

WAMPATUCK SCHOOL

FAMILY INFORMATION BOOKLET

2018-2019

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Wampatuck Beliefs

“In this school we believe that learning is a life-long adventure. We believe in facing each day with minds open to knowledge and hearts open to love. We believe in the freedom to wonder, to ask, to explore, to imagine, and to create. We believe that success means doing our best, being our best, and feeling proud of our efforts. We believe that every one of us has special talents, and that the talents of each of us help all of us. We believe in ourselves, in each other, and in WAMPATUCK SCHOOL.”

SCHOOL CALENDAR Scituate Public Schools Calendar may be found at http://www.scituate.k12.ma.us/images/2018-2019_School_Calendar.pdf. On this calendar you will note the dates for delayed openings and half days.

HALF DAYS The day before Thanksgiving and the last day of school are half days. Dismissal will be at 11:25am, and no lunches are served.

DELAYED OPENINGS: Scituate Public Schools will hold one hour delayed openings monthly for staff development. School will begin at 9:50am for Kindergarten through Grade 5. The ECC hours on this date are 10:05 on delayed openings. The dates for 2018-19 are as follows.

October 17	November 14	December 19	January 16
February 13	March 13	April 10	May 15

ARRIVAL PROCEDURE FOR K-5 STUDENTS

PLEASE NOTE THAT AS PER SCITUATE TOWN BYLAWS AND THE SPS HANDBOOK, DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON PUBLIC SCHOOL GROUNDS.

SCHOOL HOURS: School hours for 2018-2019 are 8:50am-3:20pm for our K-5 students. Doors open 15 minutes BEFORE school starts. Please do not drop off students before this time as there is no supervision available unless the student is enrolled in the Before School Y Program.

Parents of K-5 students should not use the circular drive for drop off between 8:30-8:50am as our buses will be arriving during that time.

If driving your child to school, please use the north parking area (gym) entrance to the left of the building. There will be staff to assist children onto the sidewalk. Students will enter and exit the building through the front door only.

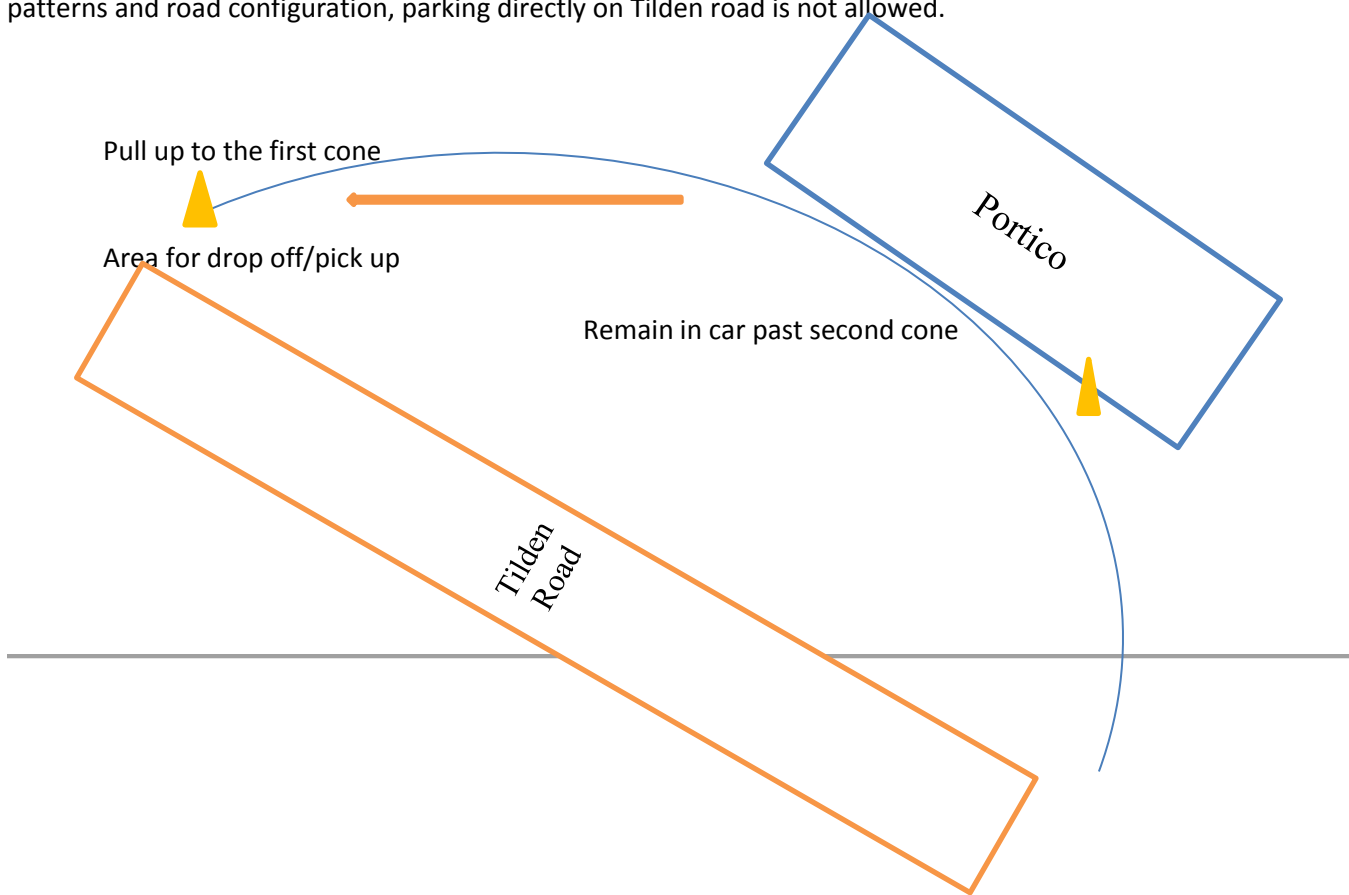
Our crossing guards will assist students as they walk or ride their bicycles to school. Drivers need to be on alert and especially cautious as they approach the school's drop-off area.

ARRIVAL PROCEDURE FOR THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Early Childhood Center hours are 9:00-11:30 for AM session, 12:15-2:45 for PM session, and 9:00-2:45 for our full day students. The procedure for arrival and dismissal for ECC is as follows:

Parents/Guardians should pull into the semi-circle driveway in the front of the Wampatuck School and pull all the way to the beginning of the semi-circle. There will be an orange cone to show where to pull up to. Staff will come out of the entrance and gather students from the beginning of the semi-circle (first orange cone) to the second orange cone which is near the covered portico. Parents are responsible for unbuckling their child. The cars between the two cones will then leave the school and the rest of the cars should pull up to the beginning of the semi-circle (first orange cone). This process will repeat until all students have been dropped off. Only cars between the two cones can unload students. Students should remain with parents until a staff member has received the student. Please remember to post your classroom teacher form to the passenger side of your car.

Please do not pull out of line, but wait for the cars in front of you to move up as this could potentially be an unsafe situation. If you cannot wait for these arrival/dismissal procedures, you can locate a parking spot in the existing parking areas on the school ground and walk your student to the front entrance where they will be retrieved by a staff member. The Scituate Police Department reminds parents/guardians, that due to traffic patterns and road configuration, parking directly on Tilden road is not allowed.



DISMISSAL - Our afternoon and full day students in the Early Childhood Center program will be leaving at 2:50pm. Please be aware of our youngest learners as you enter the front driveway. K-5 walkers are dismissed at 3:20pm followed by buses.

- **Parents should meet students outside at either end of the canopy. on the grassy areas thus clearing the walkway for students.**
- Students riding the bus are not permitted to walk home without prior parent permission. If your child is not riding the bus, he/she will be considered a walker and exit through the front of the building.
- **Remember that pedestrians and bike-riders ALWAYS have the right of way.** Students riding bicycles and skateboards are reminded to refrain from using them until they reach the end of the sidewalks
- If your child cannot find you at dismissal, they must come to the school office. Your child will be safe and warm until contact is made between the school and families.
- If your child already walks with a neighborhood group it may not be necessary for you to meet them on campus.
- At drop off/pick up in the north parking lot, please patiently follow the queue of cars and adhere to the traffic pattern.
- If you do not access the north parking lot for drop off/pick up but rather a side street, please adhere to the traffic rule of parking on only one side of the street facing the correct way.
- **Traffic patterns for Edith Holmes Drive area** - Clover Lane is a heavily used side street and we have a large walker population who enter that area. Park only on the east side as parking on the west side is prohibited.
- Turns in driveways are prohibited as are three-point turns because they are a safety issue.

EARLY DISMISSAL There are times when students may need to be dismissed before the end of the day. Please send a note with your child to inform the teacher and the office of the early departure. To dismiss your child before the end of the school day, please park in the north parking lot (to the left facing the school) and arrive between **3:00 and 3:15p.m.** Please come directly to the office to sign your child out. If your child typically rides the bus and other arrangements need to be made for that day, a note is required. **Please do not use email as the source of contact regarding transportation as it is a time sensitive issue.**

ABSENCES (Please see SPS Handbook "Absence from School" for more information)

Absences: Anytime your child will not be attending school, please call the school nurse before 9:00am at 781-545-8790 ext. 111. Children returning to school should be fever free for 24 hours, and on a regular diet.

ILLNESS If your child becomes ill during the day, the school nurse will contact you to pick him or her up. Please be sure that your contact information and that of your emergency contacts are up to date in the event we are unable to reach you.

CLASSROOM CELEBRATIONS – Wampatuck School will adhere to the Scituate Public Schools' policy regarding classroom events/celebrations. You will be provided more information regarding this policy soon.

FOOD As per the letter dated May 29, 2018 from Asst. Superintendent Jennifer Arnold and Nurse Leader Liz O'Reilly,*"In keeping with the practice we have established this year, we will continue our practice of conducting school celebrations without food." PTO activities that occur 30 minutes after the end of school may include food. If food will be included, we ask that PTO coordinators have allergen free items of equitable choice available so that all children can fully participate.*

In the event of a special lunch (pizza, subs, etc.) or snack (popsicle) for a grade level, the teachers will coordinate, in advance, the purchase of these items by students through our school cafeteria. These items will meet State and Federal requirements which are based on the USDA Dietary Guidelines.

STUDENT BIRTHDAYS Each day, the name(s) of the birthday student(s) will be announced from the office during Morning Announcements. After announcements, the birthday student(s) will report to the office on **FRIDAY** to receive a Birthday Pencil from Mrs. Whitney. Late June and July birthdays will be announced throughout the month of June. August birthdays will be announced in September.

SCHOOL LUNCH Scituate Public Schools utilize the mySchoolBucks program for the online purchase of lunches at school. You may register for your free account at www.myschoolbucks.com for secure online transactions.

Students may bring a bag lunch from home or purchase lunch in the cafeteria. Both a hot lunch and a cold lunch are served each day. Lunches are \$3.00, milk and bottled water is \$.50, snacks are \$.50-\$2.00. The monthly menu is posted on the SPS website at www.scituate.k12.ma.us

PEANUT FREE TABLE if a grade level requires it, a NUT FREE table is designated. Students may sit there with their friends if they have a nut free lunch.

LUNCH BUNCH Students in grades K-5 are often invited to a Lunch Bunch group run by various staff members. A letter with information regarding this group will be sent home in September. The groups grow and change throughout the school year. The purpose of these groups is to help all children to get to know one another and develop friendships.

HOME/SCHOOL COMMUNICATION Wampatuck faculty and staff may be contacted via email by using their first initial, last name @scit.org or by leaving a telephone message at our school office. Teachers do not have direct phone lines in the classroom, but do check their emails at least once a day. More information regarding teacher contact will be given to you at our Open House in September.

Scituate Public Schools communicate via School Messenger. This platform will be used to share important information throughout the district, including any school closings, emergency or weather related information as well as school specific notifications.

Twice monthly, *The Wampatuck Wave* Principal newsletter will keep you apprised of school happenings.

PEACHJAR Scituate Public Schools disseminates information from not-for-profit community resources via PeachJar. Please go to the Wampatuck School website www.scituate.k12.ma.us/wampatuck and click on the Peachjar link at the bottom of the page to sign up for these notices.

You can customize the frequency and content of the information you wish to receive.

WAMPATUCK PTO Every parent/guardian is a member of the Wampatuck PTO. You are encouraged to attend their monthly meetings and learn about your school community and events.

Notices and calendar details from the Wampatuck PTO and the local community will be sent via PTO Email. Please email WampatuckPTO@gmail.com to sign up for their notices.

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY The PTO publishes a telephone directory each year which contains class lists, family contact information, and PTO contact information. If you are new to Wampatuck, please contact the PTO at the above email address to sign up for the directory.

VOLUNTEERS If you plan to volunteer for any field trips, field days, special school events, we ask that you complete the form at http://scituate.k12.ma.us/images/Volunteer_CORI_Form.pdf and bring to the office with a copy of your driver's license. Hard copies are available for your convenience. Once complete, this form is valid for 3 years. Feel free to contact the office to see if your CORI needs to be renewed. It is our hope to avoid disappointed students and parent/volunteers who are precluded from events due to absence of their completed CORI.

YMCA BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE: The South Shore YMCA offers child care at Wampatuck School. For more information, please go to www.ssymca.org or contact the School Age Child Care Director Jamie Farrell at jfarrell@ssymca.org.

ALPHABEST® Several times throughout the school year, Alhabest® offers enrichment programs held after school. Information will be sent home to families with registration information.