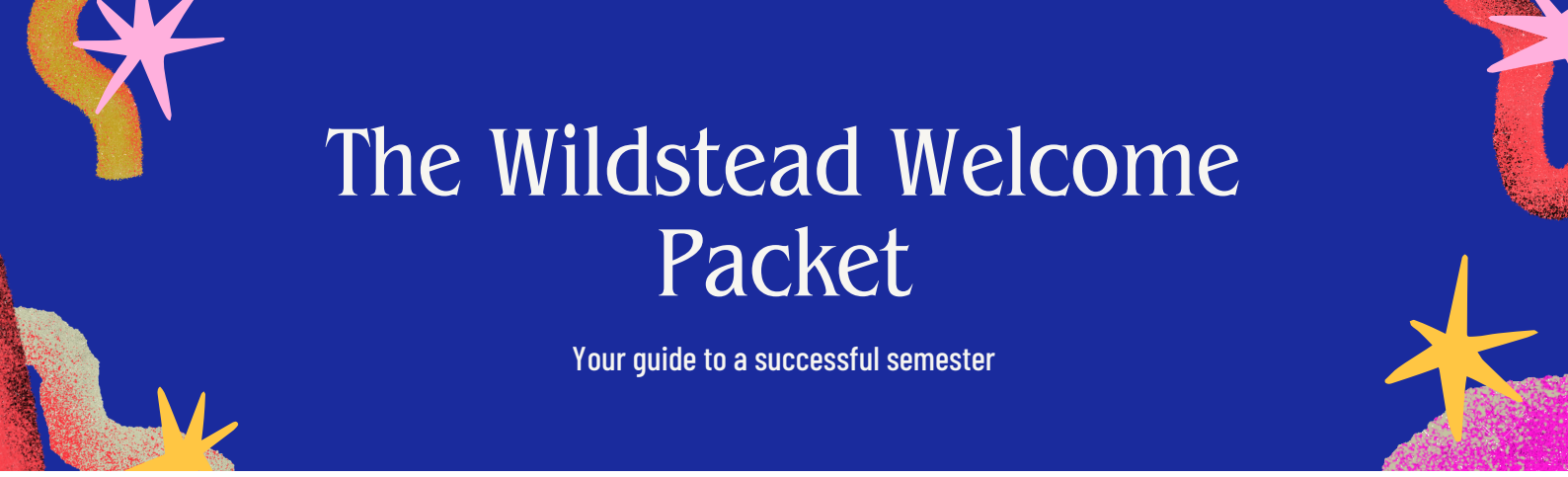




The Wildstead Welcome Packet

Your guide to a successful semester

Welcome Letter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the Wildstead family! We are thrilled to have you and your child join our vibrant community. At the Wildstead, we believe in fostering a deep connection with nature, hands-on learning, and a nurturing environment where children can grow, explore, and discover their potential. This welcome packet is designed to provide you with all the essential information you need to ensure a smooth and enriching experience for your child and your family.

We are passionate about providing a unique educational experience that combines academic learning with the wonders of the natural world. Our farm setting offers unparalleled opportunities for children to learn about where their food comes from, the importance of sustainability, and the joys of outdoor exploration. We look forward to a wonderful year of growth, learning, and shared experiences.

Sincerely,
The Wildstead Team

Program Overview

The Wildstead offers a unique, nature-based farm enrichment program designed to engage children's natural curiosity and love for the outdoors. Our program focuses on:

- **Hands-on Learning:** Children actively participate in gardening, animal care, nature exploration, and sustainability activities.
- **Core Academics:** We integrate essential literacy, numeracy, and science concepts into our daily activities, making learning engaging and relevant.
- **Social-Emotional Development:** We foster collaboration, empathy, problem-solving, and a sense of community.
- **Environmental Stewardship:** Children learn about ecosystems, conservation, and the importance of sustainable practices.
- **Creative Expression:** Art, music, and imaginative play are woven throughout the curriculum to encourage creativity and self-expression.

Schedule & Tuition

Our school is divided into Spring, Fall, and Winter semesters, and operates every Wednesday from 10am to 2pm. We encourage playing and learning alongside kids of different ages. We will have various age appropriate materials according to the activity.

Tuition Fees (Academic Year 2026-2027):

- **Spring Semester (March 31-June 2 2026):**
 - 1st child: \$280
 - Additional child(ren): \$250
- **Fall Semester (September 2-November 4 2026):**
 - 1st child: \$280
 - Additional child(ren): \$250
- **Winter Semester (January 13-March 17 2027):**
 - 1st child: \$280
 - Additional child(ren): \$250

Tuition is payable in full or monthly installments. Please contact the admissions office for custom payment schedules and any available sibling discounts or financial aid information.

Parent Expectations

We believe that a strong partnership between home and school is vital for a child's success. We encourage parents to:

- **Communicate Regularly:** Please reach out to teachers with any questions or concerns. We utilize a communication app for daily updates and important announcements.
- **Volunteer:** Opportunities to volunteer in the classroom, on the farm, or at school events are greatly appreciated.
- **Support Learning at Home:** Engage your child in conversations about their day at school, read together, and encourage outdoor exploration.
- **Attend Family Farm Events:** We host regular workshops and social gatherings.
- **Respect School Policies:** Adhere to our policies regarding attendance, pick-up/drop-off, and health and safety.

Weather & Clothing Guide

We embrace all types of weather at the Wildstead! Children will spend time outdoors in most conditions. There is an outdoor compost toilet on-site. For parents with younger children who need a changing table, our private home will be available to use. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the day:

- **Layers:** Dressing in layers is key. Lightweight shirts, sweaters, and jackets allow children to adjust their comfort level.
- **Footwear:** Sturdy, closed-toe shoes are essential for safety and comfort. Boots are recommended for wet or muddy conditions.
- **Outerwear:** Waterproof jackets and pants are necessary for rainy or snowy days. Hats and gloves are important in colder months.
- **Sun Protection:** During warmer months, please apply sunscreen before school or provide an approved sunscreen for reapplication. Hats are also recommended for sun protection.
- **Spare Clothes:** Please send a complete change of clothes (including socks and underwear) in a labeled bag, as spills and outdoor play can lead to unexpected changes.

Please label all clothing and belongings with your child's name. We will also have a free use bin with clothes, aprons, etc.

Safety Philosophy

The safety and well-being of every child at The Wildstead is our highest priority. We maintain a secure campus with controlled access points. Our staff is trained in First Aid and CPR. We conduct regular safety drills and ensure all equipment and play areas are working properly. We foster a culture of awareness where children are taught to recognize and report potential dangers. Parents will be informed of any safety-related policies or procedures that require their attention.

We maintain a strict policy regarding the supervision of children at all times, especially during outdoor activities and interactions with farm animals.

Registration Form

Please complete the following form to register your child. All information will be kept confidential.

Child #1 Information:

- Full Name: _____
- Date of Birth: _____
- Gender: _____
- Home Address: _____
- Primary Language Spoken at Home: _____

Child #2 Information:

- Full Name: _____
- Date of Birth: _____
- Gender: _____
- Home Address: _____
- Primary Language Spoken at Home: _____

Child #3 Information:

- Full Name: _____
- Date of Birth: _____
- Gender: _____
- Home Address: _____
- Primary Language Spoken at Home: _____

Parent/Guardian Information:

- Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____
- Relationship to Child: _____
- Primary Phone Number: _____
- Secondary Phone Number: _____
- Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact Information (other than parent/guardian):

- Name: _____
- Relationship to Child: _____
- Phone Number: _____

Medical Information:

- Does your child have any allergies (food, insect bites, medication, etc.)? If yes, please specify:

- Does your child have any current medical conditions that we should be aware of? If yes, please specify:

- Is your child currently taking any medications? If yes, please specify medication, dosage, and frequency:

Authorized Pick-up Persons:

- Name: _____
- Relationship to Child: _____
- Phone Number: _____
- Name: _____
- Relationship to Child: _____
- Phone Number: _____

Please note that all persons authorized to pick up your child must present a valid photo ID.

Medical Form

This form must be completed by a healthcare professional. If you have completed a general medical form with your child's pediatrician earlier in the year, you may attach it with the registration form instead.

Child's Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Physician's Information:

- Physician's Name: _____
- Clinic/Hospital Name: _____
- Phone Number: _____
- Address: _____

Health Status:

- Is the child in good health and able to participate in all school activities? (Please check one)
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No (Please explain any limitations)

Allergies:

- Please list all known allergies (food, medication, environmental, insect stings, etc.) and the recommended course of action for each.
 - Allergen:
 - Reaction:
 - Treatment Plan:

Chronic Health Conditions:

- Please list any chronic health conditions and any special care or considerations required.

Medications:

- Please list any prescribed medications the child may need during school hours, including dosage and administration instructions. A separate medication administration form must be filled out daily.

Immunization Record:

- This will not be needed at this time.

Emergency Care Authorization:

- In the event of a medical emergency, I authorize the school staff to seek appropriate medical treatment for my child. I understand that I will be responsible for any medical expenses incurred.

Physician's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Waiver & Signatures

Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk Agreement

I, the undersigned parent/guardian, acknowledge that participation in activities at Diamond D Farm School involves inherent risks, including but not limited to, risks associated with outdoor play, interaction with farm animals, and the use of farm equipment. I have read and understand the safety policies and procedures of Diamond D Farm School.

I hereby release Diamond D Farm School, its staff, and volunteers from any and all liability for any injury, loss, or damage that may occur to my child while participating in school activities, except in cases of gross negligence or willful misconduct.

I grant permission for Diamond D Farm School to seek emergency medical treatment for my child if I cannot be reached.

I have read, understood, and agree to abide by all the policies and procedures outlined in this welcome packet.

Child's Full Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Second Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____

Second Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____