

# explore!

## Summer 2018

Hello Watkins EXPLORE families!



My name is Angie Tombleson and I am very excited to be part of our summer EXPLORE program here at Watkins! I will be the principal serving at Watkins for the first session of EXPLORE (June 5th- June 29th). During the regular school year I teach 4th grade at Bowerman Elementary. I have a Masters in Administration that I earned through William Woods University. I am looking forward to seeing students enjoy the engaging experiences that we have planned for them. EXPLORE is a fun way to extend our student's learning while allowing them to spend time with friends.

Explore Session 1 will begin on Tuesday, June 5th, and will continue five days a week until Friday, June 29th.

Explore Session 2 will begin on Thursday, July 5th, and will conclude on Tuesday, July 31st.

We start promptly at 8:50 a.m. and end at 3:20 p.m. Doors will open at 8:35.

Both breakfast and lunch will be provided during the day at Explore.

Your child will be enrolled in a class based on the grade level they will be in next school year. For more information on the class your child will be in for Explore go to the following link:

<https://www.sps.org/explore>

### General Information:

- We will follow the arrival and dismissal procedure currently in place at Watkins.
- Transportation for Explore will be available to specific sites for eligible elementary students. Students must register by April 15 to be guaranteed bus transportation the first day of Explore. They are eligible only if they live within the designated attendance area and their residence is more than 1.5 miles from their assigned Explore site. Students may choose to attend any Explore location if they provide their own transportation. Call 417-523-0500 for transportation questions.
- Having good attendance is extremely important during Explore. There are many activities and experiences to take part in, and we want to make sure your child doesn't miss out. Your efforts in making sure your child is here everyday is very much appreciated! If your child will be unable to attend, please call the office at 417-523-5000.
- Demonstrating good behavior is expected at all times during EXPLORE. Student misbehaviors will be addressed in a proactive manner using principles of positive behavior interventions. Explore Coordinators will review instances with students having repeated inappropriate behaviors. At the Explore Coordinators' discretion, students with repeated inappropriate behavior may be dropped from the program.
- If your child requires medication to be taken during school hours,

please contact our school nurse for the proper paperwork to be completed.

- Please make plans with your child regarding how he/she will get home prior to the beginning of the school day. Keeping a constant routine helps children feel secure during the day, so we encourage a regular pattern of school-to-home transportation. Occasionally, plans must be changed. If you have an emergency and you must arrange for alternate transportation, you may call the secretary (before 2:30) at 417-523-5000 and leave a message to be delivered to your child's teacher.

I look forward to meeting you for Explore! Until then, enjoy these last few weeks of the 2017-18 school year!

Respectfully,

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