BACK TO SCHOOL FAQ's FROM CUMBERLAND
2016

When is NEW Student Registration? - Tell your new neighbors!!!

- August 2- 5 from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM & 1:00 - 3:00 PM
- August 2nd and 3rd we will also be open from -5:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Cumberland Elementary School
- Make sure to bring a copy of your child's birth certificate
- Registration forms can be found on-line and filled out, printed, and brought to school with you in order to save you time during registration.
- You will also need proof that you reside in our district. (rental agreement, 2 utility bills, etc.)
- Please arrive at least 30 minutes before the close of the registration session.

What about RETURNING Students?

- In mid-July parent of returning students should be able to use Skyward to take care of registration fees and put money into lunch accounts via credit card. Mrs. Bowers will send a mass email to all returning families letting you know that the system is available.
- If you ordered a supply box through Parent Council in the Spring, the box will be delievered for you to your child's new classroom in August before the first day of school.

What will the book fees be for 2016-2017?

- Kindergarten - $69.00
- 1st Grade - $105.00
- 2nd Grade - $99.00
- 3rd Grade - $182.00

Where can I find the supply list for 2016-2017?

- On our website at www.wl.k12.in.us and click on Cumberland

When can I pay for my child's book fees and put money in his/her lunch account?

Parents of returning students should be able to take care of all payments via Skyward in mid-July.

- Mail payments to Cumberland (600 Cumberland Ave., WL, 47906) **beginning July 15th** (2 checks = 1 for lunch, 1 for book fees) CLEARLY write your child's name in the memo section.
  OR…
- Drop payments off in a sealed envelope with your child's name/s clearly printed on the envelope beginning August 2nd at 9:00 AM (2 checks = 1 for lunch, 1 for book)
- Pay during New Student Registration Aug. 2-5 (hours listed above)
- Pay during Office Hours Aug. 8th or 9th from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
- Pay during Office Hours after school begins
- Regular office hours begin on August 11th – 8:15 am – 3:45 pm (please be aware that during the first week of school the office is extremely busy at the beginning and end of the day)

When is the first day of school for Grades 1-3 ?

Thursday, August 11th – full day – 8:45am – 3:15pm – Doors Open 8:30 am

<u>When is the first day of school for Kindergarten students? A Kinder, Gentler Beginning…</u>

Thursday, August 11th – 1-1 personal appointments with teacher and A-L last name student and parents
Friday, August 12th - 1-1 personal appointments with teacher and M-Z last name student and parents
Monday, August 15th – ONLY Students with last names A-L come to school (all day or half day)

Tuesday, August 16th - ONLY Students with last names M-Z come to school (all day or half day)
Wednesday, August 17th - FIRST FULL DAY FOR ALL ADK students FIRST ½ DAY FOR ALL AM students

Will there be a "Back to School Open House" for students and parents? Grades 1-3 (K during 1-1 appointments on August 11 and 12, 2016)

YES – August 10th from 4:30 – 5:30 PM – bring your children's supplies, meet the teacher, and "practice" going to school. We want to be "ready" for the first day of school. A bus will also be parked in the parking lot to allow your child time to "practice" walking in to school, getting on and off the bus, and walking back to the bus at the end of the day.

When can we see the nurse about our child's medical needs?

Nurses will be at Cumberland on Wednesday, August 10th from 12:15 pm to 3:15 pm to assist you before school begins on Thursday. Please email her at karpicka@wl.k12.in.us to let her know you will be coming to see her.

How old does my child have to be to register for school?

- Kindergarten students must be 5 by August 1st, 2016 (no Early Entry space available)
- First grade students must be 6 by August 1st , 2016 (no Early Entry space available)
- Second grade students must be 7 by August 1st, 2016
- Third grade students must be 8 by August 1st, 2016
- If your child does not meet the age cut-off requirements, please visit our website at www.wl.k12.in.us/cumberland/ to learn more about our K-12 Early Entry policy and procedures.

When will we find out the name of our child's teacher for this school year?

- After you pay your book fees on-line or in person you will learn the name of your child's teacher.
- Often classroom teachers send postcards or an email during the first week of school to their new students.
- Finally, after new student registration and processing, Mrs. Bowers will send an email to all parents regarding student room numbers and the teacher's name late in the day or evening of August 8th.
- We will also have several "helpers" with clipboards during "Back to School" night who will be able to answer questions and help you find your child's new classroom.

What if I want my child to be in a different classroom?

- Teacher and parent input is seriously considered when Mrs. Bowers compiles the class lists and much time and effort goes into making well-balanced classrooms.
- Classroom Teachers also receive the Parent Input sheets for individual students and therefore he/she will be able to read the parent input sheet before the school year begins in order to begin to understand your child's unique needs.
- Classroom changes will not be considered unless initiated by Mrs. Bowers (much later in the school year) or other school personnel and this is done only when there are extenuating circumstances as determined by Mrs.Bowers. Classroom concerns should always first be discussed with the classroom teacher, and then possibly the guidance counselor, Mrs. Holmes, and then Mrs. Bowers.

How can I talk to the School Counselor about a school concern?

- Our counselor will return with the teachers on Wednesday, August 10th. You may call and leave a message prior to that date at 765-464-3212 ext. 4161 or email her at holmesm@wl.k12.in.us.

How do we find out about the bus schedule?

Bus schedules will be emailed to parents the week of August 8th. Parents not having email will have a copy sent by mail to their home. Bus schedules may also be picked up at Cumberland and they will be available in the slots beside the front office door after August 5th .

Whom do I contact with bus concerns and questions?

Call Roni Anthrop, Bus Director at CityBus – 765-423-2666 (all year)
Assistant Principal, Mary Beth Boyd 765-464-3212 – ext. 4106 (beginning Thursday, August 4th)

How do we know what will be on the lunch menu the first week?

Please look at our website beginning August 1st. Hard copies of the menu will be available in the slots outside the school office beginning August 8th.

How will our child know their PIN number for lunch?

Your child's lunch PIN number will remain the same if he/she was a student here last year. If your child is new to our school, the teacher will have the lunch pin number to help them for the first few weeks of school. We also have extra adults on hand during lunchtime to help all students remember their pin numbers and get settled into the lunch routine.

When you know your child's PIN number it helps us all immensely if you help your child memorize/rememorize the number BEFORE school begins. Of course, we will help every child during lunch beginning August 11th to help ensure a smooth lunch process. It takes about 3 weeks for us to have our process and procedures down smoothly for all grade levels – but our students are quick learners and we are always proud of how helpful they are to each other and to all the adults at Cumberland.

How do we pay for our child's lunch?

You will be able to put money in your child's lunch account on-line using a credit card through Skyward, by mailing a check to the school before August 9th (to have time to process before the 11th), or you may drop off a check in an envelope during the week of August 2nd. Make sure your child has money in his/her lunch account ***before*** August 11th. (and remember it takes time to process)

What about physicals and shot records?

Physicals for Kindergarten students need to be complete by the start of school (Aug. 15th). **Also, a copy of your child's birth certificate must be turned in by August 11th.**

Critical Information for ALL Kindergarten and New Families!

Immunization Records for ALL new students must be complete and records turned in by August 15th to an office secretary or our school nurse. Schools are required by law to have immunizations documented in our student database. If we don't have this information from parents, we are required to expel the student from school until the information is received.

When is Winter Break?

Winter Break begins Wednesday, December 22st and school resumes Thursday, January 5th and it will be a full day for students.

When is Spring Break?

Spring Break begins Monday, March 13th, 2017 and school resumes on Monday, March 20, 2017.

Whom do I call to schedule an appointment with Mrs. Bowers?

Beginning August 8th, 2016 - Please contact Mrs. Robyn Bennett at (765) 464-3212 ext. 4102 for an appointment.