440-250-1200





Kindergarten Age-Eligibility

- **Students are age-eligible if they turn 5 on or before 8/1/2022**
- Early Entrance Assessment process for students not yet age-eligible (Early Entrance (EE) application/packet is available online)
 - Applications are due by 04/01/22 for the 2022-2023 school year
 - *The EE Application should be submitted with your registration paperwork*
 - *The EE Application will not be processed until you have completed the registration process with the registrar*



Typical Day...

Punctual and consistent school attendance supports learning.

Full-Day

- ▶ 8:30- 3:30
- ▶ Tardy Bell at 8:45

Half-Day

- ▶ A.M. 8:30-11:30
- ▶ Tardy at 8:45
- ▶ P.M. 12:30-3:30
- ▶ Tardy at 12:45

- Core Subjects: ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies
- Daily Special: Music, Art, PE, World Language (full day), Library and Health
- Full-Day: Lunch/Recess
 - ◆ Snack Policy / Nut Free Facility



Kindergarten Program

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- ▶ ELA - Lucy Calkins Program
- ▶ FUNdations
- ▶ Math - Investigations
- ▶ Integrated Science and Social Studies
- ▶ Specials (Art, Music, P.E., Library, Health, World Language)

Our Kindergarten Program Options

Half-Day Program

- State Required Minimum Offering
- AM or PM sessions

- **State KDG Standards**
- **Curriculum**
- **Highly Qualified Teachers**
- **Parent Partnership**

Full-Day Program

- Tuition-based
- Additional time within day for:
 - Reinforcement of curriculum
 - Practice
 - Intervention
 - Extension
- Lunch, recess, and snack

Kindergarten Readiness

There are 4 General areas to work on for Kindergarten preparation:

Academics:

Read to your child and invite him/her to turn the pages, identify letters or words, talk about the pictures, and retell the story. Play rhyming games and identify upper- and lower-case letters. Sort objects by color, size, and shape, identify 2D shapes, and count with 1:1 correspondence. Practice following multi-step directions and use conceptual words like in, out, over, under, between, right, and left.

Fine Motor Skills:

Develop fine-motor skills by drawing, coloring, and writing letters and numbers. Put puzzles together and practice using scissors. Practice writing your child's name and navigating a computer with a mouse.

Independence:

Have your child dress himself, use the toilet, and wash his hands. Practice buttoning and zipping coats and pants and tying shoes!

Socialization:

Give your child many opportunities to play and interact with other kids. Model sharing and taking turns. Help them solve problems constructively and express their feelings and needs clearly.

More information can be found on our website under the Registration page, then click on Kindergarten Enrollment to access the tab labeled "Additional Kindergarten Information".





Kindergarten Expectations

One

Two

Three

Four

Five

Six

Seven

Be able to
write and
recognize
their first
name

Follow simple
directions

Separate
from parents

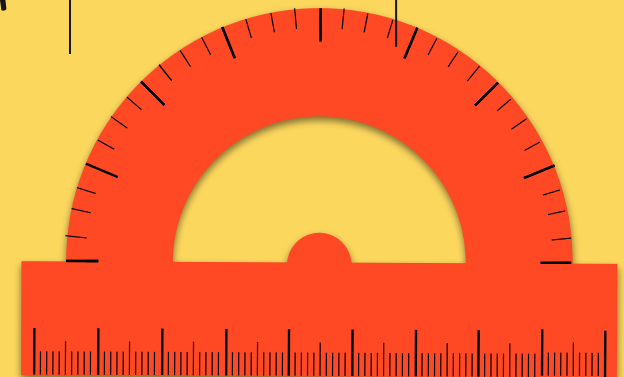
Speak
clearly and
express
feelings and
needs

Sit and
listen to the
teacher in a
whole group

Play, share
and take
turns with
others

Use restroom
independently

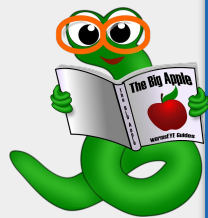
- A Kindergarten Readiness Packet is available online.



Things to do that will help:

At home:

- ★ Read together A LOT!
- ★ Encourage your child to clearly express their feelings and needs
- ★ Develop clear expectations and consequences



Talk:

- ★ Talk positively about kindergarten
- ★ Encourage your child to speak in complete sentences

For School:

- ★ Send children in comfortable clothes
- ★ Provide a big backpack without wheels

To-do

- ☒ Provide routines that create healthy habits such as being well rested, nourished and healthy
- ☒ Develop independence
- ☒ Communicate consistently with teacher



Social Emotional Readiness

- ▶ Uses words instead of being physical
- ▶ waits their turn
- ▶ Spends time away from parents
- ▶ Uses some manners like: please, thank you and excuse me
- ▶ Looks forward to making new friends and learning
- ▶ Realizes they have to share attention from teacher



Positive Behavior System

School-Wide Essential Agreements

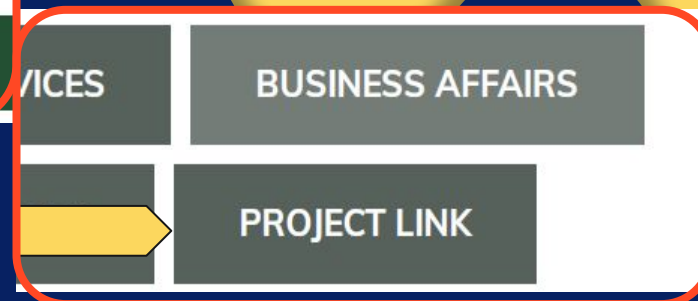
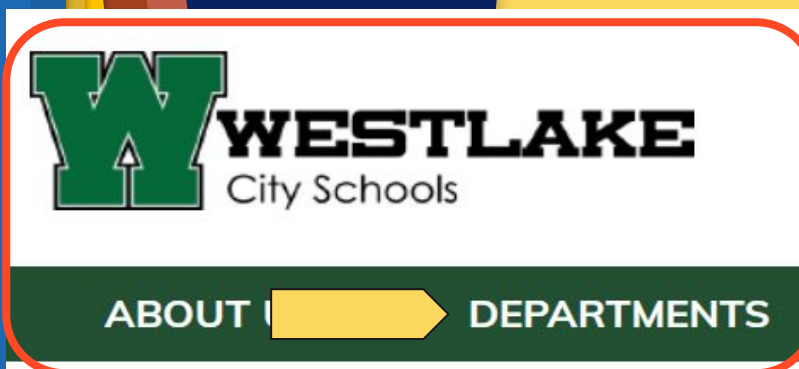
- Be Kind
- Be Responsible
- Be Respectful
- Be Safe





Project Link

- Available before and after school childcare
- Visit the link on District website or call (440) 835-6306 for more information
 - Our Main webpage: wlake.org
 - Click on Departments
 - Click on Project Link



WES PTA Welcomes You!

Westlake Elementary School PTA

- **WES PTA** is a powerful voice for every student.
- Become a member and be a part of an **incredible community** promoting the collaboration and engagement of families and educators while advocating for the well being of every WES child.
- As a member, you can **directly support** PTA programs, events, community service efforts and our school, as well as network with other WES families through PTA sponsored Summer MeetUps, Kindergarten End of Year Celebration, classroom parties, the Westlake Class of 2035 Facebook group and so much more!
- Join our PTA <http://bit.ly/joinwespta>



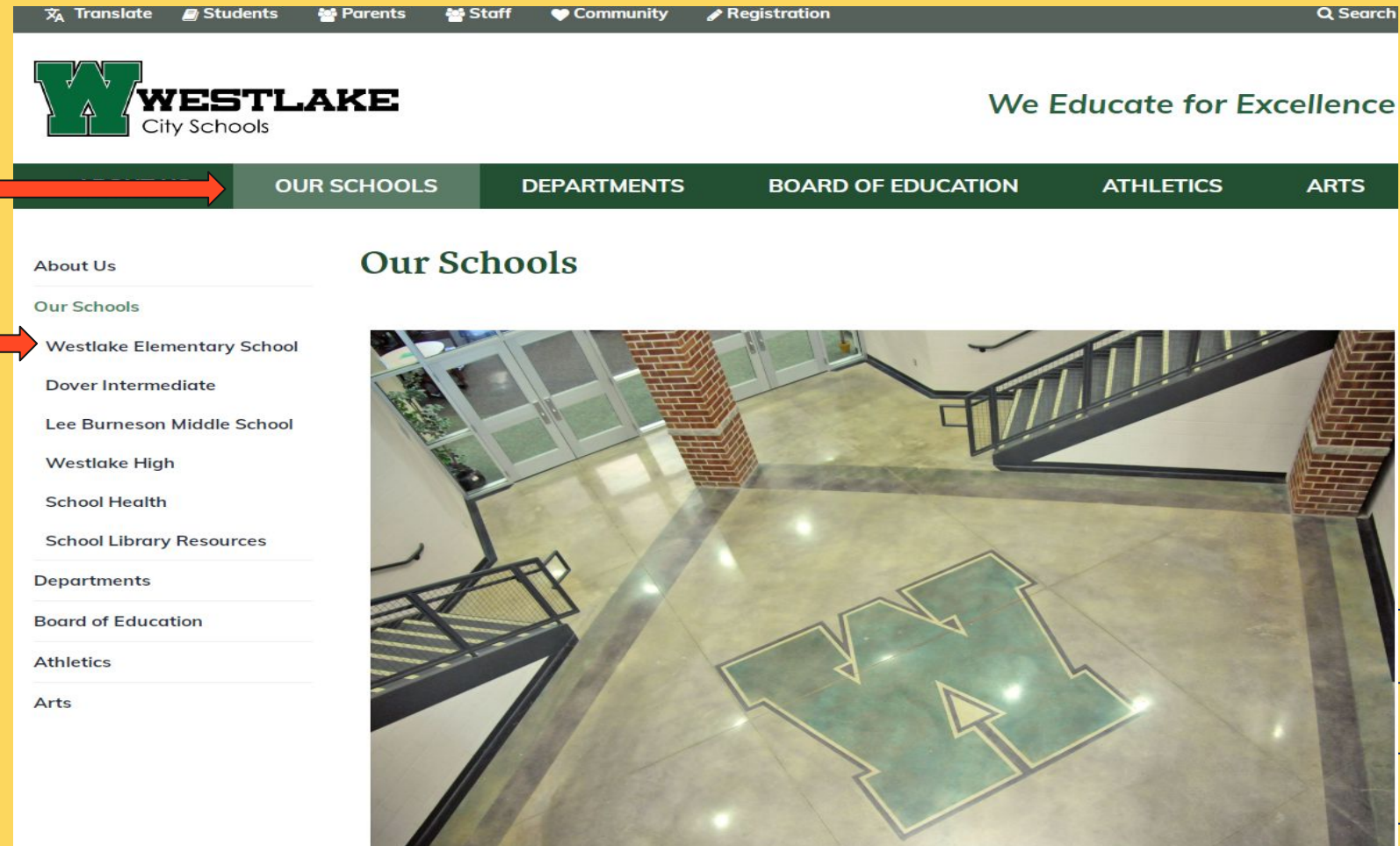
Check out our web pages:
bit.ly/WESPTAWebPages

Questions: ptawespresident@gmail.com

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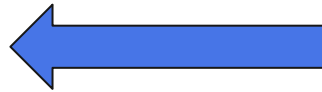
District Website Resources

Visit our website AT wlake.org



Go to WLAKE.ORG and click on:

 Registration



Then Click on Kindergarten Enrollment:



Kindergarten
Enrollment Page
(Click Here)



New Student Registration

- Registration opens Thursday February 24th, 2022 at 9:00 AM.
- Instructions on how to register for Kindergarten can be found on the website under **Registration**.
- Once on the registration page click on the **Kindergarten Enrollment** link.

Registration Steps

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- There are 5 Steps to completing pre-enrollment for kindergarten.
 - Step #1: Complete Pre-Registration Online
 - Step #2: Collect All Required Documents
 - Step #3: Complete All Required Forms
 - Step #4: Parent Checklist
 - Step #5: Submit ALL Required Documents and Forms to Kami Headings, Registrar (K-12), via mail or email.
 - Westlake Early Childhood Preschool (WECPP) students that are age-eligible will receive a transition to kindergarten paper packet from their preschool teacher regarding the transition process.
 - Submit your Kindergarten Paperwork and Full-Day Tuition Non-Refundable Deposit of \$250 by March 31, 2022. Any registrations submitted after this date will be on a first come first served based on placement availability.
 - **NOTE:** Full Day spots are NOT held until the registration process has been completed by the registrar and the deposit has been received. The \$250 deposit is non-refundable and due no later than **March 31, 2022.**

Fall Kindergarten
Registration Opens
at 9:00 am on
Thursday Feb. 24,
2022.

Kindergarten Screening

Screening:

- August 18th (PM), 19th (PM), and 23rd (All Day)
- Sign-up information will be communicated mid-summer.
- All students are required to participate in kindergarten screening, but it is not an entrance exam. This provides useful information to the kindergarten teachers.

Save the Date:

Kindergarten Paperwork Due

Submit your Kindergarten paperwork on or before **March 31, 2022**.

Full-Day Deposit Due

Full-Day non-refundable deposit is **due on or before March 31, 2022**. Payable by check or money order made out to "Westlake BOE".

Early Entrance Exam

The Kindergarten Entrance Exam paperwork must be turned in by **April 1, 2022**.

Remaining Balance Due

The remaining balance is due no later than **July 1, 2022**. (The option to pay the remaining tuition balance by credit card will only be available through our EZpay system as an **Activity Fee** until July 1st, 2022.)

Kindergarten Screening

Kindergarten Screening will be on **August 18th (PM), 19th (PM) & 23rd (All-Day)**. Details will be communicated mid-summer.

Kindergarten Orientation

Kindergarten Orientation will be on **August 25, 2022**. Details will be communicated mid-summer.

**First Day of
Kindergarten is
August 26, 2022**



Additional Information

1. **Covid Protocols** - We will continue to consult with ODH and the CCBH.
2. **Safety Town** - The City of Westlake typically offers Safety Town in June and July - Please check the City Website for possible programming.
3. **Kindergarten Screening** – Thursday, August 18th (PM), Friday, August 19th (PM), and Tuesday, August, 23rd (All Day)
4. **Kindergarten Orientation** – Thursday, August 25th
5. **Kindergarten First Day** – Friday, August 26th

Do we have any Questions?



Thank you for your attendance this evening!