Western Foothills Regional Program

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Dear WFRP Families,

We are excited to begin another school year at Western Foothills Regional Program! We look forward to welcoming back familiar faces and getting to know the students and families who are joining our WFRP community for the first time. We have been busy preparing for the year ahead, and students will notice some exciting changes when they walk through our doors.

Over the summer, WFRP underwent a significant renovation designed to make our school more comfortable, functional, and therapeutic for students. Improvements include redesigned bathrooms, updated office spaces, a dedicated play therapy space, and central heating and cooling throughout the building. We are excited for students to experience these new and improved spaces.

Your child's teacher will share classroom-specific information, including routines and the best ways to stay in contact. Your child's social worker will also reach out at the beginning of the year to introduce themselves and share contact information.

Important Dates & Times

- **First Day of School:** Monday, August 31, 2026
- **Picture Day:** Thursday, September 3, 2026
- **School Begins:** 8:30 a.m.
- **Earliest Drop-Off:** 8:15 a.m.
- **Regular Dismissal:** 2:00 p.m.
- **Friday Dismissal:** 12:45 p.m.
- **WFRP does NOT have late-start Wednesdays.**

Transportation

Transportation is arranged by your child's sending district. Please make sure WFRP and your sending district have your current address so accurate bus or van schedules can be created. Questions about transportation schedules should be directed to your district's transportation office.

New This Year: Nature-Based Learning

We are also excited to pilot two nature-based learning classrooms this year. These classrooms will intentionally incorporate outdoor and nature-based experiences into the school day to support academic learning,

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engagement, self-regulation, and social-emotional growth. We look forward to exploring how learning in and through nature can provide another meaningful way for our students to learn, connect, and grow.

Our WFRP Team

We are fortunate to have many familiar faces returning this year, along with new staff joining our WFRP team.

New Staff for 2026–2027:
Michael Arbor, Education Technician III

Shawna Chase, Social Worker

A Few Reminders

Students do not need to bring school supplies to WFRP; we will provide everything they need. If families would like to donate supplies, tissues and sanitizing wipes are always appreciated.

We also continue to work with the food pantry at Mountain Valley High School and maintain clothing donations for families who may need them. Please contact Lisa in the main office with questions or if there is a way we can support your family.

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back and beginning the 2026–2027 school year together. We value the partnership we have with our families and are excited to see the learning, growth, connections, and successes this year will bring for our students.

Regards,

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