

WELCOME BACK!

Read the latest news from our faculty as we begin a new year!



A Message from the Director

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! The feel of a new school year is always exciting and full of energy. I am especially excited because at the grade school level we have three new teachers that are the best of their kind.

Our 1st and 2nd grade students are very fortunate to have Mrs. Laura Ramirez leading the way in building a strong academic foundation. Mrs. Ramirez has many years of experience and is ready to take our students to the next level. Mrs. Barbara Stegmiller believes in challenging her 3rd and 4th grade students but most importantly she knows that her students are up to the challenges she gives them. Mrs. Stegmiller is a highly experienced teacher who creates learning situations that her students find exciting and fun. Our 5th grade class is being led to middle-school readiness by Mrs. Alejandra Urias. Mrs. Urias recently completed her teacher certification program and we are very fortunate to have her join our staff. I would also like to welcome Kaitlin Conner who will be teaching Chinese and Spanish to our students at the grade school level. We welcome our new teachers and look forward to a great year.

In the next few weeks we will be planning our fall activities and as the plans develop we will be sending out important announcements to keep you informed. Please review your child's folder nightly as this is one way we send out information. Teachers will once again use REMIND to communicate with parents in their individual classrooms. We are also in the process of installing a system called "Curacubby". Through this system you will be able to pay tuition from the comfort of your own home and not have to come to school with a check or cash. There will also be a school wide messenger component to this system and this will help to enhance our communication with our families.

Our Early Learning Center teachers are already working hard with our younger students to establish routines and habits that will make their school experience positive and enjoyable. I am personally looking forward to an exciting and academically successful year. Parents please join us on this roller coaster and I promise you, you will enjoy the ride.

Before I close, I would like to recognize the passing of one of our school board trustees, Mr. Manny Gonzalez. Mr. Manny was one of our school's biggest supporters and we will miss him very much. Blessings to his family. Keep an eye on us from above Mr. Manny and we will keep the faith.

Sincerely,
Patricia Aguirre
Western Hills Academy Director



Awesome 2 & 3 yr. olds

Greetings from Mrs Carmen Lerma and Western Hills Academy. Our class is taking off to a great start. The children are adjusting fairly well. They are getting to know me and their fellow classmates. All of the children are quickly learning the classroom routine and their surroundings. September is the beginning of Fall and during this month we will learn about the letters A,B,C and D. Our numbers will be 1,2,3 and 4. My students will also be learning how to share and sitting at the table during Art activities, snack time and as well as lunchtime some of our most important routines of the day. Remember parents all this starts at home. I would just like to thank all of the children's parents for the generous donations of school supplies brought into my classroom, it is greatly appreciated. Birthday wishes for the month of August are as follows Dallas, Adeline and Eliseo and for the month of September Is Jaxson. Happy Birthday!

Mrs. Carmen Lerma

3 yr. olds

Welcome back to school my little 3yrs olds, I am very happy to be your teacher. We are going to work this month with tracing and recognizing the colors and shapes. I hope you have a fun year with me!

Mrs. Davie



Pre-Kinder

Welcome Pre-K! As we prepare for a year of learning and growing together, we would like to take the opportunity to thank the following parents for volunteering to be our room parents for this school year PK1-Mrs.Torres & Mrs.Ryan, PK2-Mrs.Narvaez . Wow we are moving on to Theme 2; some students might find this a little more challenging. Please review folders daily for important information. In the up in coming weeks we will be focusing on the letters ABCD, safety, health, and hygiene. Please keep an eye out for our monthly snack calendar. By working together we can begin to enhance your child's development. Please read to your child daily. We are thankful for the opportunity to work with you and your children. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions or concerns. It is going to be a great year!

Mrs. Mendoza & Mrs.Mercado



Kindergarten

Welcome back to all returning families as well as all our new families. We had a great first week and I am sure that we will have an amazing school year! As a reminder, homework binders will be sent home every Monday and will be due on Fridays. Please read to your child daily. By working together, we will be able to appreciate your child's growth and development. This month we will be working with Phonics, Math, health, safety and classroom expectations. If you have any question, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you so much for your support!

Ms. Ostos

1st & 2nd Grade

This is my first year teaching in Western Hills Academy and I am looking forward for an excellent school year! I am excited to teach and expand the children's knowledge, through the school curriculum. Both classes will start with calendar and writing in their journals everyday. Homework will be sent on Monday and Wednesday to be returned Friday. Please don't forget to check your children's folders and backpacks for additional information everyday. Let's work together and have a wonderful school year!

Mrs. Ramirez

3rd & 4th Grade

Hi! I am Mrs. Barbara Stegmiller. Teaching is an absolute passion of mine! I am so excited to work with you and your child! It's going to be a year of full of reading/writing, curriculum, and lots of adventures, and I can't wait to see where the year takes us! I thought you might like to know a little bit about me. I am married to my wonderful husband Emilio. We have three grown children. Two daughters named Christina and Jamie and a son named Emilio. I also have 2 beautiful grandchildren. A grandson named Emilio who is in 2nd grade and a granddaughter named Natalie who is in 4th grade. They both are true blessings in my life. This will be my 30 plus year of teaching. I have taught children from the ages of 2 through 8th grade. Last school year I taught 3rd and 4th grade, which was an awesome year and I look forward to another great year. It is my mission to instill a love of reading, writing, math, social studies, and science in my students. The first week of school was geared towards getting to know each other, classroom environment, daily routine, and reviewing the goals and objectives of the class. Next week, we will jump right into the curriculum. Thank you for allowing me to be part of the Western Hills Academy family!

Mrs. Barbara Stegmiller



Spanish & Chinese

Hello everyone! ¡Hola a todos! 大家好! My name is Miss Kaitlin, and I am your child's Spanish and Chinese teacher. I'm very excited to start my first year here at Western Hills Academy. I am a recent graduate of UTEP, where I studied languages, teaching methods, culture and religion. This is only my third year here in El Paso, but it already feels like home! This year my main focus will be on making my lessons fun and approachable, so that we can learn in an environment where everyone feels they can be challenged and succeed in learning a foreign language. I can't wait to see what this year brings!

Ms. Kaitlin Conner

