



Virtual Orientation

Thursday, July 23

Welcome Families!

We are excited for your child and family to join our school!

Getting Started Tonight:

Step 1: Sign in by typing "Hello" in the Chat Box

Step 2: Please Mute Your Microphone and Camera. You can unmute for question & answer session following the presentation.



WCPSS Vision and Mission

Vision

All Wake County Public School System students will be prepared to reach their full potential and lead productive lives in a complex and changing world.

Mission

Wake County Public School System will provide a relevant and engaging education and will graduate students who are collaborative, creative, effective communicators and critical thinkers.

Overview for Session



- Meet our Team
- Learning Environments
- General Information
- Starting Kindergarten
- Next Steps
- Questions & Answers

Meet our Team



Burt Batten
Principal



LaShara Gilkes
Assistant Principal



Lauren
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Instructional
Coach



Catrice Hines
Counselor

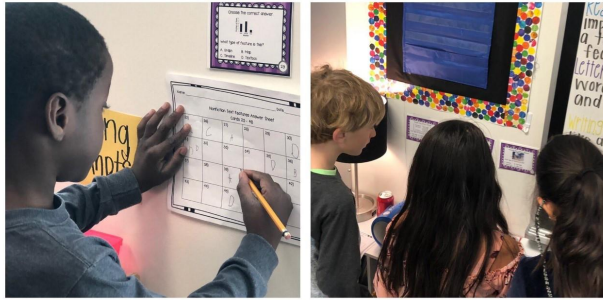


Lisa Mejeur
Intervention Coach

Meet our Team



Kindergarten Team (from left to right): Sheena Smith, Jasmine Voss, Cynthia Sandora, Shauna Schmidt, and Erin Raynor



Hands-on

Engaging

Developmentally
appropriate

Collaborative

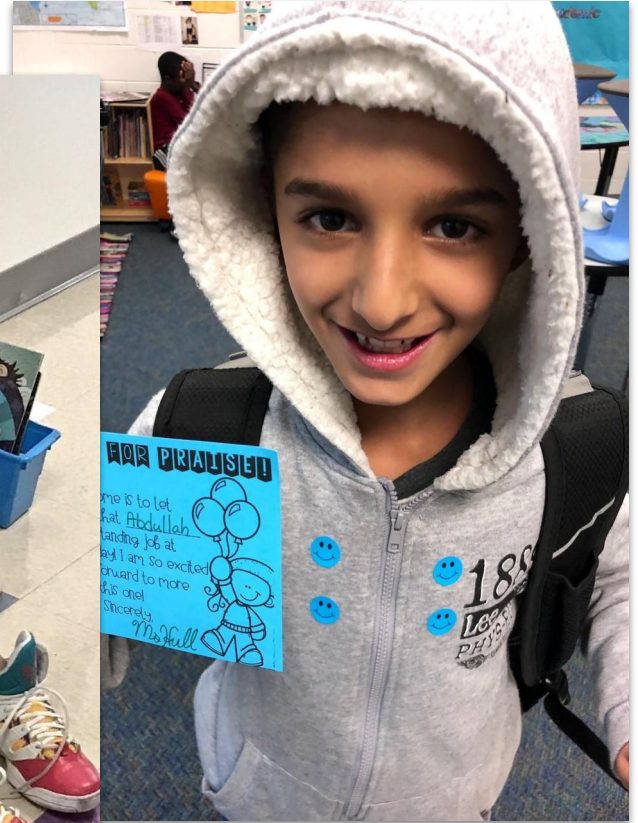
Building
awareness of self
& others



Skills for Critical Thinking & Teamwork



Nurturing the whole child



Celebrating Student Growth



Fostering Creativity & Leadership



Learning Environments



COVID-19 Learning Environments

Plan A: Daily In-Person Instruction

Plan B: Blended Instruction

Plan C: Fully-Online Instruction

Virtual Academy: Fully-Online Instruction regardless of Plan A, B, or C

For more information visit <http://wcpss.net/returntocampus>

7.21.2020 -- Plan B Transition

- Students begin the school year with full online instruction
- WCPSS will monitor trends with COVID data from state and local health leaders to determine when it can be possible to have student groups report to schools for in-person instruction.

Plan B – Blended Instruction

Students experience combination of in-person instruction at school and online instruction.

Students will attend school for in-person instruction in a small group. Siblings will be in the same groups.

Groups will attend school in a rotation of one week at school and two weeks of online instruction.

Social distancing and health screenings will occur at school daily.

WCPSS Virtual Academy

- Students remain part of Pleasant Grove Elementary.
- Students will follow a daily schedule of activities using an online learning platform for recorded and live instruction from teachers.
- Students participate in the Virtual Academy for at least the fall semester (until the end of January).
- Allows students and families continuity of instruction

For more details visit <http://wcpss.net/virtual-academy>

What will be consistent for everyone?

1. All students will have the same grading structures.
2. Attendance will be recorded.
3. All classes will use similar instructional tools and materials.
4. All students will get appropriate support services, as needed.
5. Staff will focus on supporting the whole child. We encourage all of our Flyers to SOAR!

General Information



General Information

Bell Schedule/School Hours

- Doors Open 8:45 AM
- Warning Bell 9:10 AM
- Late Bell 9:15 AM
- Instruction 9:15 AM – 3:45 PM



General Information

Transportation Options with in-person learning

- Carpool
- School Bus
- Daycare Vans

Transportation: For In-Person Learning

Request a carpool tag from Front Office.

Submit request for bus transportation from WCPSS District Website

Make arrangements with a Daycare for transportation

Transportation Tags for In-Person Learning

- Issued for all students designated for bus service
- Indicates how child dismisses from school
- Includes name, emergency contact, bus route & stop location
- Kindergarten students issued red tags

Transportation

- Staff work diligently to ensure students go home the same way each day, unless we receive a note from you
- Families should notify school by 9:30 AM each day if your child's transportation will change. This is usually done by sending a note to your child's teacher

Transportation

- WCPSS will provide families with information about bus routes and bus stops in August.
- Students are only allowed to ride their assigned bus and dismiss at their assigned stop.
- All Kindergarten - 1st Grade students must be met at bus stop by an adult.

Transportation

- Students who arrive at school after 9:15 AM are considered late
- No student check-out after 3:15 PM
- Bus dismissal
 - [Twitter @pgesbuses](#)
 - [Here Comes the Bus](#) app

Snacks & Meals for In-Person Learning

Breakfast/Lunches Served

Current Price – Breakfast \$1.25, Lunch \$2.75, Milk \$.50

- Prepay Online -- preferred
(www.myschoolbucks.com)
- Check to PGES Cafeteria/Cash
- Lunch Number = Student ID



Snacks

Students should bring a healthy snack to school.
Snack time varies by grade levels.

Snack recommendations

- Low sugar
- High protein
- Easy to open/eat

School Nurse/Medications

Jasmine Trudeau

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- Assigned to PGES two days a week
- Assists families if students require medications at school, health plans, or diet orders



Medications

- Medications require a doctor's order
- (WCPSS 1702 Form)
- Form available on WCPSS district website
- Medications must be brought into school and signed by an adult



COVID-19 Health Screening

- Daily health screenings will occur for in-person learning
- Students should be screened at-home, before riding school transportation, and when arriving to school.
- Students and adults who are sick or not feeling well should stay home

Visit <http://wcpss.net/returntocampus> for more details

Starting Kindergarten



What to Expect?

1. WCPSS Device Distribution
2. Parent Orientation Sessions
3. Gradual release practice/modeling
4. No Staggered Entry

Your Child's Teacher

- Teachers will be paired with a “buddy teacher”
- Students will be matched with a primary teacher and will also work with their “buddy teacher” for specific activities

Your Child's Teacher

Teacher A: Begins the day with Literacy

Teacher B: Begins the day with Math

Teachers swap groups later in the day

What is consistent?

- Students receive focused instruction. This allows teachers to get to know your child's academic skills better.
- Students learn school routines and digital skills
- Teachers can optimize instruction and activities to engage students in learning.

Key Points to Remember

- You will receive communication in August regarding your child's buddy teachers
- Teachers will connect with families about a virtual "Meet the Teacher" event and other opportunities

Instruction



Online Instruction

- Due to COVID-19, online instruction will be part of your child's learning this year.
- Teachers will use Google Classroom and Google Meet to engage students in live instruction and non-live activities
- Digital tools for building literacy skills and math reasoning will also be used

Online Instruction

- Teachers will meet virtually with students in small groups throughout each week for lessons and guided practice
- Students and families will receive support with using digital tools
- Teachers will communicate with families to establish schedules for online instruction



Typical Kindergarten Schedule

Arrival

Morning Meeting

Letterland

Stations

Writing

Lunch

Recess

Shared Reading

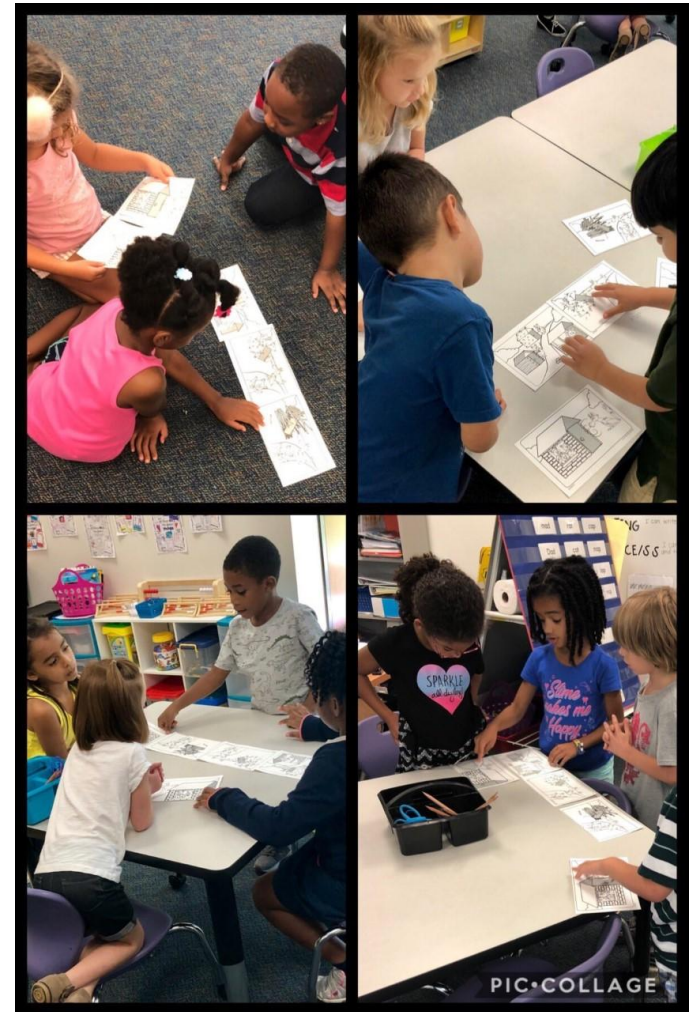
Specials

Math

Snack

Social Studies/Science

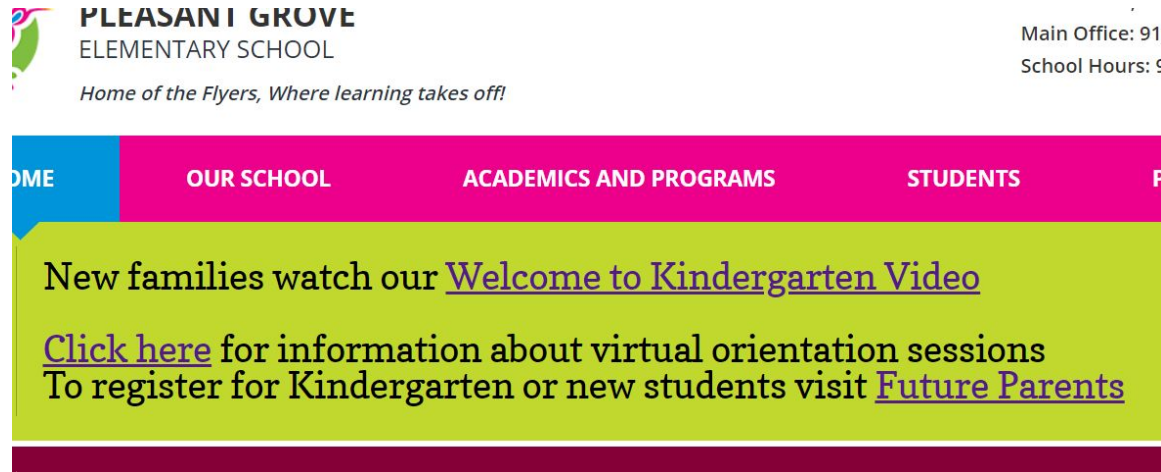
Dismissal



Kindergarten Academics & Learning Environment

1. [Academic Overview from Kindergarten Teachers](#)
2. [Classroom Learning Environment](#)

*These videos are linked to the Pleasant Grove School Website.

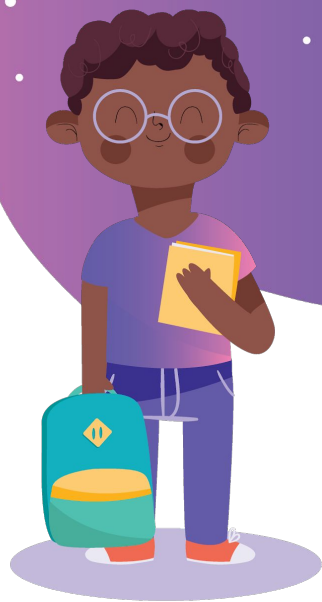


What to Bring for In-Person Learning?

- *Bookbag*
 - *Healthy Snack*
 - *Lunch or lunch money*
 - *Change of clothes*
 - *Rest towel*
- Label Everything**



More details will be provided by teachers when the transition to in-person learning begins



Next Steps

Staying in Touch

- School Messenger – calls, emails, texts
- Class Dojo – school & teacher
- School Website
- Twitter @pgesflyers

Staying in Touch



School Messenger – set your preferences
www.wcpss.net/schoolmessenger



Here Comes The Bus app
WCPSS school code 67500
Enter your child's Student ID

Supplies & Meal Benefits



Supply Lists are posted on the Pleasant Grove Website



Families can apply for meal benefits, free and reduced lunch at www.myschoolapps.com

Join the PTA



Parent Teacher
Association, \$7

PTA Website
linked under
"Parents" tab of
school website



Kindergarten Health Assessment



Written proof of required immunizations and physician completed kindergarten health assessment.



If you have questions about your child's immunizations please call the school.

Questions & Answers



For more information

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Website

www.wcpss.net/pleasantgroves





Thank You Families!

More information will be communicated to you in the upcoming weeks!

We look forward to partnering with you!