

# Wayne STEM Academy Opens August 28, 2023

Exciting times continue to build at **Wayne STEM Academy**, our area's first tuition-free STEM-based elementary school. We're pleased to share our latest update with our new families and the community at large, as we approach the final stages to open our school on **Monday, August 28**.

## Learning Cottages Construction Nearing Completion

It's been exciting to observe the steady pace as our Learning Cottages are placed and assembled at our school location at 3006 Summit Road in Goldsboro (next to Generations Church).

These impressive structures will accommodate well over a dozen classrooms and ample office space. They'll provide the ideal atmosphere for student learning.



We've produced a brief <u>video that offers a look at our cottages construction</u> in the past week or so, and the area surrounding them. Building is proceeding on schedule and we are eager to welcome our Wayne STEM families for their first look at our **Open House sessions on August 23 and 24**.

# Before & After School Excitement Is Growing

There's been a lot of anticipation for Wayne STEM Academy's **Before & After Program we're calling "The Hangar."** 

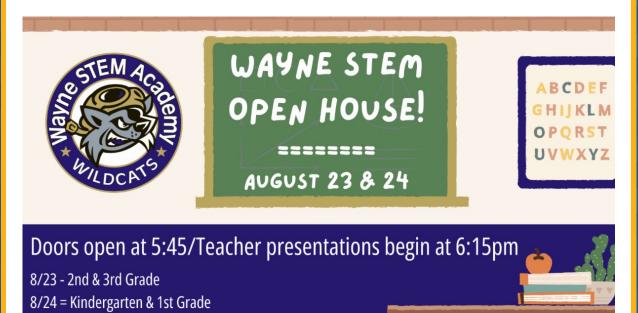
We've developed a comprehensive program right on the Wayne STEM campus where our students will enjoy fun, creative, and engaging activities in the hours before and after school is in session. We're enthused by the response so far and encourage families to consider taking advantage of this opportunity to provide their students with a program

that combines academics and entertainment in an effective way.

To sign up, parents can <u>click on the Registration Form at</u> <u>the Wayne STEM website</u>. \$10 registration fees will be accepted at the Wayne STEM Academy Front Office beginning on August 21 or at our Wayne STEM Open House Events.



# Open House Events Are Happening August 23 & 24



Meet your teacher and learn about our plans for the school year.

Wayne STEM families are encouraged to join us at our new school grounds on August 23 and 24 for our Open House activities. This is the ideal time to meet your student's teacher and learn more about classroom expectations as we plan for our first day of school. If you have student supplies or classroom sponsored items, you are encouraged to bring them along for drop off during open house.

Wayne STEM will welcome 2nd and 3rd Grade students on Wednesday August 23.

We'll welcome our Kindergarten and 1st Grade students on Thursday August 24.

Doors will open at 5:45pm. Our Teacher Introductions will begin at 6:15pm. Activities will take place until 7:15pm.

The Wayne STEM team is eager to meet our families and lay the groundwork for an outstanding year of school. See you then!

### **Applications Are Still**

### **Being Accepted At Wayne STEM**



As we prepare for the start of our first year of school, Wayne STEM still has room for a few

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more students! We are accepting applications for rising students in grades K-to-3 for the 2023-24 school year, as we ultimately progress to being a K-to-5 school in coming years.

If your family or someone you know is looking for a tuition-free outstanding academic learning experience, we enthusiastically encourage you to reach out and learn more about Wayne STEM Academy. To facilitate the process, please **click here to apply now.** 

## **Bus Stop Locations Are Rolling Along For The 2023-24 School Year**

Wayne STEM is pleased to offer transportation services for our students. Our **WSA Director of Transportation Emily Marrs** has been in consistent contact with our families as we make the final adjustments for bus schedules and timing. Parents can <u>learn more about our bus services and can contact Ms. Marrs by visiting our website Transportation page.</u>

We're also pleased to report that our new bus fleet has arrived and is ready to go!





#### **Enrollment Next Steps:**

### **School Lunch Program**

Wayne STEM is pleased to be associated with the National School Lunch Program and Health School Foods to provide our students with access to nutritious meals.

In order to support this program and allow it to achieve its goals, we are asking <u>all of our</u>



<u>families</u> to complete the application process for free and reduced lunches. As a school, we benefit from each family completing the application regardless of intent to use, or if they qualify for free and reduced lunches. Please <u>click here to complete the brief application</u>.

#### **Uniform Attire -- All Is Well!**

We are aware some of our uniformed tops (polo and athletic shirts) are reporting delivery delays of up to 18 days for shipping for our newest enrolled students.





Please do not worry!

We recognize that during the first year we will have some late arrivals. No worries! We merely ask that students wear khaki bottoms (skirt, pant, shorts) and a top that is close to our uniform colors - black or gray. These can be t-shirts, polo, button down... whatever our students are comfortable in. As we transition into the first of October and all of the uniforms have arrived, we will increase our expectation of all students wearing our official logo uniforms.

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