

Dr. Henry Givens Jr. Elementary School

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Upcoming Events

September 4

Early release day: Classes are over by 11:45

September 7

Labor Day – No school

September 21

Givens PTO Meeting

Picture day is still to be determined.

Dear Givens Families:

We're off to a good start to our school year some hiccups these first few days. I'm sure issues will be resolved and we can all stay connected. I know the children have quite a few technology skills, but virtual learning is new to them and all of us. The good part is that we're all in this together; and the teachers are very optimistic that the children will catch on quickly. We are looking forward to this unique school year and we're planning to include school spirit events, activities and fun along the way.

Our teaching staff had the option of teaching from their classroom or another location. A majority of our faculty is teaching from school with a few off campus. Some teachers chose the option of using both a location off campus and being here at school. Either way, Ms. Beecham, Mr. Atterberry and I are able to go in and out of the classrooms in person and much like the students, through Zoom. We can see what the teacher sees and view teaching and learning.

Thank you to the families who did the welcome chalk messages on the sidewalk. That was a great way to start our 1st day!

I hope you've had a good first week with your child. Let us know how we can help.

Dr. Retzlaff

Help your child prepare for their school day. They need to be ready to learn by 7:50. That means that they're up, dressed, breakfast finished and they're logging in by 7:50.

The Givens learners did a great job this week with attendance and participation. Let's keep that up!

A Message from our reading specialists:

To begin the year, all reading specialists will be helping with reading assessments across the district. If these assessments show that your child qualifies for reading support, you will be contacted by the Givens reading teachers to discuss areas of growth for your child, your child's reading support schedule and obtain signed permission to work with your child. The goal is to have reading support begin sometime in early October.

Important information: If you need technology help and the school is not available, contact <https://wgsd.on.spiceworks.com/portal/tickets>

A message from our District Reading Coordinator, Julie Paur:

Assessment Information

Over the next few weeks, your student will be given assessments for reading and writing. Some of these assessments will be in a one-on-one breakout room with a reading specialist or another staff member from the Webster Groves School District. These testing sessions will be recorded. During these assessments, please refrain from assisting your student. These assessments are not for a grade, but to guide classroom instruction.

GET TO KNOW YOUR SCHOOL STAFF!

The Steger and Givens staff have created a welcome video with introductions. If you want to see and hear from all the members of both staff, please go to the In Focus section in the video box on the school's main page.

Like and Follow our Givens Facebook Page:

https://www.facebook.com/GivensElem/?eid=ARDpnDrVhRdYfE_hkdJJSFeUcggR5lhmrOT3TKmpHhuM3zRbnHgtPwzQjS_5zfiySBR8q6iMuls6DCK

Our school is a food distribution site. If you are interested, please see the information provided in this link.



meal pick up
information memo 81

HAVE A GREAT WEEK!

