



KinderHawk Orientation 2019 - 2020

Purpose & Connection

At HCES we value building relationships and ensuring that students and families are aware of our goal as a school. Our purpose today is to...

- Discuss what it means to "do school differently"
- Share some logistics/Need-to-knows for the first day of school
 - Preview what a "Day in K" looks like
 - Introduce the expectations of rising kindergarteners As well as other fun details you don't want to miss!

Hortons Creek will do school differently because other hawks matter!

This is our identity!

#otherhawksmatter #HCESIdentity

WHY

Hortons Creek will do school differently because:
We believe in innovation, empowerment, and collaboration
We value equity, relationships, and a growth mindset

HOW

Hortons Creek will do school differently by:
Being flexible
Aspiring to have a growth mindset

BEHAVIORS

Hortons Creek will do school differently by:

Taking risks

ENVIRONMENT

Hortons Creek will do school differently through:

Time - flexible scheduling

Resources - professional development, Positivity Project, collaborative PLTs, UBD Template, authentic learning **Space** - flexible seating, collaborative work spaces

What We Love About Kindergarten at HCES



Meet Our Administration

Dr. Sandy Chambers Principal



Ms. Kristin Small
Assistant Principal





Hawks Do it Different

















Hortons Creek School Procedures & Policies

Our leadership team has created school procedures and policies to align with Wake County Schools.

Please see our draft handbook <u>here.</u>

The handbook will be updated this summer.





Staggered Entry

Staggered entry is a time for Kindergarten teachers to meet and assess your child.

- Staggered entry:
 - August 26-29 (Monday-Thursday) from 10:00-2:30 PM (1;30-2:30 Parent Attend with child).
- Your child will be assigned a date to come based on the initial of their last name. If you registered your child for kindergarten after May 25, 2019 they will be assigned a date for staggered entry based on numbers and not last name. Please inquire about this at registration. Your child will only come on one day between August 26th and 29th from 10:00-1:30 (1:30-2:30 Parents Attend). You will be responsible for dropping off and picking up your child on this day at the main entrance.
- It is IMPERATIVE that we have your current and correct phone number so that we will be able to contact you if needed during staggered entry.

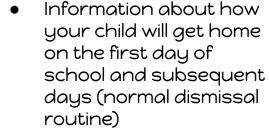
 ASSESSMEN
- Staggered Entry is not optional.
- Your child does not have an assigned kindergarten teacher until AFTER staggered entry is completed.
 We will call you before Meet the Teacher to let you know who your child's teacher will be.
- The first full day for kindergarten students is September 3rd.



Please bring the items below with you to your assigned staggered entry date.

- Lunch money/lunchbox
- Backpack
- Please make sure to meet with our school nurse before this date to arrange for any medication needed at school (if needed)
- Small healthy snack

Please bring the items below with you to Meet the Teacher.



School supplies



Need-To-Know Dates

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August 18	Playground and Popsicle Parent Event 9-10 am	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Staggered Entry Day 10:00-1:30 Parent Event with Kids 1:30-2:30 Last Name: A-G	27 Staggered Entry Day 10:00-1:30 Parent Event with Kids 1:30-2:30 Last Name: H-Ma	28 Staggered Entry Day 10:00-1:30 Parent Event with Kids 1:30-2:30 Last Name: Mb-R	29 Staggered Entry Day 10:00-1:30 Parent Event with Kids 1:30-2:30 Last Name: S-Z	Meet The Teacher 1:00-2:30 PM	31
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Transportation AM arrival

Students will arrive by either:

- > Car
- > Walking
- Biking
- Bus
- > Daycare Vans
- > YMCA before school care

If your child is a bus rider, we encourage you to put them on the bus their first day September 4, 2018. When after school transportation changes from the routine mode, the school must be aware no later than 2:30 PM daily.

Reminder- transportation is not provided for kindergarteners on staggered entry days!



Transportation PM dismissal

Students will be dismissed by either:

- Car with tag
- Walking with tag
- Biking with tag
- Bus to bus color
 - > Here Comes the Bus App is available to track your child's arrival and/or departure
 - > An adult must be at the bus stop
- Daycare Vans
- YMCA after school care





A Day in Kindergarten!

Kindergarten Daily Schedule includes...

- Arriva
- Math
 - Daily Routines, Mini Lesson, Centers
- Specials
 - > PE, Media, Technology, Art, and Music
- Lunch (30 minutes)
- Literacy
 - Readers Workshop (Mini Lesson, Private and Partner Reading Time, Guided Reading)
 - > Letterland (Phonics Program)
 - > Shared Reading and Read Alouds
 - > Developmental Literacy Centers
- * Recess (30 minutes)
- Writers Workshop
 - Mini Lesson, Private Writing Time, Sharing Time
- Science OR Social Studies
 - > We switch between subjects every 4 weeks
- Dismissal



We have a rotating schedule at Hortons Creek to make sure all students have equal access to learning and other parts of the school day. This means that we hit all of these components in a day, but we do not always have math, specials, lunch, etc at the same time everyday.

Example of schedule day

We will have morning meeting.

We will go to Specials.

We will go to Lunch.

We will have Writing.

We will have Math.

We will have Social Studies.

We will have Letterland.

We will go to Recess.

We will have Snack.

We will have Reading.

We will have Closing Circle.

Specials:

PE Art Music

*We will have more specials that will be announced at a later date :)

Want to know more?

Please check out our posters with examples of academic work that our kindergarteners complete after our presentation! They are great examples of our rigorous curriculum.

Want to know more about our standards? Please click on the words below in the box and they will take you to the kindergarten standards for each subject area!

Literacy.
Writing and
Speaking
Common
Core
Standards

Math
Common
Core
Standards

Science
NC
Essential
Standards

Social
Studies NC
Essential
Standards

*Please note there is **NO NAP** time in kindergarten. Please make sure your child is prepared to complete a full day of kindergarten from 8:45-3:45 without a nap PRIOR to starting school to help them prepare for this transition.





Classroom Communication

- → Memberhub
- → Email
- → Seesaw
- → Classroom & teacher twitter handles
- → Any concerns must go directly to teacher first





School Communication

- → School website
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- → School <u>Facebook page</u>
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Please consider joining our PTA!

If you have questions - below is their contact information.

pta@hortonscreekpta.com

president@hortonscreekpta.com

treasurer@hortonscreekpta.com

To learn more about policies and procedures in WCPSS, please visit the link below.



WCPSS Parent/Student Handbook

GO HAWKS!

Specific questions? Email Dr. Chambers schambers@wcpss.net

Health/Nurse

- ★ On-site 1½ days during the week
- ★ Contact the school nurse for:
 - Chronic illness, diabetes, asthma, severe allergies, seizures, etc.
- ★ If your child requires medication to be held on campus (inhaler, epi pen, etc.) then you must contact the nurse BEFORE school starts to set up a medical plan.
- Also please set up a medical plan if your child needs accommodations due to medical conditions BEFORE school starts.
- ★ It takes time to set up these plans and they cannot be put into place on campus until they are set up formally. Please arrange this before your child starts school.
- ★ Hortons Creek School Nurse- Ceci Callahan (<u>ccallahan@wcpss.net</u>)



How can I help my child prepare for Kindergarten?

Reading

- Read to your child everyday (20 minutes)
- Reinforce letter recognition/sounds
- Recognize environmental print (bathroom signs, stop signs, etc)
- Print concepts (pointing to title, distinguish capital/lowercase and letter/word, point to the words while being read to.)

Writing

- Write first name (capital at the beginning and the rest lowercase)
- Write the alphabet (capital and lowercase)
- Begin to phonetically spell words

<u>Math</u>

- Practice counting objects
- Recognize and write numbers 1-10
- Recognize basic shapes

Fine Motor Skills & Independence

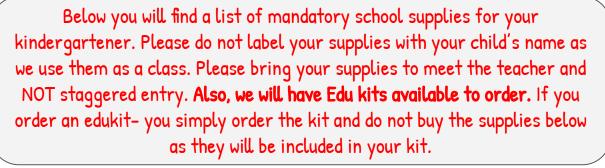
- Holding a pencil
- Use scissors to cut along a line
- Use the bathroom independently
- Open their own lunch containers







KinderHawk Student School Supplies





- ★ Standard size student backpack without wheels (not included in edukit)
- ★ Lunch box if your child plans to bring a lunch to school (pack snack in a separate section) (not included in edukit)
- ★ 1 change of clothes in a ziplock bag labeled with your child's name (not included in edukit)
- ★ 2 boxes of Crayola multicultural crayons
- ★ 3 boxes of Crayola crayons 24 count
- ★ 1 pack of Crayola Classic markers
- ★ 18 regular sized Elmer's glue sticks

- ★ 1 bottle of Elmer's liquid glue
- ★ 1 pack black of dry erase markers (thin tip)
- ★ 1 pack black expo dry erase markers (chisel tip)
- ★ 1 box of no. 2 pencils (Ticonderoga)
- ★ 1 pack of large pink erasers
- ★ 2 Poly folders **solid colors** ONLY red, ONLY blue
- ★ 3 Mead Primary Journals (white space at top and lined at the bottom)



TeacherHawk Wish List



This wish list is for your child's classroom! Please consider donating these items as they help the students succeed in a **clean** and welcoming environment and allow us to provide them with hands on materials!

- ★ Clorox wipes
- ★ Snack size ziploc bags
- ★ Sandwich ziploc bags
- ★ Quart size ziploc bags
- ★ Gallon size ziploc bags
- ★ Jumbo size ziploc bags

- ★ Hand sanitizer
- **★** Tissues
- ★ Cardstock Astrobright (white)
- ★ Cardstock Astrobright (Multi-Color)
- ★ Astrobright Colored Paper
- ★ Painter's Tape or Frog Tape

Operational Procedures

- → All visitors must check-in/out at the main office upon arrival/departure.
 - ☐ Visitor labels must be visible for all to see.
- All visitors will have one of two purposes (all prearranged):
 - 1) volunteer (must be cleared by WCPSS volunteer registration) 2) parent conference
- 8:45 AM front doors & bus loop doors will open to allow students to enter the building
 - Any visitor wishing to walk a child to class will have the opportunity to do so up until Thursday, September 7th.

 After this date, all parents and visitors must have an appointment or approval from the main office.
- 9:15 AM students are marked tardy if not in classroom (no unexcused late arrivals)
- 3:45 PM student dismissal (no unexcused early pick-ups & no main office dismissal after 3:15 PM)
 - 1:15 PM student dismissal on Early Release days (no main office dismissal after 12:45 PM)
- Transportation changes:
 - Communicate to your child's teacher the routine dismissal transportation at Meet the Teacher.
 - Transportation changes must be called into the office by 2:30 PM or you can provide the teacher with a written note/email by 2:30 PM.



Cafeteria

Breakfast: \$1.25

Lunch: \$2.55





With a **MySchoolBucks account**, paying for school meals is easy. Pay for your school meals and more anytime, anywhere from your computer or smartphone. Go to www.MySchoolBucks.com or call (855) 832-5226 to enroll. You'll need your student's NCWISE ID number which is available in your registration materials or at your student's school. Once your account is established you may:

Securely deposit funds to your student's account

Receive email notification when balance drops to level you set

Set spending limits and diet restrictions

YMCA - Before and After School

The Cary Family YMCA is pleased to offer Before School and Afterschool Care onsite at Hortons Creek Elementary School:

Before School is an entertaining and structured morning program. We provide a fun, loving staff to play and encourage your children. Activities are held for the most part in the cafe'. We have a variety of games and challenges to play such as cards, board games, puzzles, and crafts. The Program runs from 7am-8:45 am (bell) each morning.

After School is a safe, fun alternative to hanging out at home each afternoon! We fill the afternoons with gym and field games, arts & crafts, STEM activities, homework incentives, assemblies, and much more! The Program runs from school dismissal until 6:00 p.m. each school day; this includes scheduled early release days, which are covered in the program cost.

On-line registration will be available. For more information, check us out on the website www.ymcatriangle.org.

YMCA does not provide care on early release days due to inclement weather- please have an arranged alternative way home with your child's teacher.

Wake County Traditional Calendar 2019-2020

Please take note of the WCPSS Traditional School Calendar for the 2019-2020 school year!

Days of which to pay close attention:

- Teacher workdays
- Student vacation days
- Holidays



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