

Welcome to Back to School Night



West Friendship Elementary School 2021-2022

Meet the Teachers & Staff!

- Mrs. English- teacher/instructional team leader
- Mrs. Greene - teacher
- Mrs. Rowe - teacher
- Mrs. Mitchell- paraeducator
- Mrs. Brandt - special educator
- Ms. Khan- special education paraeducator
- Ms. Sweeney- reading specialist
- Mr. Haskins- GT teacher
- Mrs. Walker- GT teacher



Meet **Tuffy**, the Tiger!
He's our school mascot.
He reminds us to be
Respectful,
Responsible & Ready
to Learn everyday!
Our school colors are:
Green and White

Key Points for Tonight



- ◆ Schedule
- ◆ Academics/
Resources
- ◆ SEL
- ◆ Grading/report
card
- ◆ Testing
- ◆ Homework
- ◆ Communication



Daily Schedule

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| 9:05-9:20 | Arrival/ Morning Work/ Announcements |
| 9:20-10:35 | Math |
| 10:35-11:30 | ELA Block- |
| 11:30-12:30 | Related Arts: according to color day schedule |
| 12:30-1:30 | ELA Block- |
| 1:30-2:30 | Lunch/Recess |
| 2:30-2:45 | Social Emotional Learning |
| 2:45-3:40 | Content: Social Studies, Science, Health |
| 3:40-3:45 | Announcements and Dismissal |

Related Arts

- Students will have daily related arts
- Class schedules will be on color days
- It is posted on Canvas on the calendar
- Remember to wear appropriate shoes and clothing

September 2022

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| September holidays and other dates of interest National Hispanic American Heritage Month (9/16-10/15) 25 Navratri (10 days) - Hindu 26 Rosh Hashanah (2 days) - Jewish *beginning sunset of previous day | | | | B 1 First day of school for Pre-K-RECC BOE Meeting - Supp's Proposed Attendance Area Adjustment Plan 4 pm | A 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 Labor Day Schools and offices closed (State-mandated holiday) | B 6 CAC Meeting 7 pm | A 7 BOE Attendance Area Adjustment Public Hearing I 7 pm | B 8 BOE Meeting 4 pm Presentation of FY24 Capital Budget & FY25-29 Capital Improv. Prog. 7 pm | A 9 | 10 |
| 11 | B 12 | A 13 | B 14 BOE Attendance Area Adjustment Public Hearing II 7 pm | A 15 | B 16 | 17 |
| 18 | A 19 | B 20 | A 21 Last day to withdraw from high school course without penalty BOE Attendance Area Adjustment Public Work Session I, 4 pm | B 22 BOE Meeting 4 pm Public Hearing, Work Session & Approval of FY24 Capital Budget & FY25-29 Capital Improv. Prog. 7 pm | A 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 Schools and offices closed | B 27 | A 28 BOE Attendance Area Adjustment Public Work Session II, 4 pm | B 29 | A 30 | |

Reading



The reading block is composed of:

- Guided Reading
- Strategy lessons/Book Clubs
- Units of Study
- Independent daily reading (IDR)
- Conferencing
- Written responses
- Read Alouds
- Vocabulary

Independent Daily Reading (IDR)

The goal is to increase the amount of reading for every student to at least 30 minutes a day.

- Student choice
- Builds stamina
- Increases motivation
- Increases vocabulary
- Increases comprehension
- Builds confidence as a reader
- Broadens their interests

Writing



Being a Writer Program

- Joins the writing process with guided instruction while fostering collaboration, social skills, and builds a love of writing.

Writing Units:

- The Writing Community
- Personal Narrative
- Fiction
- Expository Nonfiction
- Functional Writing
- Opinion Writing
- Poetry

Math



Concepts covered in Fifth Grade Math

- *Number talks/routines
- *Problem Solving and Application
- *Place Value- multiplication, division, and decimals
- *Fractions
- *Geometry & Measurement
- *Writing/Solving expressions
- *Patterns

Math



Concepts covered in Above Grade Math

- Number talks/routines for number sense
- Problem Solving and Application
- Place Value- multiplication, division, and decimals
- Fractions- multiplying/dividing
- Expressions and Equations
- Inequalities
- Negative and positive numbers
- Area and volume
- Data and statistics
- Ratios and proportions

Content



Science

- Earth's Systems, Patterns in Space, Structure and Properties of Matter, Matter and Energy in Ecosystems

Health

- Social and Emotional Health, Safety, Tobacco, Alcohol & Other Drugs, Puberty Education

Social Studies


- The American Revolution, Building a New Nation, A Nation in Conflict, We the People- leads to Simulated Congressional Hearing: date is TBD

Resources for Home

hcpss.org
Academics



All the subjects have links that will bring you to a Canvas page



[World Language Program](#)

[What Your Child Will Learn Guides](#)

[Homework Guidelines](#)

extend their literacy skills throughout the school day.

Family and Community Resources

These resources have been created to provide parents with support in English / Language Arts instruction.

- [Pre-Kindergarten](#)
- [Kindergarten](#)
- [Grade 1](#)
- [Grade 2](#)
- [Grade 3](#)
- [Grade 4](#)
- [Grade 5](#)
- [Parent Page for Secondary English](#)
- [Students with Reading Difficulties-Screenings and Interventions](#)

Learn more about the [Secondary English Curriculum](#)

secondary English students in a challenge program, including non-fiction texts.

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)

The Caring Community Approach.

- Building caring relationships with and among students
- Directly teaching social skills
- Creating calm, orderly learning environments through the use of effective classroom management practices
- Helping students acquire self-discipline through a caring and effective approach to discipline

Determining Grades



Grades are determined by:

- Independent work (assessments, quizzes, class work, observations, journal entries, participation, effort, etc.)
- Quality and Accuracy

Learning behaviors on the report card:

- Effort grade: Interpersonal Skills, Responsibility, Perseverance, Collaboration, Initiative

Check Canvas periodically to see your child's grades and progress.



Standardized Assessments



County Assessments

- Measure of Academic Progress (MAP): Fall and Spring test administration: Assesses math and reading. Computer-adaptive, shows year-to-year growth.
- Cognitive Aptitude Test (CogAT): Usually given in mid-winter. Verbal, quantitative, and learned reasoning abilities. Scores and teacher recommendations are used to place students in the GT courses for 6th grade.

State Assessments

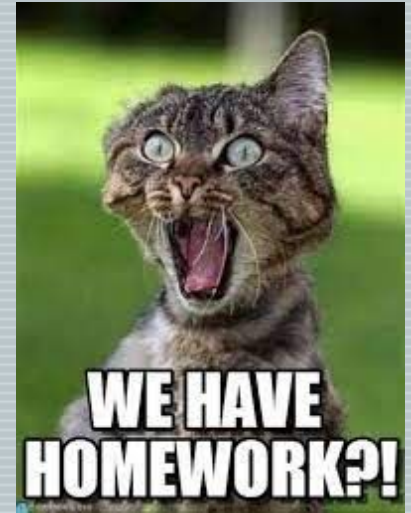
- MCAP: Spring test administration, State mandated assessment that tests reading, writing, mathematics, problem solving and language acquisition. Computer based test.
- MISA: The Maryland Integrated Science Assessment will be administered some time in spring. Aligned to HCPSS science and Next Generation Science Standards.

Homework



Students will have homework daily Monday-Thursday. It should last no longer than 50 minutes.

- Reading for at least 20 minutes every night
- Homework should be an independent activity
- Math homework will be given by individual teachers
- Homework will not be scheduled on evenings when West Friendship has a community event, on holidays, or over breaks.
- Homework should be an independent activity



Communication

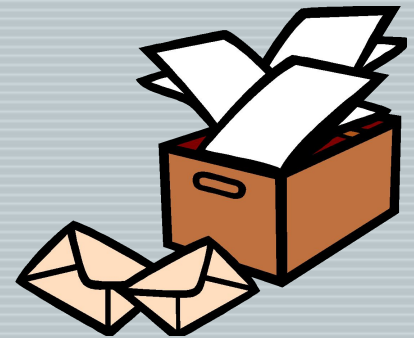


On Fridays

- Take home folder will have graded papers and school communication
- Please check
- Put your child in charge of emptying

Reaching the teacher

- Inbox message in Canvas
- Direct email
- Note in your child's folder



Questions



- ◆ Any general questions for the good of the group?
- ◆ Each teacher would be happy to address individual questions/concerns privately. Please send a message.

Get your phones ready!

STEP 1: Go to www.menti.com

STEP 2: Use our code -----> **2026 6102**

Thank You!



**"IT'S AMAZING
WHAT WE CAN
ACCOMPLISH
WHEN WE'RE IN IT
TOGETHER."**

 *Essie*