

Turner Tribe...
Teaching our kids to have kind hearts, brave spirits,
and fierce minds.



Believe There Is Good in The World!

Dear Parents,

Welcome to A.R. Turner Elementary. We are looking forward to working with your child. We believe a partnership between home and school is necessary for the success of our students. We need to work as a **team** to ensure your child becomes an independent, lifelong learner. Below are a few frequently asked questions:

Q: What time does school start and end?

A: Doors open at 8:00 AM. Our instructional day begins at 8:25 AM and ends at 3:40 PM. Tardies will be counted after 8:25 AM. Please make every effort to have your child here on time and in attendance all day long. Valuable instruction is missed when your child is not present. **For safety reasons, if you are picking your child up early, please do so before 3:00. If you arrive after 3:00, you'll be asked to wait in the car rider line until dismissal.**

Q: What do I need to do if I want to volunteer?

A: Parents are an integral part of our learning community. We are always seeking volunteers to help in various ways. Please go to the Willis ISD website under the **PARENTS** tab to fill out a volunteer application. Once submitted, please check online frequently to make sure background check is completed. We look forward to your participation in helping our school succeed.

Q: What if I want to eat lunch with my child?

A: It's important we create a safe learning environment for all. Please make sure you check in with the receptionist and receive a visitor sticker. If you are bringing lunch from outside the cafeteria, please provide lunch for **your child only**. Food allergies are becoming more prevalent, and we'd never want to take a chance with another classmate becoming ill.

Q: What if I need to change my child's transportation?

A: Please put your change of transportation in writing by emailing turnertransportation@willisisd.org **before 2:00 PM**. Be sure to include your child's full

name and teacher's name. This will enable our office to make sure your child gets to the appropriate location for dismissal.

Q: What if my child is absent?

A: Send a note and/or medical documentation explaining absence within 72 hours. Your child will have the same number of days to make up work as per days absent. We are making every effort to encourage daily attendance. Incentives are in place, but we will also monitor attendance for participation in extracurricular activities such as field trips. Students with more than **3 unexcused absences** will not be permitted to attend the grade level field trip. If you have questions regarding excused/unexcused absences and/or truancy, **please refer to the WISD Student Handbook or email our registrar, Amanda Hudson.**
ahudson@willisd.org

Q: What if I want to celebrate my child's birthday with the class?

A: The Willis community has great places to celebrate birthdays; however, our school is full of instructional minutes that don't allow for a lot of free time. If you'd like to invite the class to a birthday party, please send invitations for all classmates. We will make a special birthday announcement for your child and pass out a birthday pencil. If you want to send a birthday snack (cookies, trail mix, fruit, etc.) to share with the class at the end of the day, please make those arrangements with your child's teacher. **We ask that you do not send birthday cupcakes with icing, birthday cakes, balloons, etc.**

I am looking forward to a great school year. I encourage you to visit our school and participate in the various activities we have throughout the year. Please feel free to stop by or call at 856-1289 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Kameron Wilder
Principal