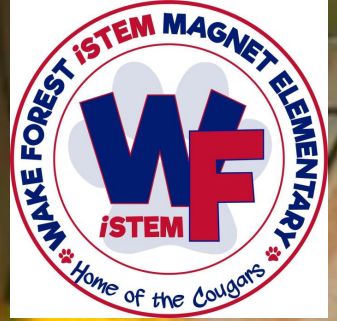


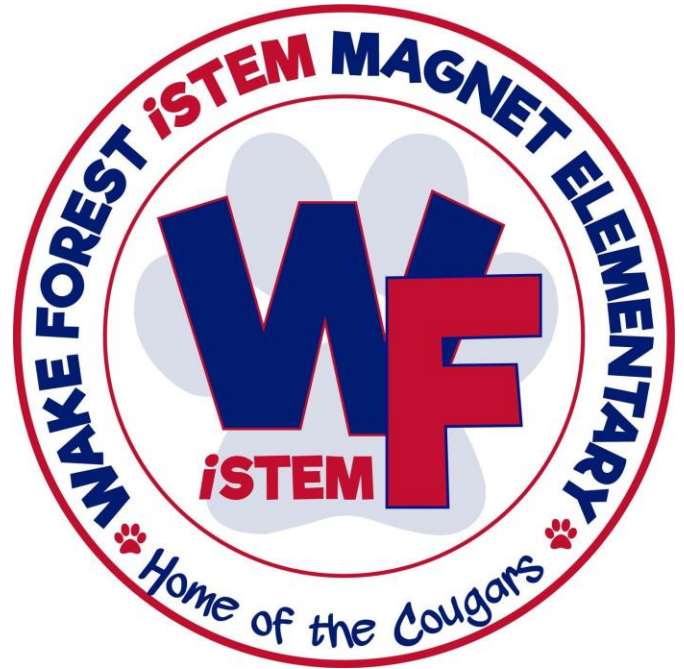
Welcome to
Kindergarten!



The Kindergarten Team

- Virginia Bloise
- Rachel Donovan*
- Laurie Dudash
- Jolee Hansen
- Summer Lee

*Grade level chair





Getting Ready for Kindergarten

The Transition

- Kindergarten can be the first time a child is separated from their parents and families for a long period of time.
- Be positive with the start of school! Talk about it with your child leading up to the start of school.
- Drive by the school so that your child can see it.



Getting Ready for Kindergarten

The Learning

1. Read books everyday!
2. Have fun with your child's name- recognizing it in print, writing it, naming the letters in it, rhyming silly words with it, etc.
3. Practice following 2-step directions "Please go get your shoes and put them on."
4. Begin to talk about social skills: sharing, taking turns, kind words, and handling frustration.
5. Help your child clean up messes, dress themselves, go get their socks, etc.
6. Develop fine motor skills- holding a pencil, coloring, cutting, play doh, bead stringing, etc.
7. Practice rote counting and counting groups of objects.
8. Begin to talk about letters/sounds if your child is ready!
9. Practice eating lunch, opening packages and putting lunch containers back in lunch box.





Getting Ready for Kindergarten

The Requirements

What's needed?

- Any custody documents
- Your child's immunization record
- Kindergarten Health Assessment form
- Please keep your child's information updated with the office.
- Health forms must be submitted to the office within 30 days. Students will be excluded after 30 days.

- Questions? Contact Karen Kirby at
kkirby1@wcpss.net



School Nurse

- School Nurses in Wake County are employed by Wake County Health & Human Services, Wake County Public Schools and serve 2-3 schools each.
- Nurses provide services 2-3 days per week in each school.
- One goal of School Health Services is to keep all students healthy and safe in order to improve attendance and educational outcomes.



Medications at School

- Medications will be administered at school **ONLY** if a Physician Order for Medication form, 1702 is completed, signed by physician and parent and is in the possession of school officials.
- These forms are available at the front office or online on the WCPSS website.
- The Medication form and the pharmacy label information must match!



Medications at School

- ALL medications must be brought to school by parent/guardian.
- ALL medications must be in the original pharmacy container with original label on it.
- Parents may bring other medications to be administered at school such as cough drops, Motrin or poison ivy creams, etc. **ONLY** if a Physician Order for Medication form, 1702 is completed, signed by physician and parent and the medicine is in its original container. (Lip Balm and non-prescription hand soap and lotion do not need a medication form.)



When Should I Keep My Child Home from School?

Children should be kept home from school with:

- Fever of 100.4F or higher (student should remain at home until fever free without medication for 24 hours).
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea (student should remain at home until free of symptoms for 12 hours)
- Severe headache
- Red, watery eyes with yellow drainage
- Undiagnosed rash
- Inability to attend to learning activities
- Change in student's typical medical status

If students become sick at school, parents will be called to come immediately to pick student up from school.



Children with Chronic Illness

- **If your child has a chronic illness such as diabetes, severe asthma, severe allergies or seizures, please contact your school nurse.**
- A health care plan can be developed indicating steps to be taken if your child requires medical care at school.



School Nurse Contact Information



Christie Pearce, BSN, RN, NCSN
School Based Public Health Nurse
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Heritage Middle School
(Monday/Wednesday/Friday)

**Wake Forest iSTEM Magnet
Elementary School**
(Tuesday/Thursday)

Wake Forest iSTEM Magnet Elementary School Social Worker



Katherine Lautzenheiser
919-971-4888

How can we help... let me share the ways...



I can help with things like...

- Food/Backpack Buddies Program
- Clothing
- Housing assistance if you are doubled up, facing eviction, living in a hotel.
- Referrals for mental health services.
- Household goods/furniture
- Support and check-ins at school
- Holiday Help
- IDD Community connections
- And much more....



Attendance matters...

- School is your child's employment.
- Like all employment, there is an expectation that you show up, show up on time and be ready to give your best!
- School sets the pattern for your children, for being on time and being present and giving their best as our teacher show up to give your children their best.
- ...The difference between you and your children is you can be subject to disciplinary action, resulting at times being let go. For children, it is falling behind in schoolwork which impact their ability to be successful as a student!



Tardies

- Tardies impact your children in the same way tardies impact your employment.
- They miss important instructions.
- They miss the initial opportunity to socialize with friends in the morning and get breakfast if they didn't have any before leaving home.
- It is distracting to the other students who are already engaged in learning.
- It is stressful to the children coming in late—all eyes now on them...
- Too many tardies can start being counted as absences.



Getting Ready for Kindergarten

Transportation

- Drop off Procedure (begins at 8:45am)
- Before School Care is available on site (7:00 am-8:45 am)
- Pick up Procedure (dismissal at 3:45pm)
- Carpool, Bus, Walkers, Vans, Boys and Girls Club
- Changes in Transportation: Must be in writing, last-minute changes can call office
- Late Students must be signed in by the parents





Getting Ready for Kindergarten

8:45-9:10	Arrival
9:15-9:35	Morning Meeting
9:40-10:50	Literacy
11:10-11:40	Lunch
11:45-12:30	Specials*
12:35-1:20	Math
1:20-1:50	Recess
1:50-2:10	Read aloud/interventions/enrichment
2:15-3:00	Small groups/ELA centers
3:00-3:10	Snack
3:15-3:40	Science/Social Studies
3:45	Dismissal

**Specials: Art, Music, PE, Media Center, iSTEM, World languages*



Getting Ready for Kindergarten

Food

- Healthy Snack (parents provide)
- Breakfast
- Lunch
 - Lunch Account
 - Can be done online or sent in daily folder, labeled
- Additional info
 - Parent visitors must sign in first!!

Please wait a few weeks before
visiting at lunch



Getting Ready for Kindergarten

Staggered Entry

- Students will attend only *one day* of school during the first week (August 25th, 26th or 27th)
- Attending in small groups; teachers will instruct on routines and procedures
- We will provide opportunities to see children in a whole group setting
- Teachers will assess students on their letter knowledge, number recognition, and foundational reading skills, and social skills





Getting Ready for Kindergarten

Keep a look out for mail and events

- You will receive staggered entry information in the mail in early August.
- “Yellow Ticket to Kindergarten”: mailing includes a form for you to complete and return with your child to first day of class.
- Includes an invitation to “Popsicles on the Playground” – meet other Kindergarteners and their families – held during 1st-5th grade “Meet the teacher” (week before school starts)
- Date for “Meet the Kindergarten Teacher will be Friday, August 29
- First day of Kindergarten Tuesday, September 2





iSTEM School

Wake Forest Elementary is excited to continue our journey as an iSTEM school.

- World Languages (Mandarin & Spanish)
- iSTEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math using the Design Thinking Process)

Fantastic opportunity for students, staff, and families to increase pathways to learn!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!
WE NEED YOUR HELP!**



Committees:

- Mini Grants
- Student activities: Spring Fling, Fun Run, Field day, PBIS Support, Talent Show
- Community Engagement: Campus Beautification, Teacher Appreciation, Parent/Student events
- Yearbook
- Fundraising
- Book Fair

Board Positions :

- VP of Communications
- First Vice President

**See Us for
details**



Questions and Answers