



Kindergarten Virtual Orientation Beginning Soon

- Please introduce yourself using the “chat box.”
- Please make sure to “mute” your microphone!



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 Chat

You 3:08 PM

Hi, I'm Kim Williamson, mom of Tobin!

- **Hunter GT / AIG on Twitter**
 - @Hunterprincipal
 - @hunter_pta
- **Hunter GT / AIG School Facebook**
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Hunter

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<http://hunteres.wcpss.net>



(virtual)
**Kindergarten
Orientation
2020**





Staggered Entry

- **Typical Staggered Entry**
 - Typically, we welcome a small group of students, for ONE day, during the first week of school to acclimate students to kindergarten.
- **Fall 2020** - At this time, we are unsure of specifics for staggered entry. Virtually or in person, we will ensure that your child connects with a teacher and has support to acclimate to kindergarten in a smaller, group setting.



Class Placements

- **Typical Class Placements**
 - Typically, following staggered entry, we create class lists after having the opportunity to meet your child. Kindergarten classrooms are heterogeneous, and we work to balance them in every way possible.
 - Please note: We realize that students are often quiet and hesitant to show all that they know during staggered entry. Please know that we factor this into class placements.
 - Please note: Once we have clarity around Kindergarten Staggered Entry, we will update families on class placements and “Kindergarten Meet the Teacher”

Kindergarten

What will students learn?

- Kindergarten Curriculum
 - **Key Literacy Objectives**
 - Reading, Writing, Speaking & Listening
 - **Key Math Objectives**
 - counting & cardinality
 - geometry (shapes)
 - addition & subtraction
 - measurement & data
 - **Homework**





Typical Day in Kindergarten

- Arrival 8:45 - 9:15
- Morning learning 9:15 - 10:45 - Literacy, small group reading, Writer's Workshop
- 10:45 - 11:15 - Lunch
- 11:15 - 11:40 - Letterland Phonics
- 11:40 - 12:20 - Special (Art, Music, PE, Media, Dance, Drama -- Elective Sampling)
- 12:20 - 1:20 - Math
- 1:20 - 1:45 - Quiet Time / Story Read Aloud
- 1:45 - Snack
- 2:00 - 2:30 - Recess on the Playground!
- 2:30 - 3:30 - Science / Social Studies
- 3:30 - End of Day Sharing and Pack Up
- 3:45 - 4:15 - Dismissal (Carpool, Bus Pick Up, Afterschool)



My rising kindergartener has missed half of pre-k -- how should I help prepare him / her over the summer?

- **Do not worry -- this reality is true for ALL incoming students. We will adjust our teaching to meet students where they are!**
- **Practice: letters identification, letter sounds, counting out loud, counting objects, sorting objects by one and two attributes, writing first and last name**



Sandra Gernhard, School Counselor

- *How counselors help your child acclimate to kindergarten...*
 - Guidance lessons focused on teaching students independence and responsibility
 - Social Emotional Learning focused on feelings, calming strategies and conflict resolution
 - Work closely with teachers to provide classroom, individual and group support





How do I prepare my child for Kindergarten considering uncertainties and COVID-19?

- **AVOID** discussing the uncertain and using phrases such as “We’re not sure,” or “We don’t know yet.”
 - If a question arises that we do not, yet, know the answer to, respond with: “That’s a great question. I’ll add that to the list so that we can ask your teacher. I like that you are thinking of all these questions.”
- **AVOID** sharing what you “think” might happen. Children can become nervous and unsure when the “plan” changes several times.
 - When plans become finalized, we will share talking points with you to help explain kindergarten to your child. This will allow you to share the “plan” with your child, one time, and avoid causing unnecessary confusion with trying to explain changes.
 - Whether typical or adjusted for 2020, August is a long ways away for our students. Be cautious when discussing kindergarten so that students are not unnecessarily anxious for something that will not take place for months or frustrated that they are having to wait so long to start!



How do I prepare my child for Kindergarten considering uncertainties and COVID-19?

- **Focus** on similarities between kindergarten and preschool / pre-K / daycare
 - Experiences: stories read aloud, songs, play time outside, field trips
 - Familiar Items: cubbies, tables, carpet for stories, toys
 - People: teachers to help, friends to play with
- **Read books** about coming to kindergarten so that your child can see pictures of classrooms, teachers help kids, kids making friends, and that validate all of the feelings (excitement, nervousness, worry, pride) that come with a new beginning.



Hunter Carpool

- Morning Carpool - Just drop them off!
- Afternoon Carpool
 - All families will be issued a number that will remain with the family until the last sibling leaves Hunter
 - Join the end of the carpool line
 - Students will come out in order
 - Staff and safety patrol student helpers will assist students entering cars.
 - Pull up to the top of the loop to help students with carseats
 - Be patient during the first weeks of school!



Parent Feedback / Updates

- SeeSaw App
- WCPSS Progress Updates
 - Interim reports halfway through each quarter
 - Quarterly Report Cards
- Student Led Conferences held first and second semesters
- Families can request a parent / teacher conference as needs or questions arise.



Parent / Family Volunteers

- Register to be a WCPSS Volunteer (Criminal Record Check,)
 - Completed on site at a WCPSS school, beginning in August
- Classroom volunteer opportunities
- School volunteer opportunities
- PTA volunteer opportunities
- Volunteers can commit weekly, monthly, or when available, and there are ways to support from home, during the day, or evenings / weekday
- We VALUE family gifts and talents just as we do student gifts and talents!



Riding the School Bus

Jared Moore, Assistant Principal

- Bus Routes Published in August
- Sticker System / Backpack Tag
- Check School Twitter Feed
- Register to Ride the Bus (Email mhardy3@wcpss.net and we'll help!)
- Students can only ride the route that is assigned to them based on their address (unable to ride a different bus to a babysitter or friend's house)



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School Lunches

- Where to find monthly Menus!
 - <http://www.wcpss.net/domain/1047>
- Breakfast - \$1.25
- Lunch - \$2.75
- How to create an online lunch account for your child:
 - Myschoolbucks.com
- Students have 30 minutes to each lunch in the cafeteria!





Mary Hardy, Data Manager

Have I turned everything in?

- All is well even if you registered at your base school!
- Want to double check: End of June, email mhardy3@wcpss.net to confirm receipt of all necessary paperwork.
- It is okay to bring Kindergarten Health Assessments and Immunization Records when your child returns in the fall OR you can scan and email.



Mitzi Searcy, School Nurse



- Medications
 - Parents have to bring in and pick up medicines (DO NOT send with your child!)
 - Parent AND Health Care Professional must complete AND sign **Form 1702**
 - Medicines must come in their original container with the prescription label
- Health Plans - Contact Mitzi Searcy if your child has a medical condition that requires a health care plan (msearcy@wcpss.net) Asthma, allergies, etc.
- **Kindergarten Health Assessments and Immunizations** records must be turned in by **September 16th, 2020** or students will be excluded from school.



Jenni Johnson, K – 2 Enrichment & Magnet Coordinator

- Enrichment Opportunities
- Elective Registration
 - All kinder students will go to specials for the first quarter to “sample” all of the offerings. Electives begin second quarter
 - Elective registration forms will come home in October





Hints to Prepare for Kindergarten

- Go on a picnic and have your child use their “new” lunchbox and lunch containers.
- Read books about starting Kindergarten.
 - [The Kissing Hand](#)
 - [Llama Llama Misses Mama](#)
 - [Franklin Goes To School](#)
- Practice buttoning and zipping clothes.
- Practice tying shoes.
- Practice a quick entry/departure from the car and being able to fasten/unfasten car seats.
- Spend extra time on the first day of school but do not “drag out” saying goodbye.

***Remember, if your child needs help in any capacity,
our staff are here to help!***



Before and After School Care

- **Before School Care at Hunter**
 - Run by Hunter Staff at Hunter
 - Students can arrive at 7:00 am
 - Registration forms coming soon (Email Mary Hardy mhardy3@wcpss.net to share that you would like registration paperwork digitally when it becomes available.)
- **After School Care** provided by **Southeast Raleigh YMCA at Hunter (register today!**
 - Kiya.cotton@ymcatriangle.org
 - **Website :** <https://www.ymcatriangle.org/schools/after-school-hunter-elementary>



Jenn Birch, PTA President, 2020 - 2021

- A kindergarten parent's perspective
- Hunter PTA
 - How to get involved
- Hunter Foundation
- Virtual Monday Folder (VMF)





Parent Questions from RSVPs

- Electives / Sign Ups, How parents support
- Typical Day / bathroom visits
- Cafeteria help?
- How to help kids acclimate to bus?
- First day details (drop off, pick up, who takes child to class, etc.)
- Teacher recommendations
- Classroom assignments
- Events for parents to join throughout the school year
- Before / Afterschool Care
- Carpool line
- ~~○ Homework in Kindergarten~~
- School Hours
- Lunch Menu
- Dress Code
- Can a child change whether or not to ride the bus during the school year?
- Is it better to send or buy lunch? Do they have enough time?



Upcoming Dates

Summer Play Dates for Rising Kindergarteners

- Late July 2020
 - If guidelines allow, we will “attempt” to host an in person play date.
- Early August
 - If guidelines allow, we will “attempt” to host an in person play date.
 - We are tentatively planning a virtual experience for children to hear a story read aloud and to “virtually” meet some new friends. This event is for children, but adult support will be needed.

We realize these details are vague. As guidance becomes available, we will offer opportunities that prioritize health and safety and allow a variety of ways to participate to respect various family preferences.