

Hortons Creek Elementary

KindertHawk
Information Session
2020-2021



Virtual Information Session Procedures:

- ★ Please mute your microphone and turn cameras off.
- ★ After we start, please put questions in the chat box (we have a chat moderator that will note questions and will be posted in a FAQ after session #2 if needed).

Meet Our Administration



Ms. Jen Hawkins
Assistant Principal

Dr. Sandy Chambers
Principal

Ms. Kristin Small
Assistant Principal

COVID-19



The COVID 19 pandemic caused all North Carolina public schools to be closed for students and staff effective March 16, 2020.

We do not yet know what the Fall will look like; however this information is important for student safety and student well-being for when schools do open.

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[2019-2020 Parent Information](#)

Grounding



What is your child **MOST** excited about for the upcoming Kindergarten school year?

*Post your comment in the
CHAT BOX.*

Learning Targets



- ★ Share our school's story and our CREED.
- ★ Share need-to-knows for the first couple of weeks of school.
- ★ Preview what a "Day in K" looks like.
- ★ How to prepare your child for Kindergarten
- ★ As well as other fun details you don't want to miss!



Meet Our Kindergarten Teachers



Ms. Bruner



Ms. Griffin



Ms. Coakley



Ms. Hankinson



Ms. Dickerson



Ms. O'Rourke



Mrs. Gassaway



Ms. Poirier



Hortons Creek Elementary Story



Hortons Creek Elementary opened in the Fall of 2017 with 850 students.

In January 2019, we became a capped school with over 1,000 students enrolled.

Currently, we are working on lowering our enrollment to around 900 students.

Hortons Creek CREED



#HAWKSDOITDIFFERENT

I am innovative.

I am uniquely capable.

I have a voice that can create change.



#OTHERHAWKSMATTER

I take care of myself.

I take care of others.

I take care of our place.

#TOGETHERISBETTER

We value all people.

We believe relationships matter.

We believe relationships take work.

First Weeks of School...need to know

➤ Resources & Communication

1. WCPSS Website

www.wcpss.net



2. School Communication

- PTA Memberhub
- School website
- Weekly principal messages posted on school website and emailed
- School Facebook page
- School & principal twitter handles
[@hortonscreekes](https://twitter.com/hortonscreekes) [@drsandychambers](https://twitter.com/drsandychambers)

3. Classroom Communication

- Email/Website
- Classroom & teacher twitter handles
- Any concerns go to teacher first



First Weeks of School...need to know

➤ WCPSS School Calendar

Please take note of the [WCPSS Traditional School Calendar for the 2020-2021 school year!](#)

Days of which to pay close attention:

- ❖ Teacher workdays
- ❖ Student vacation days
- ❖ Student learning days
- ❖ Remote Learning Days
- ❖ Holidays

Traditional Calendar 20-21

First Weeks of School...need to know

➤ WCPSS Health Care

- ★ In Wake County nurses are on site 2-3 days per week in each school
- ★ Contact the school nurse for:
 - Chronic illness, diabetes, asthma, severe allergies, seizures, etc.
- ★ Children requiring medication to be given on campus (inhaler, EpiPen, etc.) must have a completed Physician's Order (Form 1702) to sign in with medication. Form 1702 is available in front office and online.
- ★ Contact the nurse to 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 ccallahan@wcpss.net
919-524-6639



First Weeks of School...need to know

➤ WCPSS Transportation (arrival & dismissal)



Arrival Options

- ☐ Car
- ☐ Bus
- ☐ YMCA morning care
- ☐ Walkers*
- ☐ Bike riders*



Dismissal Options

- Car
- Bus
- YMCA after school care
- Walkers*
- Bike riders*

First Weeks of School...need to know

➤ WCPSS Meals



My School Bucks

We do not have any updated information regarding pricing for the new year at this time. But, here are a few pics of our Hawk in the cafeteria!

<https://www.wcpss.net/school-meals>



First Weeks of School...need to know

➤ Student Support Services



"The professional school counselor is concerned with the educational, academic, career, personal and social needs and encourages the maximum development of every student."
—From the American School Counselor Association (ASCA)

- Individual Counseling (parent, teacher, or student referrals)
- Group Counseling (variety of topics-social skills, divorce group, grief group, etc.)
- Classroom Guidance (for all students; developmental in nature)

Please contact Alison Bowman or Nikki Lee if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child.

Ms. Bowman: abowman@wcpss.net @CounselorHCreek

Ms. Lee: nlee2@wcpss.net @ms_nlee

[Counseling Website](#)

First Weeks of School...need to know



➤ What if my child is really nervous about kindergarten?

- Normalize their feelings! What they are feeling is ok. Your child may not be able to share how they are feeling but you can help put words to what they are feeling in their body.
- Have your child think about a time they did something new or scary....did their feelings change? What helped them feel better? Deep breaths, talking to someone, a hug, etc.
- Talk about specific worries and come up with a plan! Provide plenty of reassuring statements but do not make any false promises (ex. Parent running late for carpool)
- Read some books together! (I have linked YouTube read alouds)
 - [Wemberly Worried](#) -[Kissing Hand](#) -[Ruby Finds a Worry](#) -[Don't Feed the Worry Bug](#)
 - [What is a Worry?](#) (this one is not a book but she has a lot of awesome videos on worry!)
- Play into their magical thinking! (ex. Magic dust!)
- Remain calm! We know as a parent you probably have some anxiety too but you want to send the message that your child can do this, they are ready for kindergarten, and they are going to be ok!

First Weeks of School...need to know



➤ 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 box of no. 2 pencils (Ticonderoga)
- ★ 1 pack of large pink erasers
- ★ 2 Poly folders **solid colors** - ONLY red, ONLY blue
- ★ 2 Mead Primary Journals (white space at top and lined at the bottom)
- ★ 1 pair of over the ear headphones with your child's name on it

This is a list of school supplies for your kindergartener. Please bring your supplies to meet the teacher and NOT staggered entry. Also, we will have Edu kits available to order by June 21st. If you order an edukit- you simply order the kit and do not buy the supplies above as they will be included in your kit.



First Weeks of School...need to know

➤ Teacher Wish List Supplies

- ★ Clorox wipes
- ★ Snack size ziploc bags
- ★ Sandwich 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

This wish list is for your child's classroom! Please consider donating these items as they help the students stay healthy and support us preparing our instructional materials. These wishlist items can be added to your Edukit supply order as well.

Example of schedule day

We will have Purposeful Play.

We will have Morning Meeting.

We will have Math.

We will go to Lunch.

We will have Reading.

We will go to Recess.

We will have Letterland.

We will have Writing.

We will have Snack.

We will go to Specials.

We will have Social Studies.

We will have Closing Circle.

Specials:

PE

(must wear tennis shoes to participate)

Art

Music

Science

STEAM

Media

Staggered Entry & Meet the Teacher



Staggered Entry - First week of school

This is a half day of school for 1 day.

Items to bring:

- lunchbox/water bottle
- backpack
- small, healthy snack

*Please make sure to meet with our school nurse before this date to arrange for any medication needed at school (if needed).



Meet the Teacher

Items to bring:

- Information about how your child will get home on the first day of school and subsequent days (normal dismissal routine)
- School supplies
- This is a 1 hour Parent/Child meet-
NO SCHOOL

How to Prepare Your Child for Kindergarten



Play, Play, and Play some More!

Practice Routines

“Getting ready for school”

- Getting dressed, packing backpack, eating breakfast, restroom independence, and lots of positive affirmations.

Academics

Read to your child every day (math, science, history, etc.)

- Read their favorites, in your home language, notice signs/numbers/colors/shapes as you’re driving or shopping.

Build Fine Motor Skills

Growing Writers

- Playdough, modeling clay, cutting, coloring, puzzles, & holding a pencil will help grow those muscles.

[Ready4K](#)

[Here is how to sign up.](#)

Hortons Creek Parent Teacher Association (PTA)



The overall purpose of the PTA is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging with and empowering families and the community to advocate for all children.

What we do:

- Spiritwear!
- Spring Carnival
- Family Engagement Events/Nights
- No Hungry Hawks Community Service
- Support the school through enhancements & maintenance

EduKits

School supplies made simple -
order yours total at
<https://www.edukitinc.com/schools/11981>

How to Join:

Go to hcepta.memberhub.com/store to become a member for the 2020-2021 school year.

Memberships have to be renewed each year. Your contribution helps support all of our programs!

Get Involved! If you are interested in being more involved such as serving on our PTA board or as a committee chair, please email us at pta@hortonscreekpta.com.

**Find out more about us at hortonscreekpta.com
or join the Kinderhawk 2020-2021 FB Group**



Hortons Creek PTA



YMCA PROGRAMS @ HORTONS CREEK ELEMENTARY

Onsite Afterschool & Before school Program

- Afterschool hours: School dismissal to 6:00 PM
- Before school hours: drop off between 7:00 AM and 8:30 AM; YMCA staff will facilitate transition to classroom
- 5, 3, and 2 day per week options
- Activities include recreational games, arts & enrichment, STEM, character development activities, community service projects
- Enthusiastic & nurturing staff; 1 staff member to 12 child ratio

New Safety and Sanitation Protocols

- YMCA continues to follow guidance and updates from CDC and NCDHHS to ensure safety of kids, staff, and school faculty
- Current Y Summer Camp Procedures include:
 - No co-mingling of age groups
 - Activities adjusted to provide for social distancing
 - Handwashing protocols for kids and staff members; regular disinfection of supplies
 - Temperature checks of staff members and campers

Registration available online at YMCATriangle.org. Email Dan.Werdel@YMCATriangle.org with questions

Contact Information:



Thank you for taking time to review this information.

Any further questions, please email below.

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#HawksDoItDifferent #OtherHawksMatter #TogetherIsBetter

