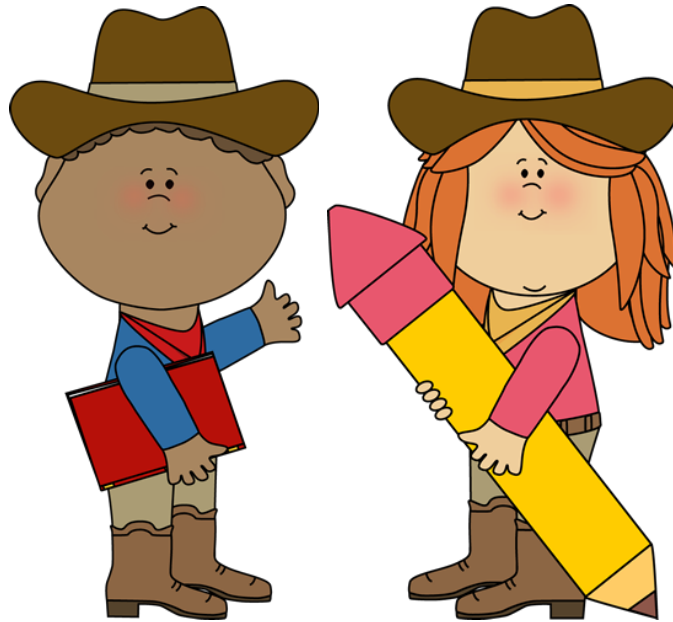


Welcome to
Blue Hole Primary



Be your Buckaroo BEST*!



B = Be Safe

E = Extend Learning

S = Shine Your Light

T = Try Your Best

Parent Handbook 2023-24

Blue Hole Primary
15900 Winters Mill Parkway
(512) 847-3407

Welcome to Blue Hole Primary! This packet contains helpful information for the families of our Blue Hole Buckaroos. Please take some time to read over the following information, as it will assist you throughout the school year. If you have any questions, please contact the Blue Hole Primary office.

Morning drop-off: 7:25-7:50 am

First Bell: 7:50

Tardy Bell: 7:55

Instructional Day: 7:55 am-3:10 pm

Pick-up Time: 2:55-3:10 PK only (Must walk up to front door)

3:10-3:40pm All Kinder-2nd(Must use car lane- no walk ups)

3:20 Bus Dismissal

Dara Brooks, Principal

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All Blue Hole Primary policies are designed for the sole purpose of keeping students safe. While some procedures and policies may seem frustrating or time-consuming, please keep in mind the overall purpose of keeping our building secure.

Visiting Blue Hole Primary During School Hours

All visitors must sign in and receive a visitor's sticker in the front office. For security reasons, all exterior doors of the building remain locked throughout the school day. To enter the building, you must ring the bell located to the right of the front door, show your identification, and speak with the secretary or receptionist. During classroom instructional times, visitors are not allowed in classrooms unless scheduled with the teacher. Visitors must always leave the building through the front office, not by using any of the other exit doors.

*****No visitors will be allowed to enter the building without identification, Ex. Driver's License.**

If you need an item delivered to your child (lunch, books, etc.), please drop the item(s) off at the front office, so that class time is not interrupted for deliveries.

Contacting Teachers During School Hours

Your child's teacher will be working to establish close relationships with students and families throughout the school year. Good communication is essential in this process. Meet-The-Teacher, Parent Information Presentations, and Parent Conferences are important events so that parents have the information they need about day to day procedures and student performance. The intent is to establish lines of communication between Blue Hole Primary Staff and our families. If you need to contact your child's teacher during the school day, please plan to leave a message with the office, a voicemail message, or send an e-mail. **If you need to communicate a change in the way your child is going home, or you have an urgent message that needs immediate attention, please communicate this to the office staff member who answers your phone call prior to 2pm.** E-mail, text messages, and voicemail messages are sometimes not checked by teachers until the end of the school day, and can be overlooked if the teacher is absent on that day.

Specials Staff Email:

Students attend different elective, or specials classes each day.

Sierra Krauskopf - PE Teacher, sierra.krauskopf@wimberleyisd.net

Chelsea Oakes - PE Assistant, chelsea.oakes@wimberleyisd.net

Kaela Spence - PE Assistant kaela.spence@wimberleyisd.net

Maggie Davis - Music and Movement Instructor, margaret.davis@wimberleyisd.net

Diana Carruthers - Art Instructor, diana.carruthers@wimberleyisd.net

Rachel White - Collaboratory (STEM) Instructor, rachel.white@wimberleyisd.net

Lumi Williams - Computer Instructor, luminita.williams@wimberleyisd.net

Kelly Western - Library Instructor, kelly.western@wimberleyisd.net

Daily Routine at Home Regarding School Information

Please check your child's backpack **daily** for notes from the school and/or teacher. **All School-Wide notes will come home on Tuesdays.** Notes from the teacher may come home more often. Your child may also have homework assignments and/or daily reading assignments that need your signature each evening. Each student will have a folder that travels back and forth between home and school. Your child is learning responsibility through this folder and homework routine. You can use this folder to send notes to your child's teacher whenever necessary. Keeping up with daily backpack checks will help your family stay up-to-date on what's happening at school. We also communicate with parents regularly through email. Emails are sent from your child's teacher and from our office staff to remind you of any upcoming events or concerns. Phone calls/emails from the district are provided during emergency situations (for example, bad weather events). ***Please make sure that we have accurate email and phone numbers on file.*** You can also access the district, or Blue Hole Primary, website to find out about dates and events for WISD and Blue Hole Primary at www.wimberleyisd.net.

Morning Car Drop-off and Afternoon Pick-up Procedures

Please note: Please be patient at the beginning of the year as we implement the following procedures. It usually takes about 2-3 weeks for parents to become familiar with these procedures. Experience has shown that, once these procedures are followed and implemented, drop-off and pick-up becomes smoother, much more time-efficient, and very safe for the children.

Morning car drop-off procedures at Blue Hole Primary:

Car drop-off times are from 7:25am to 7:55am. Children are considered tardy at 7:55 am each day. **For the safety of the students, no child is to be dropped off at school before 7:25 each morning.** Children dropped off before 7:25 would be completely unattended, as there is no staff member on duty to monitor them. If you arrive after 7:55, and there are no longer staff out front opening car doors, **you must walk your child into the front office.**

Afternoon pick-up procedures at Blue Hole Primary:

PK students are to be picked up at the front door between 2:55-3:10. Siblings of PK students will be dismissed with PK.

All other students in grades K-2 will use the car lane for pick up. (No walk ups)

Car pick-up times are from 3:10 pm to 3:40pm. All children must be picked up by 3:40 each day.

Blue Hole Primary A.M. Drop-off/P.M. Pick-up Procedures

I am dropping off/picking up my child through the car lane:

When arriving on Winter's Mill Parkway, parents will **enter through the gate furthest from Ranch Road 12**. After entering the school drive, do not go straight. All vehicles will make an immediate left into the drop-off/pick-up queue, which will turn into 3 lanes. (Larger vehicles should try to choose either of the outside lanes.) Proceed through the queue in any of the 3 lanes, and *wait to be signaled by a staff member* to merge into one lane at the end of the queue. Proceed to the *single-file* front drop-off/pick-up line. For the safety of our students and staff, please do not pass or go around other vehicles in the line. A staff member will be stationed at each cone to open car doors and assist students. Cars will then proceed through the drive to the stop sign. Take a left to head back to Winter's Mill Parkway.

For afternoon pick-up: We will provide a hanging **name tag** for your car. Your child's first and last name should be clearly written in large letters on the tag. Please make sure this tag is visible each day throughout the school year, and keep it posted until your child is loaded into your vehicle.

I need to park and walk my child to the building:

While this method is not encouraged to be a normal daily activity for grades K-2nd, we understand that it may sometimes be necessary, especially at the beginning of the school year. If you need to park, please **enter the gate closest to Ranch Road 12** (not the same entrance for car drop-off/pick-up families). Take the first right, then turn right into the front visitor parking lot. **The visitor parking lot flows in a counter clockwise direction and is one way.** Please drive slowly and watch for pedestrians. After parking, **use the staffed crosswalk at all times** when going from the parking lot to the building. During morning arrival we will have staff stationed at the cross walk to direct traffic and get pedestrians safely across. By following our crosswalk procedures, drivers and pedestrians can help us keep traffic flowing and ensure safety for everyone.

Uh-oh, I arrived late for A.M. drop-off/P.M. pick-up. I don't see any school staff at the cones:

If you arrive late, please park in a designated spot in the visitor lot. Morning: walk your child to the front door of the school. Ring the front office and tell the staff member that you are dropping your child off. Afternoon: walk to the front door, ring the office and tell them you need to pick your child up. This procedure will help keep our young students monitored by an adult and safe at all times.

Please remember that all of the roads around the school are in the School Zone. Please don't speed or text. Thank you for your patience and flexibility, especially during the first few weeks of school. Questions? Please call our office at 512-847-3407. We love our students, families, and staff...thank you for helping us keep our procedures safe!

Bus Procedures

Buses drop Blue Hole Primary students off at school between 7:25-7:35 each morning, and pick Blue Hole Primary students up each afternoon at 3:20. *A transportation form must be completed and turned in to the school office or transportation office for a child to ride the bus to or from school.* The WISD transportation office's phone number is (512) 847-2781. Please call this number for bus information, or to handle a bus request. Bus drivers do not allow students on buses who are not regular route riders. If your child is going home with another child, you must call transportation and make that request. These requests are considered based on availability on the bus. Many of our buses are too crowded to add children. Please notify your child's teacher in writing if your child will ride different buses on certain days, or if your child needs to ride a different bus than usual. *In a situation that requires a last-minute change in the way your child travels home, please call the office to notify someone by 2pm.*

Blue Hole Primary students are expected to maintain the same kind of behavior on the bus that is expected at school. Most of our school buses will be equipped with seatbelts. If a student removes the seatbelt, or refuses to wear the seatbelt, a Bus Conduct Report will be completed. Bus drivers are expected to complete a Bus Conduct Report on any misbehaving student for the Assistant Principal to use in deciding corrective actions. Parents will be notified for each bus referral and are expected to assist in correcting the behavior for the safety of all students. Per campus policy, 3 bus referrals will result in a suspension from riding the bus.

Changes in How Your Child Goes Home

If you need your child sent home in a different way than usual, please send a **signed, dated** note to your child's teacher. **If the change is last minute, please call the school office by 2:00** so that our office staff can notify the teacher before the end of the day. If your child's teacher does not receive a note or phone call from a parent indicating a change, they must send your child home in the usual way. Just telling your child is not sufficient.

Lunch Procedures

Blue Hole Primary students may bring lunch from home or purchase school lunch. The cost of a cafeteria-provided student lunch is \$2.60. WISD uses www.linqconnect.com so that parents can set up an electronic account for their child to purchase meals. You can also fill out a free/reduced lunch application on that website. Parents may send money with their child to school, and our cafeteria staff members will include it in your child's account. Please send money in a bag or envelope with your child's name. A cafeteria lunch and breakfast menu will be sent home each month and is posted on our website. Parents are permitted to eat lunch with their children. Adult lunches cost \$4.50. While on campus, please do not take pictures of any students other than your child.

Breakfast Procedures

Cafeteria-provided breakfast is available everyday at Blue Hole Primary. The cost of a cafeteria-provided student breakfast is \$2.00. Your child may purchase breakfast from the Lunch Money Now account or with cash. Breakfast is served from 7:25-7:50 each morning. **If your child will be eating breakfast at school, please make sure he/she arrives by 7:25, so that he/she will have enough time to eat breakfast and get to class by 7:55.** Entering the classroom later than 7:55 due to eating breakfast will still cause your child to be counted tardy for the day. Due to space limitations and safety concerns, visitors will not be permitted to attend breakfast in the cafeteria.



Every Day Counts!

Be On Time, Stay All Day, That's the Blue Hole Buckaroo Way!

Attend Today - Achieve Tomorrow!

Good attendance is linked to long-term school success, beginning with the first year enrolled!
It creates good, lifelong habits that follow students into adulthood!

What do I need to do?

Ensure your child comes to school, on-time and stays all day! Plan doctor appointments and trips for after-school hours or holidays.

If your child is sick - i.e. throwing up, over 100 degree fever - keep them home and send a written note explaining absence within 3 days of returning to school.

If your child is absent for more than 3 days, a note from the doctor is required to excuse the absence.

Call the school to ask for help if needed - We love to help our students and families!

What does the law say about attendance?

It is the parent's duty to monitor and require the student's attendance.

Absent 3 days, or parts of days, without excuse in a 4 week period - school will send warning notice to parent and conference with parent to create a plan for parent and student to follow

Absent 10 days, or parts of days, without excuse in a 6 month period - school may file complaint with court against parent

Absent between 18 and 45 days in a school year - student must complete a principal-approved plan and attendance committee will determine if student receives class credit

Once a child enrolls in public school, we are required to enforce attendance policies based on state law. These policies are outlined in the district's handbook and are for students throughout the district. The following is a summary of the policy in an effort to make Blue Hole Primary parents aware of the WISD policies and procedures.

Regular attendance at school is essential for each child's learning, and absences from school often disrupt the learning process. Each child's attendance is closely monitored to ensure that he or she is present for at least 90% of the school year instructional days, and that he or she is arriving at class on time each day, and remaining at school for the entire school day in order to receive credit for the school year. *This includes both excused and unexcused absences.* **This means that if a child misses more than 10% of the school year for any reason, we are required to consider mandatory retention.**

Naturally, if your child is sick, your child should remain at home. We fully support you in making sure that your child is healthy enough to return to school. When a student is sick, it is important that a parent sends a note so that the absence can be excused. A note stating the reason for the absence, signed by a parent/guardian or doctor, must be provided **within three days of the child returning to school**. Failure to provide a signed statement within the following three days of the absence will result in the absence being recorded as unexcused. Notes may be emailed to maria.garcia@wimberleyisd.net. A parent note can excuse up to 3 consecutive days of absence. A physician's note is required to excuse 4 consecutive days of absence or more.

According to state law, it is the parent's duty to monitor their child's absences and follow these attendance procedures. When there are excessive "unexcused" absences, parents are subject to prosecution under the Texas Education Code (TEC) 25.093 "Contributing to Non-Attendance." This filing with the court can take place after a student is absent from school on 10 or more days or parts of days within a 6 month period of time during the same school year.

Please be aware that three tardies and/or leave earlys = 1 unexcused absence. Parents must be very careful about both tardiness and withdrawing students early during the day (i.e. signing a student out before 3:10). The rules require that students attend all parts of the day.

Our attendance "snapshot" is at 10:30 each morning. If a child arrives after 10:30 without a physician's excuse, he/she will be counted **absent** for the day.

Naturally, we want to avoid any attendance issues. We ask for your diligence in dealing with this matter. Our attendance office will be closely monitoring attendance and communicating with parents regularly, should attendance issues arise. Here are some tips and reminders:

* Please bring your child on time. The first bell rings at 7:50 a.m. and the tardy **bell rings at 7:55 a.m.** Your child should be in the building by 7:50 to ensure that they are not tardy. You may begin dropping students off at 7:25 a.m. If you are planning for your child to eat breakfast at school, they need to begin eating by about 7:25 in order to be done by 7:50. Please be aware that any child arriving at school later than 10:30 am will be **counted absent** for the day unless a doctor's note is submitted for the late arrival.

*Send notes within three days to avoid unexcused absences. If your child is sick, please send a note within 3 days. If your child has ongoing health issues, documentation from a physician early in the year is important.

*Ensure that your child attends the entire school day. Attendance rules apply to all parts of the day. Please avoid checking your child out of school early (before 3:10), as this process disrupts classroom activities. If early check-out becomes a repeated issue, unexcused absences will result. A note from your physician will be accepted as an excuse for an early withdrawal, as doctor and dentist appointments would be valid reasons for parent check-out.

Incentives for Good School Attendance

- Class rewards for attendance
- Individual awards for Near Perfect Attendance
- Recognition at Awards Assemblies for Nine Week Perfect Attendance
- Bounce House for Nine Week Perfect Attendance
- Fun Night (Parent Date Night) for Semester Perfect Attendance
- Field trip for students with perfect attendance for the entire year

Student Progress Monitoring

Blue Hole Primary staff members are dedicated to helping all students grow and succeed academically. In order to design instruction and effectively implement teaching materials to meet each child's needs, teachers must have a thorough awareness of students' most current reading levels and academic progress. The TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills) for Kindergarten, First grade, and Second grade, and the Pre-K Guidelines for PK 3 and PK4 are used to design each grade level's curriculum implementation and assessments. In Kindergarten, First grade, and Second grade the TPRI (Texas Primary Reading Inventory) and the DRA (Developmental Reading Assessment) are used to determine individual reading levels and areas that need to be addressed through reading instruction. The NWEA Maps assessment is given to students in grades K-2 at the beginning, middle and end of the year. Kindergarten teachers administer math benchmark assessments at the beginning, middle and the end of the year, and first and second grade teachers use math benchmark assessments at the end of each 9-weeks period. In Pre-K, the CLI assessment is given 3 times a year, one-on-one with each student, to monitor learning. Formal and informal assessments are used daily in the classrooms to monitor student academic growth.

Your child's academic progress will be communicated to you through parent-teacher conferences and report cards each 9-weeks. (1st and 2nd grade students also receive progress reports half-way through each 9-week grading period.) Please look through assignments that are sent home for grades/comments from the teacher. At the end of the school year, a Kinder, 1st grade, or 2nd grade student can be "promoted" to the next grade if he/she receives passing report card grades, and attains the grade-specific expected reading level. A child can be "placed" into the next grade if report card grades are not passing but approval for placement is given, and/or if the student does not meet the expected reading level for his/her grade. If you have questions or concerns about your child's academic progress, please contact your child's teacher.

To assist students with all academic areas, our campus has a Content Mastery lab. This classroom provides an environment for any child to receive assistance and/or additional practice with specific academic skills. The Content Mastery staff can offer individualized and small-group instruction to students. We consider ourselves very fortunate at Blue Hole Primary to be able to offer this wonderful classroom to all students, and we've seen great gains in learning achievement due to the services provided in Content Mastery.

We also have a reading intervention program, in which reading specialist teachers work with small groups of students to assist with reading skills improvement on decoding, fluency, and comprehension. These intervention groups meet 4 days a week, for intense, effective reading instruction that is in addition to, not replacement of, classroom reading instruction. Our philosophy is to provide as many rich reading experiences as possible for our young students, as early reading skills lead to academic success in later grades. Our reading intervention program is an integral part of building strong readers.

The Blue Hole Primary administrators lead a committee called "GIST" (General Intervention Support Team) in which teachers communicate about students' progress and test data. GIST meetings are used to problem-solve and ensure that we are meeting the needs of each individual learner.

Textbook Information

(This information also applies to school library books and guided reading books, as well.)

Non-consumable textbooks can be sent home with students, at teachers' discretion. **Damaged and/or lost textbooks become the financial responsibility of the student's family.**

Textbooks sent home should be treated with care by the student, to keep damage to each book at a minimum. If a textbook issued to your child is lost or damaged, the teacher will send home a textbook replacement form, indicating the cost of the textbook and the reason for replacement. The replacement cost usually ranges between \$10 and \$80. Until the lost or damaged textbook is paid for, the student will be provided textbooks for use at school during the school day. The final report card will not be released to the parents until all textbook fines have been paid.

Damaged textbook replacement fines most often occur due to the following:

- Water/liquid damage (any amount requires replacement due to possible mold growth)
- Broken binding
- Ripped/severely creased pages or pages missing from the book
- Writing/coloring on pages that renders the book unusable

Here are some ways to keep textbook damage to a minimum:

- Institute a "no drinks or food" rule at home when your child has his/her textbook out.
- Encourage your child to keep textbooks in a large Ziploc-style baggy. This will protect the cover and the pages, especially to and from school.
- Make sure your child does not carry a water bottle inside the same bag that carries the textbook.
- Monitor siblings and pets around textbooks.
- Encourage your child to treat textbooks as he/she treats library books.
- Have a special place at home where textbooks can be stored and used.

If you notice any damage, or if a textbook becomes lost, please contact your child's teacher. For more information about the district textbook policy, please see the WISD Student/Parent Handbook.

Blue Hole Primary Health Information

Medicines at School

If your child needs to take medication at school, the medication must be stored in the nurse's office, whether it is prescription or over-the-counter. Only the school nursing staff can administer medications to students. Parents are asked to bring the medication in the original container to the nurse's office and complete a medicine form. When it is time to take the medication home, parents are asked to come to the nurse's office to pick it up. Children will not be allowed to transport the medication to or from home. Children are also not allowed to keep any medication in the classroom (this includes cough drops).

In regard to students returning to school after an illness: Students must be fever-free for at least 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medications, before returning to school.

Food Allergies & Allergic Reactions

If your child has a known food allergy, allergic reactions to insect stings, or other environmental allergies, please communicate this information to both the school nurse and your child's teacher. If your child is newly-enrolled, please tell the office personnel whom you enroll with about the allergies. The faster our staff knows about your child's allergies, the more effectively we can meet your child's health needs here at school.

Keeping Your Contact Information Up-to-Date

Please make sure you contact our school office whenever your phone number and/or address changes. Our office staff will use your new information to update your contact profile on our district database. Our office staff and nursing staff use the database information to call parents whenever a child is sick, or injured enough to go home, or needs immediate medical attention. Keeping this information up-to-date allows our staff to contact you as quickly as possible, should the need arise.

Lice Policy

If you discover that your child has lice, please contact your child's teacher right away. When a teacher identifies that a student in her room has lice, the teacher is required to send the child to the nurse's office. The teacher then needs to conduct a lice check of all students in her classroom. Any time a confirmed lice case has been identified (live bugs, eggs, or nits), the child must report to the nurse's office. If a confirmed case of lice is identified in a classroom, a note will be sent home to all classroom parents.

Once a student has lice and has been seen by the nurse, the nursing staff will design a plan for periodic checks **for that specific student**. The first step of that plan is for the child to go home for treatment. The second step: the school nursing staff provides the parent with information about detecting and treating lice at home. (Once a child returns to school after initial treatment, he/she must be checked and cleared by the nurse before going to the classroom.) The third step is for the nursing staff to work with the teacher to ensure that periodic checks are made for the child. After each of these checks, a note must go home that states what the nurse observed during the check. Periodic checks must continue for 4 weeks, and the nursing staff will keep a calendar documenting frequency of checks. The purpose of these checks is to ensure that all lice have been removed and are not re-occurring.

Students Excused from PE/Recess due to Health/Injury

Blue Hole Primary students may sit out from PE/recess for one day with a parent note. For any additional days we must receive a doctor's note to excuse him/her from PE.

Dress Code

- Please make sure your child's shorts have at least a three-inch inseam.
- No dresses or tops with spaghetti straps are permitted unless covered by a sweater, jacket, or shirt. Straps on sleeveless tops must be at least two inches in width. Shoes with wheels/rollers are not permitted at school.
- **Blue Hole Primary students are required to wear or bring shoes suitable for PE every day.**
- Because students attend PE multiple times per week, and play on the playground each day, it is suggested that shorts are worn under dresses.

- Please be aware that the district dress code addresses hairstyles, as well. Any hairstyle that is considered to be an excessive distraction at school will not be permitted. **Mohawk hairstyles (a strip of hair down the center of the head) are not permitted on any campus.** Hats/caps/sunglasses should not be worn inside the building unless it is a scheduled school spirit day (i.e. Red Ribbon Week Hat Day).
- Students are not allowed to wear make-up unless it is a costume day.

For more information about the district dress code, please see the WISD Student/Parent Handbook.

As the weather cools, please remember to dress your child according to the **morning temperature**. As per suggestions from local pediatricians, children will be allowed to play outside as long as the temperature is above 32 degrees.

Birthday Celebrations/Holiday Parties

We are allowed to have 3 class parties per year:

Christmas Holiday Party—Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2023

Valentine Party—Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2024

End-of-Year Party—Wednesday, May 22, 2024

If you would like to send treats for your child’s class to celebrate your child’s birthday (cupcakes, cookies, or individual ice cream cups all work well for classroom distribution), please plan to drop the treats off in the school office on the day of the celebration. Students’ birthdays are celebrated with treats in the classrooms **after** lunch. Birthday treats cannot be served in the cafeteria during lunch times. *To protect our students with food allergies, please check with your child’s teacher about appropriate birthday treats that can be sent to school.*

***Birthday invitations may be passed out at school only if there is one for each student in the class.**

Field Trips and Parent Background Checks

Parent background checks are necessary for any parent/guardian who wants to attend a field trip or work with small groups of students on campus under a teacher’s direction. These background checks must be done every school year. Please find more information and links for background checks at

<https://www.wimberleyisd.net/domain/548>

It is advisable to complete your parent background check well in advance of a field trip or activity so there is enough time to process.

Note: Parents/family members/guardians may attend class parties, parent nights, awards assemblies, lunch visits, and school-wide events without completing background checks, but must still check in through the front office with a valid ID. Parents are allowed to take their own children home with them after a field trip by signing the child out with the teacher so that the teacher is aware and knows the child is safe. Children may not ride home from a field trip with another child’s parent or guardian.

Blue Hole Primary PTO

We are fortunate to have an active, dedicated Parent Teacher Organization on our campus. Our PTO hosts several fundraising events each school year. These fundraisers help fund many wonderful things at Blue Hole Primary, such as classroom technology, field trips, playground equipment, and instructional materials. Our PTO members support our school goals and our staff, and help create a wonderful learning environment for all students. Please consider joining and becoming active in the Blue Hole Primary PTO, as there is always a need for active participants. Please watch for notes coming home from the Blue Hole Primary PTO about upcoming events.

Social Emotional Learning Opportunities

Our campus has a full time Counselor - Tiffany Galley, and a Social Emotional Learning Specialist - Wendi Norton. Mrs. Norton will implement lessons focusing on the SEL competencies for each homeroom. Mrs. Galley will implement guidance and counseling for groups and individuals in need. If you feel like your child would benefit from a counseling group, please contact your child's teacher.

GT Testing/Program

Testing for the WISD Gifted and Talented Program is offered each school year for our students. Families will receive letters about nominating students for GT testing in the fall for Kindergarten, and in the spring for first and second grade. Students who qualify for the GT program after testing receive 30 minutes of dedicated GT instruction each week.

Facility-Use Policy

If you are interested in using the school building for club/organization meetings, please contact Lacey Lambert at the WISD Athletics Complex (512-847-3211) lacey.lambert@wimberleyisd.net to check for building availability and acquire necessary reservation forms.

Technology Information

The Computer Usage form is one of the documents that parents sign online during registration. This form allows you to give permission for your child to use the internet and the WISD network computers. Please know that our students are only allowed to go to bookmarked websites that we personally put on each computer in our classrooms. We are so fortunate to have access to so many wonderful free and paid websites here at Blue Hole Primary. Icons and links to these websites are provided to students. Students are instructed to never type in a search topic into Google while at school. Our teaching staff members make sure they follow the rules of WISD and gain the technology skills they need for our high-tech world.

To minimize classroom disruptions no cell phones or smart watches are allowed at BHP. If your child brings a device to school it must be kept in their backpack. If a student is found to have a device outside of their backpack they will be asked to put it away. If it happens again, the device will be confiscated and will be held in the office for parents to pick up.

Thank you for taking the time to read over our policies and procedures for Blue Hole Primary. We hope the information is helpful and allows your family to feel welcome at our school and informed about our practices. We are looking forward to a wonderful school year!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office staff at (512) 847-3407.