



Waters Elementary School

Parent Resource Guide 2017-18

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This guide, assembled by parents for parents, contains important back-to-school information as well as other resources that you may reference throughout the school year. The contents are subject to change as new information and resources become available.

School Contact Information

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www.waters elementary.org

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Hours of Operation:

School: 8:15am - 3:15pm

Teachers: 8:15am - 3:15pm

Office: 8:00am - 3:30pm

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The faculty directory can be found at www.waters elementary.org/faculty-directory.

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Forms / Fees / Donation

Forms and Fees*

Due Monday, September 18

Applicable forms will be sent home with your child by the end of the first week of school. Please sign and return all applicable documents to your child's teacher and pay the student fee of \$100/student by September 15. Please check the Immunizations and Medical Requirements section for any further medical forms you may also need to submit for your child(ren).

Forms will include:

Student Fee Form (\$100 per student up to a \$250 maximum per family). This fee helps pay for school-wide curriculum materials, such as textbooks, consumable workbooks, and technology supplies (like ink and toner)—materials that are not covered by our limited school budget. [Online payment](#) is preferred. If this is not an option you may pay by cash or money order. The Student Fee Form is to be submitted with your eldest child, including name(s) and room number(s) for every student in your family, method and amount of payment.

This student fee is separate from the cost of classroom supplies that students need to purchase. Payment plans are available, and a fee waiver form is available in the office if you cannot afford the fee.

Student Code of Conduct. Please sign the last page of the book and return page.

Media Consent Form. Pictures of students may be used in our materials and websites. Please sign and return whether or not you allow the use your child's picture (no names associated with pictures).

Acceptable Usage Policy. Details guidelines for appropriate usage of the CPS network by students.

CPS Family Income Information Form. This form is used to obtain information about families' incomes to determine how much school funding will come from the state and federal government. Waters School may receive additional funds from state and federal sources to provide resources for all students.

Emergency Form. If you just registered this year at Waters, one was already completed at registration. You do not need to do this again. If your child is a returning student, you must complete this form.

Student Medical Form. Helps track students with known medical conditions such as allergies or asthma.

School Communications

Green Notes: Blog and Newsletter

Stay informed about school news and events with Green Notes, our blog and weekly email newsletter. This is one of the primary means for communicating school-wide information – we strongly encourage all families to subscribe to Green Notes. Read, subscribe, or submit new announcements online at www.waters elementary.org/green-notes.

Calendar

The CPS and Waters School calendars can be found at www.waterelementary.org/calendar. From there you can either print the calendar or sync it with your own calendar to see upcoming events as they are added or updated. A list of events and tentative dates is included at the end of this document.

Flyers

Check your student's backpack/homework folders throughout the school year for grade-specific newsletters and school-wide flyers.

On the Web

Waters Elementary School: www.waterelementary.org

WatersToday: www.watertoday.org

Class/Grade Websites: Many teachers have class/grade websites—go to www.waterelementary.org, under “Academics,” then “By Grade.”

Chicago Public Schools: www.cps.edu

Parent Portal: Securely view your child's grades and attendance online, and in some cases view course syllabi, upcoming assignments and class descriptions. Visit: www.waterelementary.org/parent-portal

Social Media: On **Facebook**, we have a public Facebook page for official events and announcements, www.facebook.com/WatersElementarySchool. We also maintain a private Facebook group, Waters Elementary Community and Events (ask to join), for informal questions, information, and photo sharing. In addition, there are Facebook groups for each grade level, usually under the graduation year (for example, this year's kindergarten class is listed as the Waters Class of 2026). On **Twitter**, follow us at @WatersSchool for all the latest news and updates. Please note all social media pages and accounts are managed by parent volunteers.

Drop-Off / Pick-Up Procedures

Student and staff safety is a priority at Waters. School begins promptly at 8:15 am and dismisses at 3:15 pm. In the morning, the first school bell rings at 8:10 am as a “heads-up” to parents and students, and the second bell rings at 8:15 am. The school does not have playground supervision before or after school.

Morning Line-Up Procedure

K-2nd Graders

Students must line up at their assigned door (see diagram below) and designated classroom spot (sometimes marked on the pavement) by second bell at 8:15 am until a teacher or school official arrives to open the door. As students walk inside the school, they line up in a spot designated by their teacher.

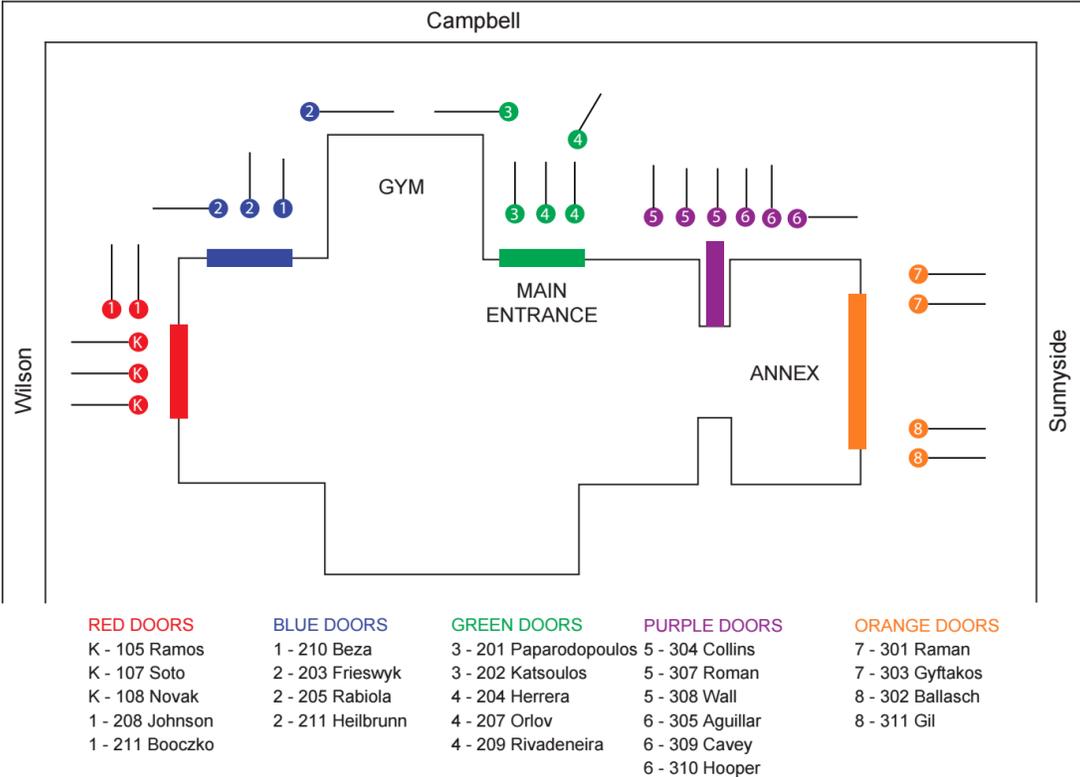
3rd-8th Graders

Students must line up at their assigned door (see diagram below) by second bell until a school official arrives to open the door. As they enter the school, they must quickly walk to their classroom and line up along the wall until the teacher arrives.

Inclement Weather

During inclement weather, students are welcome to wait in the Annex with their parents until second bell rings at 8:15 am. It may be crowded so try to arrive as close to the bell as possible. Extra staff, if needed, will help children to their classrooms from the Annex. Homeroom teachers, regardless of weather, will still greet students at assigned entrance doors at 8:15 am. *Please Note: Door assignments are tentative—check Green Notes for latest info.*

WATERS ELEMENTARY - LINE UP CONFIGURATION



Late Arrival

If students arrive late, they must enter the main school doors off Campbell Ave. and sign in at the security/tardy desk in the hallway.

Early Pick-Up

If a student needs to be picked up early, an authorized adult must sign out the student in the main office. No student can be dismissed on his/her own for any reason.

Late Pick-Up

K-3: Children will be brought to the main office if a parent/guardian is not present at pick-up. Contact the school at 773-534-5090 to let them know that you will be late. If this becomes a regular occurrence, parents may wish to contact Right At School to arrange for after-school activities.

Grades 4-8: If you will be late picking up your child, please contact the office at 773-534-5090 to inform your child to wait onsite. Parents should let their child know that if they don't see their parent at pick-up after 5 or 10 minutes, they should check in with office for a message and/or to use office phone. Parents

should establish a back-up plan with their child(ren) for late pick-ups. If they have younger sibling (K-3) they should know that the younger child will be brought to the office.

Parking

The school parking lot is designated for Waters staff only. Please do not park in the school lot and please do not use the lot for drop-off. We strongly recommend dropping off your children on Campbell Ave. Please do not use Wilson Ave., which is an extremely busy, narrow street. Parking can be difficult. Not only is it unsafe, it is illegal to double park or block the street. Police often ticket on the streets directly bordering the school, so please read street signs for restrictions. It is best to park a couple of blocks away and walk to the school.

School Entry

For safety reasons, the doors are locked at all times. The main entrance is located on the East side of the school facing Campbell Ave., near the north end of the turf field. Please use the main entrance when entering the school for any school-related business. There is a buzzer and security camera connected to the main office. Please do not ask students or staff to open other school doors for you; this practice is prohibited. All school visitors must sign in at the office with each visit, even if you are a frequent volunteer.

Building Usage After School

It is common for children to play on school grounds before and after school. However, unless your children are enrolled in a before-school or after-school activity, they will not be allowed to enter the school before the bell rings or after dismissal. Please remind children to use the restroom before they arrive and depart school for the day, as children are not allowed to enter the building when school is not in session. The school will remain locked at all times to ensure the safety of our students and staff.

Absences / Tardiness / Early Dismissal

Attendance is a Waters School priority. All students should be at school, on time, every school day. If a student is absent, our automated phone system will notify parents. Please ensure you have current phone numbers on file in the office to receive notifications.

Absences

If your child will be absent, a parent or guardian should notify the child's teacher by email and copy Mr. Servin (gservin2@cps.edu), our truancy officer. Absences can also be reported to teachers by sending a note with your child upon return to school, stating the reason for the absence. All absences must be documented. Students without an email/note will not have their absence(s) excused. Students who miss school due to a communicable disease or miss more than three days of school will also need a doctor's note. Administration/staff will review these notes to determine if the absence meets the legal requirements for an excused absence:

- Student illness
- Family emergency
- Death in the immediate family
- Observation of a religious holiday
- Circumstances causing reasonable concern for the student's health or safety
- Other situations out of the student's control, as determined by the principal

Tardiness

Any child arriving after 8:20 am must enter the school through the main entrance and stop at the security desk to obtain a tardy pass. Parents/guardians of students who accumulate more than three tardy passes during the school year will be called by the administration to resolve the issue.

Late Arrival / Early Dismissal

If your child needs to arrive late or leave early, please send a note to the teacher to give them advance notice. You will need to visit the main office to sign your child in or to sign your child out.

Minimum Health Requirements

Physical Forms

All students must be up-to-date on their immunizations. Students entering kindergarten or 6th grade must provide proof of a physical exam prior to October 15 of the current school year. Students will be excluded from school after October 15 until documents are received.

Dental Exams and School-based Oral Health Program

All students in kindergarten, 2nd, and 6th grade must provide proof of a completed dental exam by a licensed dentist prior to May 15 of the current school year. CPS provides free dental exams at the school during the year. Please contact the school for more information.

Eye Exams

All students entering kindergarten and/or all students enrolling for the first time in any Illinois school must provide proof of an eye examination before October 15 of the current school year. CPS provides free vision exams at the school. Please contact the school for more information.

Allergies and Medical Conditions

Parents whose children have allergies, asthma, or other medical conditions should contact Hadley Bricker (hbricker@cps.edu), the school Counselor/Case Manager, and Judith Fredrickson (jefredrickson@cps.edu), the school nurse at the start of the school year so the necessary paperwork can be completed immediately. The forms need to be completed by your child's doctor and/or allergist. Once this paperwork received, Ms. Bricker will schedule an appointment with parents, homeroom teacher, and the school nurse to create a 504 plan for responding to medical emergencies at school, storage and administration of relevant medication.

Parents of children with allergies, asthma, or other medical conditions should also inform their homeroom teacher(s) at the earliest possibility. All teachers and Waters staff are trained once a year in allergy awareness and administration of an EpiPen/EpiPen, Jr.

If your child is participating in before or after school programs, parents should work directly with program staff to be sure they are informed about your child's medical condition.

Food Service

Breakfast and lunch are provided by our cafeteria free of charge to any student. Monthly school breakfast, lunch, and after-school snack [menus](#) are linked on the school website.

Breakfast: Grab n' Go

A free breakfast is available free of charge to **ALL** students. Students may pick up a breakfast bag as they enter school en route to class (or for younger grades, teachers will permit students to pick up a breakfast bag after they drop off their bags and outerwear in the classroom). Kindergarten students may arrive as early as 7:55 am and eat breakfast in the Annex, accompanied by a parent. Students enrolled in the Early Birds program will also have the opportunity to eat breakfast in the Annex.

Lunch

Lunch is served every school day free of all charge for any CPS student who wishes to participate. Nuts are excluded from the lunch menu served by the school. Please note that when "PB&J" appears on the CPS menu, sunbutter (sunflower seed butter) replaces peanut butter.

Students are also welcome to bring their own lunch to school. Students who bring their lunch may also supplement their home lunch for free by taking a serving each of fruit, vegetables, and milk. Additional meals and a la carte items are available for purchase. Parents can pay meal fees [online](#).

If your child brings a lunch from home, **we strongly encourage families to prepare meals free of nut products** due to the increasing numbers of students with food allergies. Waters staff encourages you to continually remind your children not to share lunch or eat from someone else's lunch. Waters staff communicates with the supervising lunchroom staff to be vigilant about NOT sharing food. This is emphasized often especially with the younger students.

After-School Snack

A snack is available for free to all who are registered in an after-school program.

Classroom Celebrations

There will be times when food (for example, pizza) is served during school events or classroom celebrations. This does not substitute for lunch. Children are still required to eat school lunch or bring a lunch on these days. Please make sure the office, counselor, nurse, and your child's homeroom teacher are aware of any food restrictions and/or allergies your child may have at the beginning of the school year. Teachers coordinate classroom celebrations, and it is their responsibility to ensure that all student health concerns are taken into consideration. Please contact your child's teacher regarding their specific classroom celebration policy. To acknowledge special occasions such as birthdays, we encourage families to celebrate with books. Students may bring in their favorite book or donate a book to their school classroom library, to be read by the student or a guest reader.

Wellness Program

To be consistent with CPS initiatives for health and wellness, Waters has implemented the following guidelines:

- Food will not be used as a reward for success or good behavior

- Taking away physical activity (such as recess or physical education) as a punishment will not be allowed
- Birthdays and holidays **will not be celebrated with food** in the classroom (see below for alternatives)

Curriculum

The Waters School Continuous Improvement Work Plan (CIWP) outlines the specific strategies and action steps for our school's curriculum (find it here: www.waterselementary.org/local-school-council). The CPS core academic curriculum includes Language Arts (Reading and Writing), Math, Science, and Social Studies. At Waters we strive to differentiate learning within each classroom so that students can feel comfortable yet be appropriately challenged with opportunities to grow. Central to Waters' approach, the teachers take every opportunity to integrate across content areas and provide authentic hands-on learning experiences. Contact classroom teachers for additional information about grade-level curricula.

- **Language Arts:** Harcourt's Storytown is our base language arts curriculum for K-5, supplemented in the primary grades by the Daily 5/CAFE model for structuring literacy time and helping students develop lifelong reading habits. Where appropriate, aspects of Daily 5/CAFE are being implemented into the Grades 3-8 curriculum along with literature circles and novel studies. Writing is guided by the Lucy Calkins Writers Workshop, a nationally recognized program for helping students choose topics, write, revise and publish finished works in both fiction and non-fiction areas. Pearson's MyPerspectives is the combined language arts and writing curriculum for grades 6-8.
- **Mathematics:** For K-5, we use the Math Trailblazers Curriculum to provide students academic rigor, a comprehensive program that helps students work through mathematical concepts by conducting hands-on problem-solving experiments, collecting and analyzing data, and collaborating to arrive at conclusions. Connected Math is the base curriculum for the upper grades, supplemented by pre-Algebra in 7th and Algebra in 8th (with an exit exam at the end of the school year for high school placement).
- **Science:** Our K-8 scope and sequence science curriculum is defined by the science focus team and aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards, which teach science as both a body of knowledge and as a hands-on, evidence-based, enterprise that continually extends, refines, and revises knowledge. At Waters we have always integrated our Science curriculum with our Ecology Program, which amplifies these goals by making complex concepts come alive and building a life-long interest in science.
- **Social Studies** is closely integrated with our Fine Arts program, offering the context for cultural achievements such as when students in the lower grades learn about Asian history and culture through the Chinese New Year celebration.

In addition to the core curriculum, each classroom will participate in "Specials". Visit program websites at www.waterselementary.org under "Academics" and "By Program." Waters students receive music, drama, visual art, digital media (formerly technology), physical education, math enrichment, and ecology.

Before and After School Care/Programs

Before-School Care: Early Birds K-8

Supervised before-school care is provided by Waters School staff. Students can be dropped off at 7:15am from Monday to Friday. Students are offered breakfast. The cost is \$125 per month per child to be paid by cash, check (made out to Waters Elementary), or [e-pay](#) at the start of every month. This program runs every school day of the year. For more information, please contact Ms. Garcia at hgarcia2@cps.edu.

After-School Care: Right At School K-8

After-school care and tuition-based electives are offered at Waters through Right At School. Register by calling 855.AT.SCHOOL or visiting <https://rightatschool.com/waters-elementary/>. Right Club after-school program runs 3:15 to 6:00pm. Electives run from 3:15 to 4:30pm—check the website for current offerings.

SCALE Programs (various grades)

Supporting Communities through Arts Learning Environments (SCALE) is a program funded through a grant with Chicago Arts Partnerships in Education (CAPE) that partners teachers and artists to provide free after-school and summer programs integrating academic and social-emotional learning with the arts. Past programs include: Costume Design, Film Club, MediaLab, Digital Photography, Origami) Offerings vary each year, follow Green Notes for more information.

Teams and Clubs

Please watch for team sign ups and information in Green Notes, on the website or in flyers sent home with your children. In the past Waters Wildcats sports teams have included: cross-country, volleyball, soccer, basketball, and track for grades 5-8. We also have parent-run basketball teams through Northside Basketball League and a Girls on the Run team for grades 3-5. Previous clubs have included Rock Band, Chess, Mathletes, Yearbook, and more. Look for announcements in Green Notes about this year's teams and clubs.

Local School Council (LSC)

The three primary functions of the LSC are to: (1) conduct the principal evaluation, (2) work with administration and school body to create and monitor the school's Continuous Improvement Work Plan (CIWP), and (3) to approve the school's budget. The LSC is an elected council serving a two-year term, composed of the Principal, two teachers, one non-teacher staff member, two community members, and six parent representatives. To learn more, visit www.waters elementary.org/local-school-council.

Meetings

LSC meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month, alternating times between 4:00pm and 6:30pm (see the school calendar for exact dates and times). Meetings are held at the school and are open to the public. Agendas are posted at the main entrance and on the school website at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Meeting minutes and presentations can be found on the website. Questions and concerns for the Waters LSC can be sent to waterslsc@gmail.com.

Bilingual Advisory Committee (BAC)

The primary goal of the BAC is to support families of English Language Learners (ELL), helping parents to develop leadership skills for effective participation in the school and to advocate on their behalf. The BAC brings ideas and concerns to the attention of the LSC. At the first meeting of the year (Friday September 29, 8:30 am), officers will be elected and the meeting schedule and topics are determined. Contact our ELL Liaison, Ms. Alvarez, at nalvarez13@cps.edu for questions about the BAC or our bilingual education program.

Diverse Learner Parent Committee

The goal of this group for parents of students with diverse learning needs is to provide a forum in which: (1) parents of diverse learners can support each other and share resources, (2) Waters staff can support parents of diverse learners, and (3) to help parents understand the process and issues of diverse learners in a school setting. The committee meets every other month, with staff presentations on topics such as the IEP process, the co-teaching model, etc. For more info, contact parent Kelli Landes at Kelandes@gmail.com.

WatersToday

School fundraising and volunteer activities are coordinated through partnership with WatersToday, our parent-run non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Meet the board and learn more at: www.waterstoday.org.

WatersToday organizes two main fundraising efforts during the school year and multiple small fundraisers and community building events. Fundraising enables programming above and beyond what CPS offers our students and helps offset budget cuts. Our award-winning Ecology program, the full-time Music program, Right at School recess and lunch supervision, along with sports, arts, technology and science equipment purchases are the primary budget items WatersToday helps fund.

Meetings

Every second month, WatersToday hosts a public meeting in the school cafeteria. Join us and find out more about how we fundraise for our school, volunteer opportunities, and more.

Waters Annual Pledge Drive

This year WatersToday will launch our first ever Annual Pledge Drive. This new fundraiser will take the place of the Annual Give Campaign from recent years. The WatersToday board encourages families to work with their friends, neighbors and companies to help reach the fundraising goal of \$75,000 for this drive. Look for more information about the Pledge Drive in Green Notes in October. The pledge drive will culminate with celebratory Thanks for Giving Party at Artango on Wednesday, November 15th. To find out more about how to donate or to learn about our funded projects, visit www.waterstoday.org or email treasurer@waterstoday.org.

Waters Big Night and Little Big Night

Our biggest event of the year will be held on May 5, 2018 at the Dank Haus. This is a fun, adults-only evening complete with silent auction, games, music and dancing, food and beverages. For the kids, we will host a 'Little Big Night' at school two weeks prior to the event with food, crafts, and entertainment. Little Big Night kicks off the online auction that precedes the Big Night event. The Big Night planning committee solicits many donations from local businesses and families, and coordinates many volunteers to make this event a big success each year.

Mini-Fundraisers

Multiple smaller fundraising events take place throughout the year, such as professional photography sessions, coffee/tea sales, trivia night, the walk-a-thon, and more. If you have an idea or interest in being on the fundraising team, email fundraising@waterstoday.org.

Grant-writing

For more than a decade, the Waters Ecology program has been supported through a combination of community fundraising and grant funding. Current and previous grants include the Field Foundation, People's Gas, Whole Foods, Annie's Homegrown, Seed Money, and more. WatersToday seeks opportunities for sponsorship from private foundations and volunteers interested in grant-writing. Contact volunteer@waterstoday.org for more information.

Volunteer Opportunities

WatersToday helps parents/guardians find meaningful ways to participate in the daily operation of Waters. Please contact volunteer@waterstoday.org to learn more. Volunteer opportunities for events such as harvest day, spirit week, craft market, field day, and others are communicated through the Green Notes, social media, and the volunteer email list. Classroom volunteer opportunities (such as guest readers, field trip chaperones, etc) are directly coordinated by teachers (or room parents).

Volunteer Subgroups

Ecology – Pete Leki, Director of the Waters Ecology Program, is always looking for volunteers to help in the school community gardens or with grade level ecology projects. Please email Mr. Leki (petelekisan@gmail.com) to join his email list and learn about his volunteer opportunities.

Room Parent – Some homeroom teachers designate a classroom parent who volunteers to coordinate teacher requests and communication with parents. If interested, contact the teacher directly, or email volunteer@waterstoday.org.

Book Fair – At least two Scholastic Book Fairs are held each school year to raise money for new library books. Additionally we have classroom ordering through Scholastic Book Club every few months, which provides teachers with free books for their classroom libraries. Email volunteer@waterstoday.org.

Community Building and Outreach

Community Garden Night

The Waters Garden is both a food garden and a native plant garden, with 300-plus year old Burr Oak trees. It is the home base for the Waters Ecology program and is also used as a research site by local scientists

and conservationists. It is cared for and maintained by students, parents, and many dedicated community volunteers. From March through November, gardeners gather each Wednesday evening to pull weeds, haul compost, sow seeds, harvest, and more. Most weeks, the work is followed by a potluck and campfire, and now, there is a hand-crafted outdoor pizza oven for pizza-making parties as well. Garden night is a great way to connect with other families and neighbors. To learn more, [subscribe](#) to the garden newsletter and read Mr. Leki's [blog](#).

Community Events

WatersToday volunteers help organize major school and community events such as Harvest Day, the annual Waters' Holiday Craft Market, and Field Day. This year we are hosting our first ever Back-to-School Social as well! If you want to organize a new community-building event or help with one of the regular events, please contact volunteer@waterstoday.org.

Circle of Help

Many families in our Waters Elementary School Community face significant financial hardship, which can affect a child's ability to thrive in school. Sometimes, families just need a little extra help to get through the day, week, month, or even year. We have created a group to do just that—the Circle of Help. This program provides a service for Waters Elementary School families in need to alleviate the stress of financial hardship on students and their family members by offering assistance through community aid. We are excited to be offering this new program in association with The Lincoln Square Friendship Center on Lawrence Ave.

The Circle of Help has funds available to assist with items that will help your student such as school supplies, food, toiletries, shoes, coats and other items that your student may need to be successful. Please email CircleofHelp@friendshipcenter.org with any requests. All information will be confidential. Our goal is to help families and make sure that all students have a positive educational experience! Donate to The Circle of Help [here](#). To volunteer, please contact CircleofHelp@friendshipcenter.org.

Give Back to Waters Programs

These ongoing programs translate your daily transactions into donations for Waters. In most cases, everyone can participate, so be sure to share with friends, family and colleagues! Also, check store receipts for bonus programs.

Dine Out for Waters

Throughout the year, WatersToday partners with local restaurants to fundraise for our school by encouraging families to dine at those restaurants on a given day, and a percentage (often 10-50%) of the proceeds is donated to WatersToday. Check Green Notes for these events, and enjoy a meal at Borelli's, Chicago's Pizza, Potbelly, Angelo's Wine Bar, and more! If you have a restaurant connection and know a local restaurant who would like to participate in this program, please email fundraising@waterstoday.org.

Shopping:

[Amazon Smile](#)

You [shop](#). Amazon gives to Waters.

[Artsonia](#)

Parents, grandparents, and family members can order prints, mugs, jewelry, and more with your child's art work on them from this online international "student art museum." 20% of the proceeds comes back to support our art program!

[Box Tops for Education](#)*

Clip and save your pink box tops to earn money for Waters. General Mills, Betty Crocker, Pillsbury, Kleenex, Ziploc and many other products have the label.

[Investing In Communities](#)

See how [real estate transactions](#) can earn money for Waters.

Mabel's Labels

[Buy labels](#) to put on children's clothes and other items and earn money for Waters.

[Mighty Nest](#)

Create a [healthier home](#) and earn money for Waters.

[The Powch!](#)

[Buy](#) this eco-friendly, reusable, collapsible, food and drink pouch. 20% of proceeds go to Waters.

Primary (clothes)

When you shop Primary.com using [Waters' unique link](#), our school receives 15% of the sale through the end of September and 10% of the sale through the remainder of the school year. New customers get 20% off their first order with code "WATERS". You also receive an additional discount if you buy three or more of one item.

Scholastic Book Fairs

Look for book fairs at Waters in the Fall and Spring – the school earns Scholastic dollars for teachers to use for their classrooms.

Tyson Project A+ *

Clip and save Project A+ labels from participating Tyson products. Clip the entire 1,2,3 section (please cut outside the lines to get the whole section). Each label is worth 24 cents!

* For these programs, a collection box is located in main school office

2017-18 Waters School Events

Please note that dates are tentative and subject to change. Subscribe to Green Notes for school news at www.waters elementary.org/green-notes-news and see events at www.waters elementary.org/calendar.

September

First Day of School: 9/5
1st WatersToday Meeting*: 9/7
Back-to-School Social: 9/8
1st Local School Council Meeting*: 9/10
School Forms and Fees Due: 9/18
Curriculum Night: 9/27
1st Bilingual Advisory Committee Meeting*: 9/29
School Photos: TBD

October

Hispanic Heritage Month Cultural Celebration: TBD
CAPE Programs Begin ^
1st Coffee with Crespo*: TBD
1st Diverse Learner Parent Meeting*: TBD
Harvest Day: 10/27
Spirit Week: 10/30-11/2
Halloween Parade: 10/31

November

WatersToday Annual Pledge Drive
Day of the Dead / Dia de los Muertos: 11/1
Report Card Pick-Up & Conferences: 11/15
Thanks for Giving Party: 11/15

December

Scholastic Book Fair: 11/29-12/2
Waters' Holiday Craft Market: 12/2
Science Fair (6-8): 12/8
Holiday Performances: 12/20-21
Winter Break: 12/25-1/5

January

Fine Art and Digital Media Exhibit: 1/26

February

100th Day Celebration (K-1): 2/13
Chinese New Year Parade: 2/16

March

Pi Day Family Math Festival: 3/14
Spring Break: 3/26-3/30

April

Spring Music Performances: 4/11-12
Report Card Pick-Up & Conferences: 4/18
Little Big Night: 4/20
7th Grade Class Trip to Springfield: TBD
Yearbook Sales

May

Big Night Fundraiser: 5/5
Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week: 5/7-11
Family Literacy Night: 5/22
Scholastic Book Fair: 5/22-25
8th Grade Class Trip to Washington DC

June

Walkathon: 6/1
Spring Art and Digital Media Exhibit: 6/8
Variety Show: 6/11-12
Field Day: 6/15
8th Grade Graduation: TBD
Kindergarten End-of-Year Celebration: TBD

* Indicates recurring events, see school calendar for full schedule