




Welcome to
Kindergarten
2023-2024



Introducing Our Staff

Principal - Natalie West-Odebunmi
AP - Pete Butler
Office Staff - Jane Egertson and Jenny Clark
Teachers - Michele Doane & Christy Peterson
Lanett Gaffney
Tiffany Gilstrap





School Hours:

8:00am - 2:10pm

Early Out Wednesday

8:00am - 12:55pm

Please arrive promptly to pick up your child when school is out. Kindergarteners often become very frightened and worried if no one is there when it is time to leave.





MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Back to School Night


Wednesday, September 13

At Back to School Night we will go more into detail about curriculum, classroom procedures, homework, conferences and parent involvement.






What to BRING to School Daily

1. Backpack: labeled with child's name- needs to be regular size .
 2. Daily Folder: Teacher will provide on first day of school.
 3. Nutritious Snack: packed separately with child's name.
Suggestions: apple slices, grapes, crackers, granola bars, etc.
 4. Lunch: packed in labeled lunch box
 5. Water Bottle; labeled with name
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what to WEAR to School Daily

1. Comfortable clothes: easy on and off for bathroom needs
 - a. Kindergarten can be messy! Keep this in mind when choosing your child's outfits.
 - b. No spaghetti strap tops. Straps must be 2 finger width.
 2. Shoes: must be closed-toed, no crocs or sandals
 3. Jackets: please label
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Playground, Lunch, Snacks


1. Kindergartners will play and eat at the big playground.
 2. Snacks should be packed separately and students will place them in the snack bin in the morning.
 3. Lunch packed in labeled lunch box (★★Note: This year students can receive a free lunch daily. However, we do not recommend getting a free lunch the first few weeks of school. Students will need to memorize their 7 digit ID number.★★)
 4. LABEL, LABEL, LABEL all items!
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Kindergarten Supplies

- 4 boxes of 24 Crayola crayons
- 10 Crayola original markers
- 8 large Elmer's glue sticks
- 1 black sharpie
- 1 yellow highlighters
- 1 black Expo dry erase marker
- 1 pair Fiskars scissors pointed 5 inch size

Items do NOT need to be individually labeled - we will store extras and pass out as needed throughout the year.





Arrival


- Children may enter the Kindergarten playground beginning at 7:45.
- Do not drop off your child earlier than 7:45 as there is no supervision for them
- Parents must stay behind the blue fence during drop off and pick up.
- Children will sit in their classroom line with their backpacks on.
- Morning snacks will be placed in bins. Snacks should be limited to one small item. Please LABEL snacks with child's name.
- Lunch boxes will remain in backpacks.

Teachers and Staff will be available to assist all students.





Dismissal


- Kindergarteners get out of school at 2:10. This is 10 minutes earlier than grades 1-5. You must walk up to the gate to pick up your child.
 - Parents need to remain outside the blue fence. Teachers will release children as they see parents. You will get a sign on the first day to help identify who you are picking up.
 - Children are only released to parents, guardians or caregivers. You must notify the teacher in writing about changes in pick up arrangements.
 - Please do not try to meet with teachers during dismissal time. Teachers need to focus on the safety of the students.
 - Students not picked up on time will be taken to the office.
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Parking

You must park in the front lot in a "VISITOR" marked space or walk in from the neighborhood streets. DO NOT park at the red curbs, in a staff spot, or along the cul-de-sac. You will be ticketed. Please advise caregivers and any other adults who are picking up your child of these regulations.

The parking lot near the kindergarten classrooms is for the STAFF ONLY. Do not park in this lot.






First Day of School

Tuesday, Aug. 15 8:30am-9:43am

The first day will be filled with reading stories, getting to know each other, singing songs, and doing a few fun activities.

- Kindergarteners will attend the first day of school without parents.
 - Please send your child with their backpack and any school supplies.
 - Students will not need a snack or lunch on the first day.
 - Please check your child's daily folder for important paperwork to return to school and an activity to complete and return to school on Wednesday.
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First Week Schedule

Tuesday: 8:30am - 9:43am (kinder only)

Wednesday: 8:00am - 12:55pm (early out)

Thursday/Friday: 8:00am - 2:10pm (regular schedule)

★FRIDAY FLAG ASSEMBLY★

Line up in Kinder yard and then walk with teachers to blacktop.







Illness/COVID Guidelines

Please keep your child home from school when sick. Report any illness, COVID exposure, or COVID-19 test results to the school, and consult the Student Symptom Decision Tree for guidance and/or the CUSD Wellness Policy. Your child's illness related absences will be excused. School site personnel should be able to assist with return to school instructions based on your child's situation.

Note: To return to school, children must not have vomited and/or be fever-free for 24 hours without using fever-reducing medication.





Thank You!

We are so excited to meet our newest Bathgate Blazers tomorrow and look forward to an amazing 2023-2024 Kindergarten year!

