

# Kindergarten Orientation

2023-2024

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### Meet the Teachers

- Amy Beidari
- Hollie Davidson
- Stephanie Kermes
- Paula Morales
- Andreina Trevino

### Meet the Teacher Assistants

- Ashley Lee
- Therese Turman
- Jennifer Way

## Students Exit to the classrooms

- Mrs. Kermes – All Green Name Tags
- Mrs. Davidson – All Orange Name Tags
- Mrs. Beidari – All Red Name Tags
- Mrs. Morales– All Blue Name Tags

## Enrollment - Online Scribbles

- \*Birth Certificate
  - \*Guardian ID - parent driver's license
  - \*2 proofs of residence
    - Notarized rental/purchase agreement
    - Utility bills
    - Driver's license and automobile registration
    - Car insurance and property insurance policies
    - Income tax W-2 form and property tax bill
- \*These items must be in Scribbles before your child will be enrolled.**

- \*\*Immunization Record
- \*\*Kindergarten Health Assessment
- \*\* These items must be in Scribbles ASAP, but no later than September 1<sup>st</sup>**

## Safety

- Fire Drills
- Lock Down Drills
- Tornado Drills
- SRO full time (Deputy Howard)
- Locked classroom doors
- Video doorbell at office
- Identakid for signing in for Visitors

**SAFETY  
FIRST**

## School Times

- Arrival Time: 7:00 – 7:30 am
  - Tardy at 7:30 – Students should be in the classroom by 7:25
  - When Tardy, must come to office and sign in
- Eating Breakfast : 7:00 – 7:20 am
- Dismissal Time: 2:00 pm

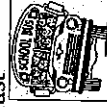


## Car Rider Line

- AM car rider line:
  - Use the "S" curve
  - Students will open their own door (Do not exit the cars until an adult is outside in the car rider line at 7:00 am)
  - Make sure students are ready to exit to keep the flow of traffic moving
- PM car rider line:
  - Dismissal starts at 2:00 pm. Line starts forming no earlier than 1:15 pm
  - In the AM bus lot (near the playground)
  - 4 lanes (approximately 7 cars fit in each lane)
  - Use "S" curve, 2 lanes
  - Must have School Issued Card with School Dismissal Manager ID written clearly
  - Must be in line no later than 2:15 pm

## Transportation Procedures

- Bus Sign Up
  - Complete info in Scribbles for AM, PM or Both
  - Usually takes up to 10 days for approval
  - Students can be dropped off with only an older sibling (if paperwork has been completed.)
  - If after start of school, email Ms. Johnson to sign up for the bus.
- Change in transportation - Use School Dismissal Manager
  - At the beginning of the year, students establish their normal routine. You will mark default method of transportation.
  - If need to change from the normal routine, parents must complete an exception in SDM prior to 1:00 pm.
- No pick up after 1:30



## Attendance Guidelines

- o Tardy Policy
    - Must be in class by 7:30 am
    - Being checked out after 11:00 is considered an early dismissal
  - o Absences
    - Must send in note (Prefer the use of SDM)
    - Considered an absence if not in attendance more than ½ a day (1/2 day = 11:00 am)
  - o Must enter info in SDM or send written note for tardies, early dismissals, and absences from parent or doctor
    - Lawful reasons only for excused absences
- \*\*\***Attendance is a huge factor in students success!!!**

## Dress Code

- o Students should dress appropriately and comfortably
  - Tennis Shoes are your friend!
- o Clothing closet, call parents, or letter
- o Administration has final say in all dress code issues

## Lunch



- o Procedures
  - Parents are welcome to come eat with their child
  - Preferably begin around October 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Tell Child or Not?
- o Cost: This year
  - Breakfast = \$1.75
  - Lunch = \$3.75
- o Meal Payment Plan: [lunchprepay.com](http://lunchprepay.com)
  - Need students power school ID number
  - Complete Free and Reduced Form
- o Cafeteria Manager – Klova Hauser
  - Café # - 704-843-3632

## Nurse (Kristen Connolly)

- o Required Information:
  - Kindergarten Health Assessment
  - Medical issues – allergies, asthma, etc.
  - Let us know now
  - Must be turned in within 30 days of the start of school or will be suspended.
- Medication Consent
- o Sick or Not? Stay home or Not?
  - Don't say "If you start to feel bad, tell your teacher"
  - Write a note/send email to teacher instead



## Immunizations

All school children in the State of North Carolina must be up to date with all of their immunizations within 30 calendar days of their entry into school. Email the nurse with questions. The following immunizations are required:

- 5 DTP/DTap/Td doses (Last shot on or after the fourth birthday)
- 4 Polio (OPV-IPV) doses (Last dose on or after fourth birthday)
- 2 MMR doses (First shot on or after first birthday; a second dose no sooner than 30 days after the first dose)
- 3 Hepatitis B doses (For children born on or after 7-1-94, last shot not before 24 weeks of age, actual dates shots were given are required, we cannot accept "at birth")
- 2 Varicella doses (For children entering school on/after 7-1-15)
- 1 Tdap dose (For children entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade on/after 7-1-15)
- 1 Meningococcal dose (For children entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade on/after 7-1-15)

## Birthday Celebrations

- No Homemade food (must be store bought)
- Cafeteria will take orders and make cupcakes
- Follow all food allergies for the classroom communicated at the beginning of the year
- Party invitations cannot be distributed at school

## Schoolwide Discipline

- PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Supports)
- Class Dojo
- SOAR Expectations
  - Show Respect
  - Obedient
  - Awesome Attitude
  - Responsible
- See Matrix

## Miscellaneous

- Back Pack Suggestions
  - No Rolling backpacks
  - Not too big for the little ones, but big enough to fit a notebook
- Extra Clothes
  - For emergency/accidents
    - Remain in bookbag or in cubby
  - Complete set (outfit, underwear, socks)
  - Don't forget to change it out for seasons
- School Supply Lists
  - Included in this packet
  - PTO sponsoring the supply sale - flyer in packet
  - Available on the website after June 10
  - If you need another one, see Ms. Johnson
  - Write students names on supplies
- Legal Paperwork
  - We need a copy

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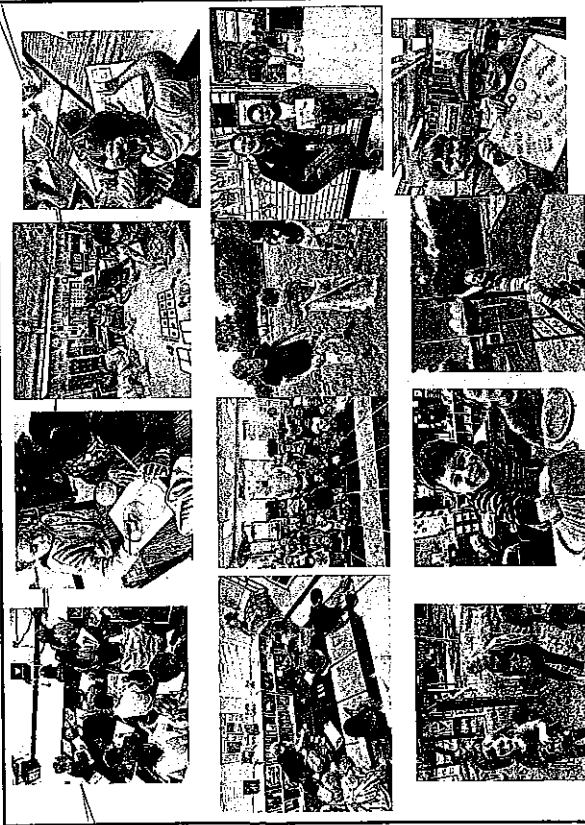
- **Homework**
  - Brief - approximately 15 minutes (being read to, reading, sight word practice, rote counting by 1's and 10's, identify shapes)
  - DLI - May have additional for practice in the target language
- **Independence**
  - Beginning the first full week - drop off in car rider line to learn routines
  - Unpacking own backpack
- **Communication**
  - Wednesday Folders
  - Class Dojo
  - Emails

## After School Program

- Coordinator: Bridgette Davidson
  - 704-843-5080
  - 704 290-1516- Central Services ASP Dept
- Application Process - Online
  - Waiting List - Link was emailed
  - 2:00 until 6:00
  - 1 snack provided, arts & crafts, special activities, homework
  - Flyer of other afterschool programs that pick up in car line/bus lot.

## Dual Language Immersion

- DLI Model:
  - 90/10 for Kindergarten and 1st grade
  - 80/20 for 2nd and 3rd grade
  - 50/50 for 4th and 5th grade
- Current Openings
  - Email Ms. Johnson if interested

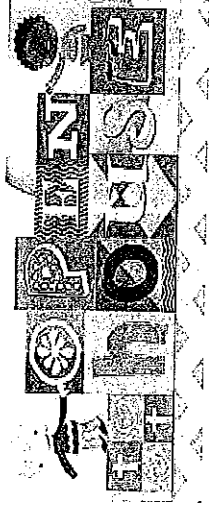


## Staggered Enrollment Process

- Students are randomly selected for their first day of school
- Small groups of students attend for **one** abbreviated day (8:00 – 12:30) the first week (Aug. 28 – Aug. 31)
- No bus or afterschool this week. Parents must bring their child and pick them up.
- Info with the child's first day will be mailed by August 15<sup>th</sup> (if you have a conflict, call office ASAP)

## Open House

- Want to find out who your child's teacher is?
- Thursday, August 31st
- 5:00 p.m.



## What can I do to help prepare my child?

### Sample Materials:

- Concepts about Print - yellow paper
- High Frequency Words - pink paper

### Self-Help Skills

- Over the summer, practice buttons, zippers, etc.
- Using scissors and correct pencil grip
- Bathroom (bathroom in classroom)

## PTO Officers 2022-23

**President**  
Kristie Metz

**Vice President**  
Danyele Shafer

**Secretary**  
Renee Borroughs

**Treasurer**  
Jody Howes

## Volunteers

- We Love Our Volunteers!!!
- Must complete a volunteer online application.
  - [ucpsvolunteers.com](http://ucpsvolunteers.com)
  - Make sure you choose Western Union Elementary
  - If you are already approved at another school, you still have to go back in and add us.
- Can't help in the school, go on field trips, etc.
  - Until the application has been approved!

## Social Media

- Webpage: <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Domain/58>
  - Parent tab
- Facebook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/WesternUnionES.NC>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/WesternUnionES>
- App: Union County Public Schools

## Questions and Answers

