



# Waterfront Elementary School #95

## 2016-2017



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### This planner belongs to...

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom \_\_\_\_\_

Student # \_\_\_\_\_ Locker # \_\_\_\_\_

## MISSION STATEMENT

We at Waterfront Elementary  
are a **supportive,  
diverse,  
and creative** } learning  
community.

We *strive to develop and nurture*  
*a desire for learning in every person.*

Our goal is that each student will develop skills of  
*problem solving,  
critical thinking  
and communication* } necessary to succeed { *academically,  
professionally  
and socially.*

Our staff is } to high quality instruction that motivates students to  
dedicated } meet challenges with persistence and excellence.

## SCHOOL CLIMATE MISSION STATEMENT

At Waterfront Elementary School #95 we show **respect, responsibility** and **are ready to succeed** in all of our actions, behaviors and attitudes. In our classrooms, hallway, cafeteria, gym, auditorium and when we come into school and out of school, we focus on the best behavior we can have as students at Waterfront Elementary School #95.

## STUDENT PLEDGE

Today is a new day!  
I will act in a safe and healthy way  
I will respect myself and others, too  
I will expect the best in all I do  
I am expected to succeed; hard work is the key  
I am responsible for me!

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

"... One voice can change a room.  
And if it changes a room it can change a city.  
And if it changes a city it can change a state.  
And if it can change a state it can change a nation.  
If it changes the nation it can change the world.  
Fired up? Ready to Go!"



## SCHOOL WIDE GUIDELINES

### HALLWAY BEHAVIORS (H.A.L.L.)



**H**ands to yourself  
**A**lways Silent  
**L**isten  
**L**ine

### CAFETERIA BEHAVIORS (C.A.F.E.)

**C**lean Up  
**A**t your Seat  
**F**ace your table/Feet under the Table  
**E**xit Silently



### DISMISSAL BEHAVIORS (S.P.I.C.E.)



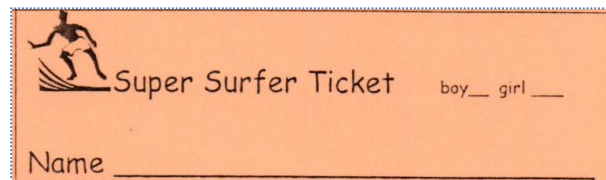
**S**it down as soon as you get on the bus  
**P**atiently wait  
**I**n your group as you walk to the bus  
**C**are for others  
**E**xit quickly

### BATHROOM BEHAVIORS (F.L.L.U.S.H.)

**F**lush  
**L**eave materials in the classroom  
**L**eave immediately  
**U**se sanitizer  
**S**hare any concerns with an adult  
**H**elp keep the bathroom clean and safe

### SUPER SURFER TICKETS

When you follow school wide guidelines and demonstrate behavior that is respectful, responsible and safe you will receive a “Super Surfer Ticket”. There will be regular ticket lotteries. If your ticket is turned in and picked, you will receive prizes. We will also have special events when we have a lot of tickets turned in.



## VOLUME REGULATION

- “0” - Silent
- “1” - Whisper ~ To Your Neighbor
- “2” - Talking ~ Normal One to One Conversation
- “3” - Loud ~ Outside Voice



## IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Reason
Tuesday, September 6, 2016	Students report
Tuesday October 4, 2016**	Open House, Basket Raffle, Book Fair
Wednesday, October 5, 2016	Early Release Day
Monday, October 10, 2016	Columbus Day – No School
Tuesday, November 8 , 2016	Election Day – No School
Friday, November 11, 2016	Veterans' Day – No School
Sunday November 20, 2016	Tackle Math
Thurs. & Fri., November 24 & 25, 2016	Thanksgiving holiday – No School
December 13, 2016	Parent/Teacher Conferences, Winter Concert
Thursday, December 26, 2016	December Recess Begins– No School
Tuesday, January 3, 2017	Classes resume
Monday, January 16, 2017	Dr. King's Birthday – No School
February 16 or 17, 2017	Waterfront Play/Musical
February 20-24, 2017	February Recess – No School
March 2, 2017	ELA/ Movie Night
March 27-31 , 2017	ELA Testing
April 4, 2017	Early Release Day
April 5	Superintendent's Conf. Day
April 10-17, 2017	Spring Recess - No School
May 1-5, 2017	NYS Math Testing
May 9, 2017	Early Release Day
May 10, 2017	Superintendent's Conf. Day
May 18, 2017	Spring Concert
May 26-29, 2017	Memorial Day Weekend – No School
June 6, 2017	Ice Cream Social/ Book Fair
Thursday, June 22, 2017	Last day of school

\*\* Subject to change

## Waterfront Elementary School Behavior Matrix

<b>Voice Levels</b> 0= silent 1= whisper 2= conversation	<b>Hallway</b> Voice level- 0 H.A.L.L.	<b>Classroom</b> Voice level- Teacher direction	<b>Cafeteria</b> Voice level- 1,0 C.A.F.E.	<b>Buses</b> Voice level-1	<b>Bathrooms</b> Voice level 0	<b>Morning Entry</b> Voice level- Teacher direction
<b>Respectful</b>  <i>Use your manners; be polite and courteous</i>	<b>Hands and feet to yourself</b>  Always Silent 0- noise	Use kind words and actions  Raise your hand Follow directions	Clean up your area Talk quietly  Use good table manners and kind words	Remain in your seat  Listen to the driver and bus aide  Be on time at the bus stop and wait patiently	Wait your turn and give others privacy  Leave pencils and pens in the classroom  Clean up after yourself	Choose your breakfast, open packages carefully and ask for help if needed  Clean up after yourself
<b>Responsible</b>  <i>Be honest, reliable, and trustworthy</i>	<b>Listen to Adults</b>  Stay in a <b>L</b> ine	Take care of all learning materials  Turn in all classwork and homework	Stay <b>A</b> t your seat  Face you table/ Feet under the table	Be ready to get on and off of the bus  Follow bus safety rules and wear seat belt	Take a pass  Flush and wash your hands	When you enter school, go directly to your class  Gather your needed materials
<b>Ready to Succeed</b>  <i>Be prepared and do your best at all times</i>	Sign out to leave the classroom  Carry a pass	Do your best at all times  Be organized	Follow adult directions  Exit silently	Do not leave items on the bus  Ignore others' inappropriate behavior	Return directly to class quickly and quietly	Begin bell-work  Be ready to learn when announcements begin

## RESOURCE NUMBERS

Assistance & Information	211 (24 hr toll-free)
Crisis Services (24 hr)	834-3131
Kids Helpline	834-1144
Child & Adolescent Treatment Services	835-4011
Child & Family Services	842-2750
Erie County Medical Center / ER	898-3465
Catholic Charities	856-4494
Women and Children's Hospital	878-1200
Spectrum Cares Team	882-4357
The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Survivor Outreach Program	1-888-333-2377

## SCHOOL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

### ENTRY AND DISMISSAL

- The doors open for students to enter at 7:55 am. No one is to enter the building prior to 8:00 am. The official work day for teachers does not start until that time.
- Breakfast is served from 8:00 am - 8:15 am. The first period of instruction starts at 8:20. Any student entering the building after 8:15 am is tardy and should report to the Main Office to sign-in and receive a late pass.
- Dismissal is from 2:10 pm -2:20 pm. Busses depart at 2:25 pm.
- Children will not be released to any person not known to be the legal parent or guardian of the child.

### BUS TRANSPORTATION

- The student must take the bus they are assigned to ride unless a parent or guardian gives the school written notification (with a clear date and parent signature) of a change or contacts the school in the case of an emergency. These requests must be submitted to the Main Office first thing in the morning.
- Please be aware that once the BPS Transportation Department has assigned a stop there are only two ways it can change.
  - A parent calls the BPS Transportation Department at 828-4895 and they change the stop and send a letter with the new stop and the effective date.
  - The school's Transportation Coordinator can fill out a Temporary Day stop form for an existing stop. The child must give the bus driver the form to get on the bus.

## **ATTENDANCE**

If students are tardy or absent they must bring a written note from a parent or guardian explaining the reason for the tardiness or absence. Students wishing to be excused from school early must have a parent's written note. No student will be dismissed early unless picked up by an adult, either parent or guardian. Students' attendance rates must be at least 85%. Students must attend school daily to succeed academically.

## **PROMOTION POLICY**

Students in grades 7 and 8 must pass three academic subjects of English Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies in order to be promoted to the next grade. Two of the three academic subjects must be English Language Arts and Math. 65% is passing in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Students in grades 3 through 5 must have a minimum passing grade of 75% in their four academic subjects of Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies. There are also other tests that are administered to determine a student's readiness for the next grade. Students in grades K-2 do not receive a number grade. They must receive Satisfactory or Outstanding on the report card.

## **DRESS CODE**

The mandatory **dress requirements** are as follows:

- No hoods, hats, caps or bandanas to be worn in the building.
- No spaghetti strap tops or exposed midriff.
- No revealing garments, exposed midriff, exposed undergarments, tank tops, or spaghetti strapped tops. Skirts, shorts or ripped jeans cannot be more than three inches above the knee or must have leggings underneath.
- No leggings or tights without something covering them.
- No writing or images that are directly or indirectly lewd, vulgar, obscene, insulting or that promote illegal or violent activities.
- Students should have a belt on to keep pants at the waist.
- No outside jackets of any kind or gloves.
- No open toe or heel shoes



## CODE OF CONDUCT

Waterfront Elementary School #95 adheres to the Buffalo Board of Education Code of Conduct.

1. Students are expected to arrive on time each day. Any student arriving after 8:15 AM is considered tardy.
2. Students are to be prepared for class each day. This included books, homework, paper, pen/pencils, and gym clothes.
3. Students will not fight or act in any way that causes physical harm to another person.
4. Students will not threaten or harass another student.
5. Students will not steal or in any way damage another person's property.
6. Student will not use language (oral or written) that is obscene, lewd, profane, vulgar or defamatory.
7. Cards, dice, toys, electronic devices, etc. are not allowed on school property. These items will be taken away from the student if brought to school.
8. Cell phones are never to be outside of the student's locker and will be off during school hours. Cell phones will be taken away from the student if they are outside his/her locker.
9. Any firearm, knife or other weapon will not be brought onto school property or carried in transit to school. Violators will be disciplined according to the Buffalo Public Schools Code of Conduct and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.
11. Drugs, alcohol or tobacco will not be possessed on school property. Violators will be disciplined according to the Buffalo Public Schools Code of Conduct and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.
12. Chewing gum, eating candy, eating any snack or having it in their possession during the school day is not permitted. Students may only eat in the cafeteria.
13. Hall passes are to be visible whenever students leave the classroom (for example: to the lavatory, office, library, etc.). Students are not to be at their locker, even with a pass.
13. During change of classes, students walk silently, in a line to their next class, escorted by their teacher.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_