

## We're Powering Up To Be College Bound!

Our Welder heroes are preparing for a bright future through AVID Elementary. AVID, which means Advancement Via Individual Determination, is a college readiness system for students that is designed to increase school wide learning and performance while preparing students for entry into a four year university. AVID will promote students success by introducing specific skills that enable students to be prepared and organized.



To promote college awareness in our little heroes, our campus has designated each Monday **Celebrate Your College Future Day.** We invite all students and staff at Welder Elementary to wear a college t-shirt every



## Upcoming Dates

- August 27th—first day of school
  - September 3rd—holiday/no school
  - October 4th—Fall Pictures
  - October 5th—Early Release 12:45 pm
  - October 18th—Homecoming Parade
  - October 19th—end of 1st 9 weeks
- \*\*\*Wear a college t-shirt every Monday\*\*\*



## School-Home Partnerships

Education is a partnership between home and school. In order for this partnership to be effective, we need to be able to communicate with parent/guardians.

**Please ensure that the school has a valid contact number at all times.**

Communication is the KEY to success. You can find the latest information related to Sinton ISD news and events on the Sinton ISD webpage, Sinton ISD Community Facebook page, and the Welder PTA Facebook page.

## Safety & Security

Effective **Sept. 4th** parents are expected to drop off their child using the drop-off lane or walk them to the main entrance of the school. Parents will not be allowed to walk their child into the building. If you need to come in for a specific reason you must report to the office to get a visitor's pass.

To ensure student safety, Sinton ISD is utilizing the Raptor system. **All visitors must report to the office and provide a valid ID.**

# WELCOME BACK 2018-2019

# Welder Elementary



School Start Time:

7:40

Dismissal:

3:15

901 Hamilton  
Sinton, TX 78387  
361-364-6600 Phone  
361-364-6608 Fax

## School Matters!



Attendance is a critical factor for your child's success in school. To ensure that your child receives all the benefits that school has to offer:

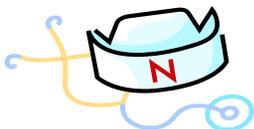
- ◆ Make a commitment to have your child attend school every day on time.
- ◆ If your child is reluctant to come to school, be sure to communicate this to the teacher. Together you can make plans to address the concerns of your child.

Students with a history of poor attendance are more likely to repeat a grade and tend to fall behind their peers in third-grade reading. New research shows that even just one or two absences a month make a big difference.

State law requires all students to attend at least 90% of the school year to receive credit regardless if absences are excused or unexcused. Students with excessive absences may be required to attend summer school.

### Nurse Corner

All medication (even over-the-counter) must be checked in, stored, and distributed from the nursing office. If your child has a required Epi-pen, it must also be checked in with the nurse. Medication forms can be picked up in the nurse's office. Please ensure that the nurse has an updated shot record. Report any updates or changes regarding your child's health to the nurse as well. You may contact the nurse directly at 364-6607.



### Documentation After an Absence

Upon returning to school after an absence, the student must bring a note signed by the parent/guardian that includes the reason for the absence and a valid parent phone number. Absences may be considered excused for illness, death of a family member, or for health appointments. Some absence reasons such as family emergencies, car trouble, and oversleeping are not considered valid reasons and will be counted as unexcused. Only 10 parent excuses will be accepted.



If your child attends a health appointment it is best to ask for a doctor's excuse. This will free up your allowed 10 parent excuses to be used for minor illnesses. Dates may not be altered by parents on doctor's excuses.

We encourage parents to schedule regular checkups after school hours. Welder's official attendance time is 9:45. If a child must be checked out of school for health appointment please attempt to schedule after 9:45 so that your child will be counted present for the day. If a student has an early morning appointment or leaves school to attend an appointment and returns with a doctor's excuse the same day he/she will not be counted absent.

### Arrival & Dismissal Information

Welder has only one designated drop off and pick up area. **The student drop off and pick up loop is the first entrance to our school off of Bowie Street which is right before the marquee.** This is the only outside area that is supervised by school staff in the morning. Please do not drop off your child in any other area of the school. Parents who do not use the loop must park in a designated parking spot and walk their child to the building. Your cooperation with these procedures will keep Welder students safe.

**Please notify your child's teacher as to whether or not your child will be a car rider or bus rider for after school dismissal.**

Address changes in bus transportation must be documented on a transportation request form which is available on the Sinton ISD website under the Transportation Department. Parents will be notified when change is approved.



Students may not be dropped off at Welder prior to 7:15. All students arriving before 7:40 report to the cafeteria for breakfast or to the gym. Students are released to classrooms at 7:40 and instruction begins promptly at **7:45**. All outside doors are locked at **7:45**. Any student arriving to campus after 7:45 is considered tardy and must be accompanied by an adult. Welder dismissal time is 3:15.