A Message from the Principal

Dear Leesylvania ES Parents,

The faculty and staff of Leesylvania Elementary School join me in welcoming you to the 2017-2018 school year. We look forward to working closely with you as we provide a challenging educational program for our students. It is my belief that educational success does not occur without a strong partnership with staff, students, and families. We at Leesylvania Elementary School are committed to your child’s educational excellence by providing a challenging curriculum, taught by a dedicated and knowledgeable staff who believe in a strong school/community partnership. We work hard to meet the needs of the learning and working styles of all children. Collaboration, cooperation, and open communication between home and school are keys to building a strong school community. I encourage your active support and participation as we seek to provide a safe and positive learning environment for all our students.

Communication between home and school is very important to the success of the school. I encourage each of you to remain active in your child’s education. Always keep the lines of communication open with the school and reinforce the skills and procedures introduced by the classroom teachers daily. Please read carefully through this handbook. It has been created to help students and parents better understand what is expected of each student here at Leesylvania ES. There are procedures and processes that have been put into place to support a safe and productive learning environment. As a result of everyone’s diligence, hard work, and effort, Leesylvania will rise to the top offering a “world class” educational experience. We will continue to pursue and surpass our past accomplishments of high standards of excellence. Once again, welcome to Leesylvania Elementary School - we are glad you are a part of our team!

Proud to be Your Principal,

Meg MacGregor
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VISION STATEMENT

Leesylvania Elementary School will provide a diverse educational experience that encourages all learners to strive toward excellence.

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide a challenging learning environment for our students. Learners shall thrive in a nurturing, safe and fair school community. Students and staff will be respectful, responsible and will model good citizenship at all times.
LEESYLVANIA HISTORY

How we got our name.

Leesylvania Elementary School is located on land once owned by "Light-Horse" Harry Lee. "Light-Horse" Harry Lee was born at Leesylvania (meaning Lee's woods) on January 29, 1756. The estate, about 3500 acres, was one of the social centers of Northern Virginia. Its tobacco and cornfields were some of the most productive in the colony. Horses were a big part of life on the estate and Harry's ability to handle a horse was apparent at an early age. He learned to ride by age four and was training his own mounts by age 12. He was not satisfied with the life of the idle rich, but instead used the estates vast acreage to his benefit. Harry began preparing himself, at age 14, for a career in the military by putting himself on a training regime that made him one of the greatest cavalry officers in American history.

Harry left Leesylvania in August 1776, and was granted a commission as a Captain. He was given command of the Fifth Troop in General George Washington's Army. The Troop specialized in hit-and-run raids on enemy supply garrisons. Harry was also an excellent scout and General Washington put all spying activities under his direction. Harry made such a name for himself that the British made him their "most wanted." He was to be captured at any cost. It was during this time that the reference "Light-Horse" began appearing with his name. It is believed to be a reference to his skill as a cavalryman during the war.

In the following years, Harry was elected to the House of Delegates in Virginia and served three consecutive terms as Governor. He married Matilda Lee, a distant cousin, and had three children. Sadly, Matilda died during his term as governor. Harry later married Anne Carter who gave birth to five more children.

The last Lee child, born in January of 1807 was named Robert Edward Lee. Not a particularly doting father, Harry lavished much time on this last child. He taught the very small boy to ride and
shoot, to prize intellect and honor above all else. This child would be his enduring legacy.

As time passed, Harry repeatedly had financial troubles and proved to be a much better military man than a manager of his personal finances. "Light-Horse" Harry Lee died on March 25, 1818 and was buried with full military honors. His son, Robert E. Lee, continued to distinguish the Lee name with honor and military prowess.

Today, a small part of the Lee acreage is preserved inside Leesylvania State Park located on the Potomac River just a few blocks from Leesylvania Elementary School.
SCHOOL DIRECTORY

Leesylvania Elementary School
15800 Neabsco Road
Woodbridge, VA 22191

Clinic: 703-670-8268  Cafeteria: 703-670-9246
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Margaret MacGregor
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Joseph Scotto

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GUIDANCE...................................................................... James Dickens
                                                     Rezana McCray

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CAFETERIA MANAGER.................................................. Jackie Tiller
CAFETERIA HOSTESSES................................................ Karen Watts
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OFFICERS

PRESIDENT.............................................. Lindsey Kelsey
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SECRETARY ........................................... Marquitta Noel
TREASURER........................................... Shanna Preston

Annual Dues $10.00 per family

The PTO is open to all parents and teachers at Leesylvania Elementary School. All members are invited to attend monthly meetings which are held on the first Tuesday of the following months: October, December, February, and May.
SCHOOL HOURS

BELL SCHEDULE
8:50 a.m. – Breakfast
8:55 a.m. – First Bell
9:05 a.m. – Tardy Bell
3:45 p.m. - Dismissal

DELAYED OPENING AND EARLY CLOSING

When inclement weather causes hazardous road conditions or does not allow us to clear our parking lots, school may open late, close early or be closed for the entire day. Information will be provided in the fall of each year to assist you in understanding the procedures for school closings, delayed openings or early dismissals. When your child brings this information home please read it carefully and keep it handy for future reference.

Any decision to delay or close school will be made available via local media outlets (radio, television news, etc.). You may also call 703-791-2776 for a recorded message about late openings and closings, or access the Prince William County School website at www.pwcs.edu. PWCS strives to post notification for school closings by 5:30 a.m. on school days.
VISITORS
(Policy 926)

Parents and interested citizens are invited to visit our school to observe the instructional program and related activities. Parents are especially encouraged to visit the school on scheduled days for conferences with teachers, special school programs, luncheons, parent-teacher meetings and back to school night.

All visitors are required to report to the main office, with a valid picture ID, upon entering the building to sign in as an authorized visitor. A visitor’s pass will be issued upon receipt of photo identification. The identification will be returned at the time the visitor departs. School principals will ensure that no visitors, either invited or uninvited, engage in activities on school property which are disruptive to the educational program, detrimental to health, safety or property, or in conflict with School Board policies or administrative regulations.

Visitors are reminded that teachers expect to continue the regular class routine during observations and that unscheduled conferences which interrupt the instructional process are strongly discouraged. While morning hours are generally reserved for teaching basic skills, observers who wish to visit a specific class need to schedule the visit with the individual teacher and administration prior to visiting the classroom.
CLASSROOM OBSERVATIONS

The following steps should be taken if you would like to observe your child in the classroom:

- Schedule an appointment with an administrator at least 24 hours in advance.
- An administrator will be present during the observation.
- Observations should last no more than 30 minutes.
- No more than one observation per month.

Following these guidelines will help minimize disruptions to classroom instruction.

The work assigned for home study supplements the work done in school. It is a natural extension of the classroom instructional program and reinforces those skills learned in the classroom. The responsibility for homework in the elementary school gradually increases for grades K-5. All homework should be done by the student. The amount and type of work is determined by the classroom teacher who considers the maturity and ability of the child. If you feel that your child is spending an undue amount of time on homework, please contact your child's teacher to discuss the matter.

Parents are responsible for ensuring that students complete their assignments. Homework may be graded. Failure to complete homework will result in a "0" in the grade book, which will be averaged as an "F" at the end of the grading period as part of the academic grade. Students and parents will be made aware of how homework will be used in determining grades.

Parents can supplement school instruction by helping children study their spelling words and math facts, encouraging them to read at home, and working with other assigned activities. A routine of daily reading beyond formal homework requirements is strongly encouraged at all grade levels. Families may visit the county library for additional sources of reading materials.
DRESS CODE

Students shall be appropriately dressed for school as determined by the dress code which is developed cooperatively at the school by students, parents, and school staff. Student dress and overall appearance must meet basic standards of health, safety, cleanliness and decency. Students are not permitted to wear or display items which represent drugs, alcohol or tobacco products, gang membership, or which promote violence. Students are not permitted to wear long trench coats or bulky, oversized coats within a school building. Dress/appearance/hygiene which disrupts or interferes with orderly operation of the school will not be tolerated.

If dress/appearance/hygiene violates school standards, the student may be required to remove the offensive item(s), change into something appropriate, or the principal/designee may send the student home to be properly prepared for school. Extreme or repeated violations may result in more serious corrective measures. The following items are considered improper dress. Principals have the right to include additional items as they deem necessary.

- Hats, scarves, skull caps, headbands, visors or any other type of head covering unless related to one's religious beliefs or practices
- Sunglasses
- Beachwear
- Sleeping apparel
- Undergarments worn as outer garments
- Garments which are excessively short
- Sheer "see-through" garments
- Clothing with lewd, obscene, patently offensive, or sexually suggestive signs, slogans, pictures or messages
- Garments which expose the midriff
- Garments which are too revealing, expose undergarments, are excessively tight and form-fitting or which have very low necklines
- Jewelry or other items which could be regarded or used as a weapon (i.e. studded belts or collars, large rings, etc.)
- Tops with oversized arm openings, strapless tops, tube tops, tops with spaghetti straps, tank tops
- Bare feet, bedroom slippers, stockings/socks only, flip-flops
- Cleats (except while at athletic activities)
- Gloves
- Non-jewelry chains attached to clothing
- Gang related clothing, jewelry, or paraphernalia
- Shoes containing roller skates.
"KISS AND RIDE" LINE

The circle in the front of the school is where car riders and daycare van riders are dropped off and picked up. Since this is a very small area and we have only one way in and out of the school, this can become very congested with cars and daycare vans. We assure you that with your patience, things will go well. We would like to enforce a safe and speedy transition when dropping off and picking up your child from school. Please follow the directions of the staff members performing car duty.

SAFETY IS OUR #1 PRIORITY

To ensure the safety of your child, parents will be required to display a numbered tag in the bottom right hand corner of the passenger side of their windshield. This will signify that they are a parent or are on the emergency card and have the authorization to pick up your child. The tag will be provided by the front office once you have completed the registration form. School staff will keep track of each family's number. A maximum of two tags will be issued to each family. If a person is picking up your child and does not have a window tag, they are required to park in a parking spot and come into the main office, with a valid photo ID, before your child can be dismissed.

It is our goal to get students safely inside of the building and into their classrooms on time. Students having breakfast may be dropped off at 8:50 a.m. All other students must remain in their cars until staff members come out to monitor the “Kiss and Ride” process.

Dismissal begins at 3:45 p.m. Parents should remain in their cars. Your students will be dismissed to you outside. All students should be picked up by 3:55 p.m.

- **ALL** car riders must pull up directly behind the car in front of them. The first vehicle in line should pull up to the stop sign. We can load and unload more cars at one time this way.
- **PLEASE** do not attempt to stop your vehicle directly in front of the school entrance doors even in inclement weather. Stopping behind the car in front of you is the best way for students to be dropped off in a timely manner.
• **PLEASE** do not attempt to drop off children in the street. Once you have reached the sidewalk, your child may safely get out of the vehicle.

• **PLEASE** have your children exit on the **RIGHT** side of the vehicle only. Getting out on the left side is a safety issue.

• **PLEASE** **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO GET OUT OF LINE TO PASS ANY VEHICLES UNLESS DIRECTED BY A STAFF MEMBER. WAITING PATIENTLY IS A MUST. WE ASK THAT YOU TRUST THAT WE WILL DO OUR BEST IN GETTING VEHICLES TO MOVE QUICKLY.**

• **PLEASE DO NOT** attempt to get out of the vehicle to let your child out of the car. This holds up the line. If your child is in a position where they cannot open the door themselves, a staff member will open the door for them.

• **PLEASE DO NOT** attempt to drop off your child near the bus path. Busses need to be able to get through in a timely fashion.

• **PLEASE DO NOT** attempt to make any U-turns. This puts oncoming cars, busses and pedestrians at risk. We do ask that if the line gets extremely long, that you be patient. We are working as quickly as possible to get things moving.

• **SACC PARENTS** will need to park in designated parking spaces during arrival and dismissal times. Please do not park in the fire lane.

• **IF** you must go into the school for any reason, please park in a designated parking space. Cars left unattended at the curb create major problems and delays.

• **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE CHILDREN TO BE LEFT IN A VEHICLE ALONE. THE POLICE WILL BE NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY!**

Your cooperation in following these guidelines and the verbal instructions of our staff will help to keep our drop-off and dismissal moving quickly and efficiently.
• Emergency Information Cards should be on file for every student.
• The parent or guardian shall be contacted as soon as possible in cases of emergency.
• **It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to provide the school with current and correct emergency contact information.**
• If the principal, school nurse, or designee believes the injury or illness needs immediate attention, and the parent or guardian is not available to take custody of the child, the 911 Emergency Medical Services will be called.
• Students who present with certain medical or physical conditions shall be excluded from school for the health and safety of the student and the remaining student population.

**ILLNESS OR INJURY**

Reasons for which a child may be sent home from school or for a parent to keep the child home from school are:

- Fever of 100 degrees and over - exclude until student has been fever free for at least 24 hours
- Conjunctivitis (pink eye), strep infections, ringworm, and impetigo are all infections that must be treated with medication for a minimum of **24** hours before returning to school. **Please do not allow affected students back before this time so that other students are not infected unnecessarily.**
- Rash of unknown origin (especially if accompanied by a fever).
- Head injury.
- Severe coughing or difficulty breathing.
- Colds - a child with thick or constant nasal discharge should remain home.
- Diarrhea or vomiting - exclude until student has been symptom free for at least **24** hours.
- Stiff neck associated with a fever and/or a recent injury.
- Inadequate immunizations with known disease outbreak in school.
Children will receive temporary first aid as needed at school. Parents should make every effort for students to receive medication outside the school day. Prince William County Schools will administer medication necessary for students’ attendance when parents are unable to do so. However, administration of all medications, prescription or nonprescription, must be requested in writing in advance by the parents. In addition, parents must sign a waiver relieving PWCS from all claims and damages associated with the medications administration and provide a physician’s authorization (as necessary for prescription medications). Students with asthma/allergies must also submit an asthma/allergy card that has been completed by a physician. Parents should check with the school if their child has medication that requires refrigeration to make sure that refrigeration is available. The Health Department does not allow the storage of medication in Food Service refrigerators. Please contact your school nurse to make sure all requirements have been met before assuming the medication will be administered to your child.

Students may keep certain medications such as prescription inhalers, epi-pens, glucagon kits, or other emergency medications in their possession when the need is urgent and a delay could result in a serious health issue.

Parents must inform the school of this in advance, in writing, provide a written physician’s authorization, and ensure that the student has received instructions about the discreet use of the medication, including keeping it from being used by others.
SUPERVISION GUIDELINES

The guidelines listed below are used by Child Protective Services in determining whether or not a situation should be investigated for possible lack of supervision.

AGE (Years)

- 0-8--A child may not be left unsupervised for any length of time. This may include leaving children in cars, at playgrounds and in backyards.
- 9-11--A child may not be left alone for more than one and a half hours, daytime only.
- 12-15--A child may be left alone during daytime hours.

***Child Protective Services will be called***

SCHOOL AGE CHILD CARE (SACC)

Prince William County Schools operates a School Age Child Care Center in the building for before and after school care. For more information regarding registration fees and policies, call the main SACC office at 703-791-8844.
LOST AND FOUND

Each year there are large quantities of clothing and other items left unclaimed on the buses and at school. These items are stored in the lost and found bins located at the end of the main hallway. We suggest that you use nametags, laundry markers and other means to identify your child's belongings. Unclaimed clothing will be given to a charitable organization after a reasonable period of time.

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE

Students may possess cell phones, IPADS, laptops, etc. on school grounds. These devices are to be used for instructional purposes only. The devices should not be visible or activated during the school day unless students are instructed by their teacher to use them for classroom instruction. The power on these devices must be turned off prior to entering the school. Leaving the device on "vibrate", "silence" or "ringer off" is not acceptable. Students may utilize these devices after hours provided the use of the device does not distract from or disrupt activities. All other times use is at the discretion of authorized staff.

If lost, damaged, or stolen, the school is not held liable.

Students may utilize electronic entertainment devices while traveling to and from school provided that these items are not a distraction to the bus driver and/or do not compromise safety. In addition, the use of these devices should not distract from or disrupt activities. Students may not record (audio or video) classroom activities without permission of the principal/designee. Violators are subject to confiscation of the communication device and/or other corrective action. School staff does not assume responsibility for the security of communication and/or electronic devices that are brought onto school property.
Good attendance is an important key to the success of your student. Please be sure that your student arrives to school on time each day.

**TARDIES**

Students will be marked tardy if they are not in their classroom when the second bell rings at 9:05 a.m. Students at breakfast will be marked tardy if they are not in class by 9:10 a.m.

**ABSENCES**

It is the parents' responsibility to notify the school before 9:30 a.m. on the day of their child's absence. Parents may call 703-670-8268 and leave a message on the answering machine at any time. A written and signed note by the parent must be sent to school no later than **two days** after your child returns to school. If a note is not received, the absence will be considered unexcused. After **five** unexcused absences, parents must meet with the Principal and the Attendance Officer will be notified. Students that miss **ten or more days** out of the school year, **excused or unexcused**, without making up their schoolwork may be considered for retention (unless an extended absence is certified by a physician).

**PRE-ARRANGED ABSENCES**

Parents are encouraged to pre-arrange absences when the reason does not correspond to the type of excused absence listed in the Code of Behavior. Notes for such absences must be presented to the Principal for approval prior to the absence.

PWCS Regulation 724-1 requires that any child who is absent from school for **15 consecutive days or more be withdrawn officially from school**. Upon the child's return, the parent must provide proof of residence and a photo ID to re-enroll the student. **Teachers are not expected to provide class work for pre-arranged absences.** Students will be given an opportunity to make-up missed work when they return.
DAILY DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Strict accountability for students at dismissal time is essential. Teachers may not release students to **ANYONE** who appears at the classroom directly before dismissal. The individual will be escorted to the office to sign out the student.

The following dismissal procedures will be adhered to:

- Preparation bell rings at 3:35.
- Afternoon announcements will begin at 3:40 (end-of-day routines should be completed and students should be seated quietly).
- Bus patrols should report to the exit door near their stations at 3:40. They are to remain inside until a staff member arrives.
- SACC, car riders, walkers, and day care vans will be dismissed prior to the dismissal of buses.
- When buses have arrived, students will be dismissed by grade levels. Teachers will escort their students to their buses.
- A final announcement that “all buses have been called and all students have been dismissed” will conclude dismissal.
- Should a student miss the bus, parents will be called to arrange for pick up.

**Any notes regarding dismissal changes must be sent to the office as soon as they are received by the teacher. No dismissal changes by phone or email will be accepted.**

**If your student is riding a different bus home, they will be given a bus pass, signed by the front office, to give to the bus driver. If a student does not have a note from a parent, they MUST ride their regular bus home.**
EARLY DISMISSAL

When a child is to be picked up during school hours, the individual picking up the child **MUST** come into the main office, **with photo identification**, to sign the student out. If someone other than the parent/guardian is picking up the child, please send in a note stating who will be picking up the student.

**NO EARLY DISMISSALS WILL BE MADE AFTER 3:15 p.m. UNLESS A NOTE WAS RECEIVED.**

If any adults are legally prohibited from picking up a student, the proper legal documentation must be on file in the main office.

Students requesting to go home with a friend after school **MUST** have a note from their parent/guardian and from each family involved. Notes should be sent to the office on the morning of the day permission is requested.

**NO DISMISSAL CHANGES WILL BE ACCEPTED BY TELEPHONE OR EMAIL.**
School Food Services offers students a nutritious, high-quality meal at a reasonable price. A complete lunch offering includes an entrée with bread, two side dishes, and milk. Breakfast, which consists of bread and/or meat products, a serving of fruit or vegetable, and milk, may also be purchased. Menus are sent home monthly showing what will be served each day (substitutions are sometimes necessary due to availability of certain items).

Parents may find it convenient to pay in advance for student lunches. Students will be issued an account card with a bar-coded ID number (which is kept in the cafeteria) to use for meals and a la carte items purchased in the cafeteria. As food is purchased, the computer keeps track of the remaining amount of money in the account. Please help your child keep track of his/her credit balance by marking a calendar at home. Children will often purchase a la carte items without the knowledge of the parent and reduce their credit balance more quickly. Parents can block the purchase of a la carte items by letting the cafeteria manager know. Parents will be sent a notice or contacted by recorded message when their student's account balance is low. Please make checks payable to **Prince William County School Food Services**. Prices for lunch and breakfast are:

**Lunch** ............................................$2.50/$.40** Adults.............$3.45
**Breakfast** ............................................$1.50/$.30** Adults.............$2.05
Milk sold separately......$.70  Soy Milk......$1.25
** (Reduced price)

If a child forgets his/her lunch money and does not have a prepaid account balance, they are allowed to charge lunch that day. A charge slip will be issued to be repaid the next school day. It is a good idea to purchase an "insurance lunch ticket" in the event a student forgets to bring lunch money.

Free and reduced-price meals are available to students whose households qualify under federal standards. These benefits **must be applied for each year**. Applications are available in the main office or by calling 703-791-7314 or online at [pwcs.menus.schoolfusion.us](http://pwcs.menus.schoolfusion.us).

If you have any questions regarding your child’s lunch account, please contact the Cafeteria Manager at 703-670-9246.
Important messages to teachers or students may be given to the main office personnel who will place the message in the teacher's mailbox. Only in a real emergency will a teacher or student be called to the telephone during school hours. In the case of illness, the school Nurse or the office personnel will call the parent.

Please coordinate with the classroom teacher, in advance, if you would like to acknowledge your child's birthday with a small class treat. To avoid interruptions to instructional birthday time, all treats will be given in the cafeteria during lunch time. Please send in treats that your student will be able to hand out (fruit cups, fruit snacks, small cupcakes, pretzels, etc.) You may also order, in advance, cookies from the cafeteria. Teachers do not have lunch with their students and the Cafeteria Hostesses are not available to help serve treats.

Please be sure all items are peanut free. While in the cafeteria, please do not serve treats to any child that is not in your child’s class. Reactions to food-borne allergies can be life threatening. Our school is working hard to minimize the risk. If appropriate, you will receive a notice alerting you to specific food allergy concerns of a student in your child's class. It will specify products that should not be brought into the classroom. Please follow it carefully.

Please do not send party invitations for distribution at school. Social arrangements should be made from home to avoid hurt feelings to classmates and to limit distractions to the school's academic focus.
We are very pleased to have increased our PE time to 45 minutes every three days and to have a certified Physical Education teacher and a Physical Education Assistant.

If your child has been sick and needs to limit his/her activities or be excused from a class, please send a note to school with your child. If your child must be excused for an extended period of time, please send a note from your doctor. The note should state the length of time your child may not participate and/or what activities, if any, they can participate in. Please make sure your child understands that this is not a punishment. A written note is best because the PE teachers do not have convenient access to computers and may not receive your email in a timely manner. The PE teachers, as well as the School Nurse, need to be aware of chronic health issues, such as asthma, heart problems, diabetes, etc.

In order to participate in all fun and beneficial PE activities, your child needs to dress appropriately. This includes sneakers that won’t fall off and clothes they can play in comfortably. Sandals, flip flops, high heels, sneakers with wheels or slip-on shoes, are not good for PE. Shorts should be worn under skirts and dresses.

Since two classes will be taught at the same time, PE classes will be going outside a lot more than in the past. Obviously, we will not go out during extreme cold or heat, rain or snow, but they will need jackets, mittens or sweatshirts on occasion.

Since it is very important to keep hydrated, plastic water bottles filled with WATER will be allowed in PE as long as they are not used as toys. Please, no sports drinks, juices, sodas or Kool-Aid, WATER ONLY.
TRANSPORTATION

School bus transportation is provided for Leesylvania students who live more than a mile from school. Students eligible for bus transportation may still be required to walk up to one mile to reach their regular bus stop. Bus routes are available in the main office or on the PWC website.

Procedures for safe transportation are discussed with all bus riders at the beginning of the school year and are printed in the Code of Behavior. However, it is important that parents review with their children the rules for school bus behavior and safety that came home in the First Day Packet. Please sign the form acknowledging that you have read the PWCS Bus Rules.

Acceptable standards of conduct are expected of all bus passengers. RIDING THE SCHOOL BUS IS A PRIVILEGE!

ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

If a child walks to school or is dropped off by a parent, the student may not arrive prior to 8:55 a.m. when the first bell rings. Students coming for breakfast may arrive at 8:50 a.m. This is to ensure student safety as supervision is not available.
Please be sure to visit our website at www.pwcs.edu/Leesylvania for information about our school.

EMAIL

A quick and convenient way to keep in contact with your child's teacher is to email them. A list of all staff and faculty email addresses are on the Leesylvania website. However, handwritten notes for dismissal changes should still be sent to the teacher/office and not sent by email to the front office.

PARENT PORTAL

The new Parent Portal and is a program set up by PWCS to allow parents access to their student's educational records online. Log onto our website for instructions on how to register for a password. Once registration is complete and your information is verified by the office, you will receive an email. Print the email and bring it to the main office, with your identification to complete the registration process. Only new parents or parents that have not previously registered should go online to register. Siblings may be added to your account by contacting the Parent Portal Administrator.
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PARENT/GUARDIAN:

After reading the Parent Handbook, I understand the system of rules and procedures that will prompt and guide student behavior presented in this manual. My signature below signifies that I will support my child and the staff of Leesylvania Elementary School so that my child’s full potential can be realized.

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