



# WAMPUS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Wampus Families,

We are excited about the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year at Wampus Elementary School! We look forward to a productive and successful year filled with growth for each student at Wampus. We have spent much of the summer preparing for the arrival of students on Tuesday, September 5th. Below you will find important information about Wampus. Please read the document carefully as it will assist with the first days of school.

Arrival - All students will be dropped off by bus or by their parent or guardian at 8:30am. Many staff members will be present to assist the students. We ask parents to stay in their cars and to pull up as much as possible in the drop-off line. 5th graders will enter the main entrance, while 3rd and 4th graders will enter through the PTSA awning (also in the front loop.) Students that take the bus will enter the school through the bus entrance. All students will go directly to their classroom. We ask that **you do not drop your child off prior to 8:30** as we will not have staff available. This system will not operate smoothly without everyone doing their part. Our school day starts promptly at 8:35. If you are in need of before school child care, one option is to call Armonk Children's Corner at 914-815-3835.

- Late Drop-Off
  - When you arrive at Wampus, **please walk your child to the front door**. The security guard will come meet you at the front door. While waiting for the guard, please scan the "In-Session (8:35-2:45) Sign-in/Sign-Out" QR code taped to the front door with your phone. Once you have filled out the linked form and submitted it, the security guard will assist your child as they head to class.

Birthdays/Celebrations - Parents can send in treats to celebrate their child's birthday in coordination with the teacher and the PTSA class parent. Parents of a child with a food allergy are responsible for sending in appropriate food items for snack and classroom parties.

Dismissal - Below you will find all of the directions for our current dismissal system. In the coming months we will transition to a new system called SchoolPass. Parents and staff will be trained on the new system once it is available. Thank you for your support in advance. We are sure that the capabilities of SchoolPass will help parents to plan for dismissal daily **and/or** in advance!

- Parent Pick-Up
  - Please do not come to Wampus, Wampus Avenue or MacDonald Avenue prior to 2:45. **Until 2:45 the Wampus circle will be blocked off to help the HCC dismissal run smoothly.** Please do your part in helping HCC and do not arrive prior to 2:45. Students exit the building at 3:05pm.



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- Make sure you fill out the Wampus Dismissal form located at [WA End-of-Day Pick Up Notification Form](#) by the 12 noon deadline. **\*\*NOTE: All submissions from the 2022-2023 school year have been removed from the system.**
- QR Code - A QR code specific to your child will be emailed to your address on file separately. Please download and save this file to your computer as this QR code will be used for the full 2023-2024 school year. Please download and save this file to your computer as this QR code will be used for the full 2023-2024 school year. In the event you need to share or print a copy, please refer to your saved copy. Any printout to be used at dismissal must include the grade, teacher, student name along with the QR code. This will keep our system efficient. If you did not receive your QR code, please contact the Office at [Wampusdismissal@byramhills.net](mailto:Wampusdismissal@byramhills.net).
- Buses
  - All buses will start dismissing from Wampus at 3:05. It is important for your child to know what bus they ride. Please review with them.
  - Activity Buses - The activity bus will **commence on September 18th**. This after school bus is for students riding to partnering after school clubs. The [DAILY Wampus Activity Bus Notification Form](#) must be completed by the 12 Noon deadline on the day of the activity, and it must be submitted each time your child rides this bus. It may also be submitted the night before the activity, after 4:30pm. In the event you miss the deadline and have an extenuating circumstance and need an exception, please call the school to speak with the Assistant Principal to discuss your situation. Please be sure to call, not email the office.
    - Please note the deadline is 10am on an early dismissal day.
- Playdates
  - Parent pick-up playdates - Commence on the first day of school.
    - If you would like a parent pick-up playdate you must fill out the [WA End-of-Day Dismissal Notification Form](#) by the 12 noon deadline (10am on early dismissal days).
    - The parent picking up must have the QR code with them for each of the students they are picking up.
  - Bus playdates - **Commence on September 18th**.
    - If you would like a bus playdate you must fill out the [WA End-of-Day Dismissal Notification Form](#) by the 12 noon deadline (10am on early dismissal days).
    - There is a limit of three additional students that can ride the bus for a playdate.
- Armonk Children's Corner



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- If your child is registered with ACC, you must also fill out the [WA End-of-Day Dismissal Notification Form](#) so that our Teachers/Staff are aware of their dismissal plan.
  - Please note the deadline is 10am on an early dismissal day.
- Permanent Walkers
  - Students can only be Permanent Walkers if an adult is meeting them at school at dismissal time, or they are walking to a house on a street that is immediately adjacent to the school.
  - A signed [Walker Form](#) must be signed and submitted to the Office by the parent. It is available on our website.
  - Dismissal is through the bus exit at 3:05. If you are meeting your child who is a permanent walker, please pre-plan to meet them at the bus exit or main entrance.
- Early Pick-Up
  - The final opportunity for early pick-up is 2:30pm. Please email [wampusdismissal@byramhills.net](mailto:wampusdismissal@byramhills.net) on the morning of the early pickup with the pickup time and the name of the pickup person. Please be sure the person picking up has photo ID with them.
  - Please do not email the Teacher with this information.
  - When you arrive at Wampus, please come to the front door and let the security guard know who you are here to pick up. Your child's classroom will be contacted to dismiss them. While waiting for your child, please scan the **"In-Session (8:35-2:45) Sign-in/Sign-Out"** QR code taped to the front door with your phone. Once you have filled out the linked form and submitted it, the security guard will walk your child out to you.

Lunch - Hot and cold lunch is managed by Chartwells. There is no form to fill out nor preordering necessary at Wampus. Menus will be available on the Wampus webpage starting at the end of August. Students will be provided with a pin number. More information is located on our [website](#).

- Funds may be added to your child's lunch account via the [mypaymentsplus.com](https://mypaymentsplus.com) website or by mailing a check to the Wampus Elementary School, Attn: School Lunch Office, 41 Wampus Ave # 1, Armonk, NY 10504.
- Please make checks payable to "Byram Hills Lunch Program" and include your child's full name and grade.



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Medication Drop Off - Prior to the start of the school year, Nurse JoAnne Cosgrove will be at Wampus today and Thursday 8/31 from 9:00am - 12:00pm. In addition, per New York State, all students entering 3rd and 5th grade need to have an updated physical exam on file for the school year. If you have any questions, please contact Nurse Cosgrove at [jcosgrove@byramhills.net](mailto:jcosgrove@byramhills.net).

Music Lessons and Ensembles - Wampus has 4th and 5th grade instrument lessons as well as Chorus, Orchestra and Band in 5th grade. Your child will learn about their music schedule during the first days of school. Should you have any questions about instrument rentals or other music related questions please contact Marc Beja at [Mbeja@byramhills.net](mailto:Mbeja@byramhills.net).

Parent Portal -Directions for the Parent Portal can be found [here](#).

School Events - For any school event, please bring photo ID. This is necessary to enter the building.

## **Other Resources**

Byram Hills PTSA - website [here](#)

Byram Hills Education Foundation - website found [here](#)

***We look forward to welcoming your children to Wampus!***