

Welcome to  
**KINDERGARTEN**

**Kindergarten Parent Information Night**



**Wrentham Public Schools**

**2024-2025 School Year**



# Agenda



- **Welcome & Introductions**
- **Classrooms & Curriculum**
- **Transportation**
- **School Safety**
- **Registration & Screening**
- **Kindergarten Kickoff**
- **Contact Information**



# Mission



- **We recognize that children grow at varying rates.**
- **We support opportunities for individual growth.**
- **We support academic, social-emotional, language, and motor development.**
- **We allow children to learn through hands-on exploration and differentiated instruction.**
- **We provide a creative and supportive environment where every child is made to feel safe, secure, and important!**





# Classrooms



- **Current class size range is from 20-22 students**
- **All classes have a teacher and paraprofessional**
- **All classrooms receive support from literacy and mathematics specialists**
- **All classrooms have access to additional support staff such as occupational therapists, speech therapists, and adjustment counselors**

# Curriculum



- Taught by enthusiastic, highly qualified staff with a strong commitment to professional development
- Aligned with Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks
- Emphasizes academic, social-emotional, motor development, and communication skills
- Utilizes whole class lessons, small groups, and individualized instruction
- Provides experiences utilizing current technology

# Curriculum

- **Early Literacy**
  - Phonemic Awareness
  - Reading, Writing, Listening
- **Math**
  - Number Sense, Counting, and Writing Numerals
  - Identifying geometric shapes
  - Addition and subtraction facts within 5
- **Science**
  - Weather, Recycling, Plants & Animals
  - Forces and Motion
- **Social Studies**
  - Civic Awareness, Community Helpers
  - Maps and Globes
- **Social Competency**
  - The 3 Rs: Respectful, Responsible, Ready to Learn
  - Expected/Unexpected Behavior, Positive Behavior and Problem Solving





# Bus Information



- We try our very best to have all Kindergarten stops at their driveways. The exception is some roads are too narrow, still under development, or are too dangerous for a large school bus to traverse. In those cases, the closest and safest bus stop will be assigned.
- In some cases, close neighborhoods with many school-aged children will have group bus stops with priority given to kindergarten students.
- Bus routes and bus stops are determined through a partnership with Holmes Bus Company and the school.
- Families will receive an email mid-July with transportation information.
- Bus routes are posted on the school website mid-late August.

# Bus Information



- **Bus behavior:** We have a program to teach specific bus riding expectations in late August. You will be invited to a Kindergarten Bus Orientation and students will also receive classroom instruction on school bus safety.
- **K students sit in the front of the bus.**
- **Teachers and paraprofessionals greet students daily as they exit the bus and walk students directly to their buses at the end of the day.**
- **All bus drivers are CORI checked and highly trained.**
- **Bus-related questions can be directed to the Assistant Principal.**



# Building Safety



- All doors are locked once school begins at 8:20 AM.
- Any person entering the school after 8:20 AM must ring the buzzer and report to the office.
- All visitors must sign in using our Raptor Security System and wear a badge.
- Late Arrivals & Early Dismissals: Parents/caregivers are asked to remain in their cars in front of the school and call the number posted. The office staff will assist you in getting your child into the building or sent out for dismissal.
- Identification is required for all dismissals.
- CORI checks are required through WPS for all field trip chaperones.



# Requirements



- All children must be 5 years old on or before August 31, 2024 to enroll.
- All children must be **fully** toilet-trained before the start of school.
- All registration and medical paperwork must be completed through Aspen Family Portal.
- *As your child's first and primary teacher, you know your child best. You must rely on your instincts and trust the judgment of those in your environment who know your child well. Though a child may be academically prepared for the rigors of Kindergarten, he or she must also be ready to face the social and emotional changes as well.*



# Registration



## How do I register my child for Kindergarten?

- ✓ Visit [www.wrentham.k12.ma.us](http://www.wrentham.k12.ma.us)
  - [Parents](#) → [Student Registration](#) → [Kindergarten Information](#)
- ✓ Registration & Health Requirements are listed
- ✓ Click on the Online Registration Form
- ✓ Set up an account through Aspen Parent Portal
  - View Online Registration Tutorials
- ✓ Upload Required Documents
- ✓ We will contact you if anything is missing



# Screening



- Screening is mandated by Massachusetts DESE
- Screening is designed to assess basic readiness skills and identify students who may be in need of support services: concepts, motor and language
- Screening times will be set up by appointment via SignUp Genius
- The screening appointment takes about an hour
- Current Project Blossom students do not need a screening appointment





# Kindergarten Kickoff



- Thanks to the generosity of our PTO and WEST, we are offering a FREE four day summer program to help prepare all incoming kindergarteners for school and extend the screening process in the areas of social, emotional and play skills
- Sessions will be held during the weeks of July 15, July 22, and July 29.
- Sessions will be held Monday through Thursday from 8:15-11:15 AM at the Delaney School
- Sign ups for Kindergarten Kickoff will be set up via SignUp Genius once student registration is completed

# Important Dates

## **Kindergarten Registration**

- Registration opens on Friday, March 29 (online)

## **Kindergarten Screening**

- Screening will be held on June 11 and June 12

## **Kindergarten Kickoff**

- Kindergarten Kickoff will be held during the weeks of July 15, July 22, and July 29

## **Meet and Greet & Kindergarten Bus Orientation**

- Teacher Meet and Greet and K Bus Orientation will be held in late August





# Stay Connected

- Visit our website: [www.wrentham.k12.ma.us](http://www.wrentham.k12.ma.us)

- Call our office: 508-384-5430

- Delaney School administrative assistants:

Mrs. Rando [randot@wrenthamschools.org](mailto:randot@wrenthamschools.org)

Mrs. Goddard [goddardj@wrenthamschools.org](mailto:goddardj@wrenthamschools.org)

- It is important to communicate any changes to the information you have provided to the school (address, email, phone number, etc.).
- ***Please call the office to make these changes.***





# Thank you for coming!

We are excited to have you  
and your child join the  
Delaney School!



## KINDERGARTEN MEANS

MAKING NEW FRIENDS

LEARNING NEW IDEAS

READING NEW BOOKS

SOLVING NEW PROBLEMS

PLAYING NEW GAMES

REACHING NEW GOALS

MAKING NEW MISTAKES

AND HAVING FUN THE  
WHOLE WAY THROUGH!