

# Sharpstein Elementary School

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Dear Sharpstein families,

I am so excited to be joining this wonderful Sharpstein family as your principal! As I have worked this summer to get to know the school, I have been impressed by the close-knit nature of the school, the community, the families, and the staff. Our custodial staff has been working very hard to get the school ready for teachers and kids, and our teachers have already been hard at work getting classrooms ready. It's going to be a great year!

I wanted to make sure you all have some important dates on your calendars:

**Kindergarten parents:** During the first week of school, kindergarten students do not attend. Instead, individual appointments are scheduled for each child. You should have already received (or will shortly receive) a letter from their child's teacher with an interview date and the schedule of kindergarten startup. Watch for that!

**Wednesday, August 17th from 6:00-7:00:** Open House, Meet the Principal, and school supply drop-off (The PTA will be providing popsicles) Supply lists can be found at WalMart, KMart, Shopko, and Staples, or can be picked up in the office at Sharpstein.

**Tuesday, August 23rd:** 1st day of school: Morning exercise begins at 7:40, school begins at 8:00

**Wednesday, August 24th:** Early release: School dismissal at 1:40

**Friday, September 2 and Monday September 5:** NO SCHOOL (Labor Day Weekend)

**Routines and school-wide expectations:** We will be spending time during the first few days of school making sure all students know routines in each area of the school. We'll be teaching and practicing the Sharpstein school expectations (Show Respect, Solve Problems, Make Positive Choices, Persevere) in the classrooms, halls, stairways, restrooms, playground, cafeteria, office area, and end-of-the-day dismissal.

**You can help by:**

- Using Sharpstein school expectations language at home
- Supporting and reinforcing dismissal routines: Car pickup only on Whitman St. or in the Howard St. parking lot, play on playground toys only after 3:00.

I welcome your partnership as together we do the important work of educating tomorrow's leaders! Please do not hesitate to call if you have questions. You can also email me at [mgarcia@wwps.org](mailto:mgarcia@wwps.org).

Sincerely,

Maria Garcia  
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