

Hillburn Academy

*Welcome Families*



# *Mission and Vision*

## **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.**

# Profile of a WCPSS Graduate

- All graduates should exhibit knowledge of:
- At least one additional language
- History
- English
- Mathematics
- Sciences
- Performing and/or Visual Arts
- Technological tools and innovations
- Financial Literacy
- Information Literacy
- Civic Literacy



# Overview

- **Welcome**
- **Program for the Evening**
  - **Kinder Class Visits (Rising Hawks)**
  - **Parent Session**
- **General**
- **Kindergarten Prep**
- **Transition Prep**
- **Communication**
- **Questions**

*Meet Our Team*







EVERY STUDENT DESERVES TO BE  
CHALLENGED IN MEANINGFUL  
LEARNING EACH DAY.

*Hillburn Academy*  
*Every Hawk Every Day*





# Learning with the 4Cs and STEAM

Creativity • Communication • Collaboration • Critical Thinking



Science • Technology • Engineering • Art • Math

# Flexible Furniture



for Flexible Learning Environments



# Social and Emotional Learning



- **5 SEL Competencies**
  - Self-Awareness
  - Responsible Decisions
  - Relationship Skills
  - Social Awareness
  - Self-Management

• CRM Staff (Community Resiliency Model)

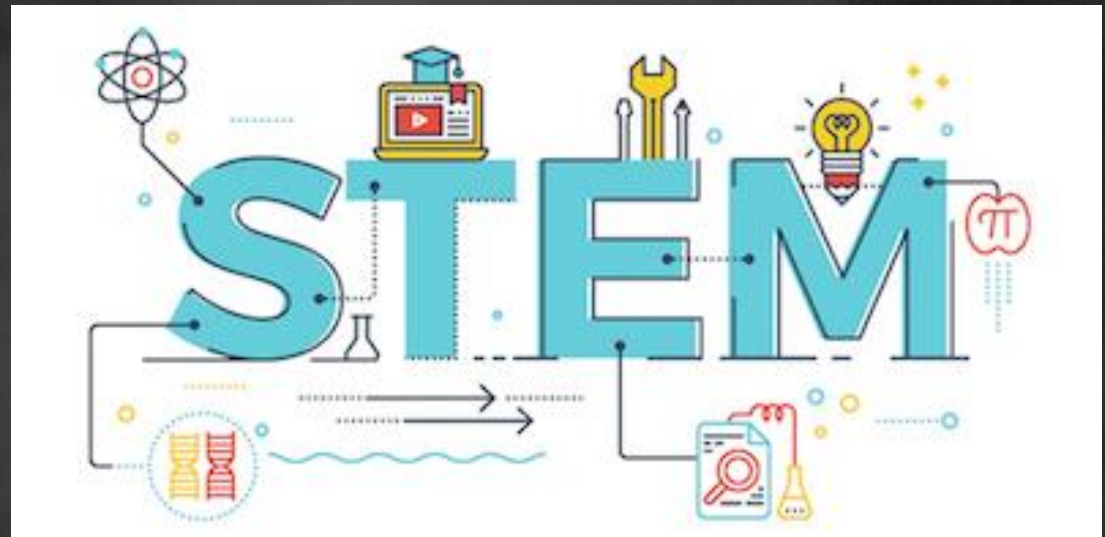
• Positivity Project Lessons and Learning





# STEAM LEARNING

Science  
Technology  
Engineering  
Art  
Math



# **Project Based Learning / Problem Based Solutions**

- Students work on a project over an extended period of time - from a week or up to a semester - that engages them in solving a real-world problem or answering a complex question. They demonstrate their knowledge and skills by developing a public product or presentation for a real audience.**

# Bell Schedule

**School  
Hours are  
8:15 AM -  
3:00 PM**

**\*Inclement Weather  
Days Vary\***





# Transportation Options

- Carpool
  - BUS
  - Daycare Vans
  - Hilburn Aftercare
- \*\*Transportation Tags\*\***

# PreK-8 Model



- **Small-Feel Overall Community**
- **Traditional Class Sizes**
- **Unique learning opportunities**
- **Prolonged period of childhood**
- **Cross level peer-mentoring**
- **Teacher interaction across levels**
- **Children learn how to maintain relationships and return investment into their community**

# Routines





# **Arrival Procedures (7:45 - 8:15 am)**

- **Children may not arrive at school until 7:45 AM unless in Middle School.**
- **Carpool and buses begin unloading at 7:45 AM**
- **At 8:10 AM a “Ready to Learn” bell rings. The expectation is that all students will be in their classrooms at 8:10 AM.**
- **After 8:15 AM, a parent needs to escort a child to the office and sign them in. A tardy slip will be issued.**
- **Any child whose absence is marked unexcused will receive an automated message.**

# Dismissal Procedures

- Dismissal begins at 3:00 PM.
- Bus tweets @hilburnacademy
- Students always go home the same way unless we have a note from their parents.
- **Notify school of transportation changes before 2:30 PM.**
- Buses cannot accommodate sending friends home with a child.
- **No student check out after 2:30 PM.**

# Kinder Dismissal Procedures

- At the beginning of the year, Kindergarten teachers and TA's escort students to designated areas based on their mode of transportation. Staff in these areas assist them in getting home.
- *Carpoolers: Classroom*
- *After-Care: Cafeteria*
- *Bus & Daycare Vans: Classrooms*



# Before/After School Program

- WCPSS After-Care Program
- Registration is opens over the summer
- Enrollment is not guaranteed.
- Students and parents must honor After-Care expectations to participate.



Get Ready for the First Days

# What is Staggered Entry?

- Monday, August 26 - Thursday, August 29
- Staggered Entry is a full day.
- Your child only attends school 1 day this week.
- Staggered Entry is aimed to ease the transition into Kindergarten for children (and parents)



# Staggered Entry Assignments

- **Monday, August 26:**  
**Students with Last Names A-D**
- **Tuesday, August 27:**  
**Students with Last Names E-Man**
- **Wednesday, August 28:**  
**Students with Last Names M-R**
- **Thursday, August 29:**  
**Students with Last Names S-Z**

# What do kids do at Staggered Entry?

- Smaller group sizes allow teachers to offer individual attention and support as children try new things.
- Assessments are integrated into the day through play and practice.
- These assessments, along with observations that teachers make over the first weeks of school, allow teachers to plan your child's instruction.



**Class lists for Kindergarten will be posted outside the Kindergarten Hall at 1 PM on Kindergarten Meet the Teacher Day (Friday, August 30, 2019)**



# What to bring...

- Bookbag
- Healthy snack
- Lunch or lunch money
- Change of clothes
- Rest towel



***LABEL EVERYTHING***

**(other than common classroom supplies)**

**\*Everything else can wait until Meet the Teacher**

# Helpful Hints for Staggered Entry

- Talk to your child about how she/he will go home in the afternoon.
- Start a bedtime habit now! Well rested students are happier and better prepared to learn!
- Talk about snack and lunch - have your child practice opening up milk cartons and juice boxes, pack/unpack bookbags
- Allow plenty of time in the morning to get to school.
- Rushing in the morning makes for a stressful start.

# Kindergarten Dates to Save

**Popsicles on the Playground: August 8**

**Staggered Entry: August 26- August 29**

**Kindergarten Meet the Teacher:  
August 30**

**All Kindergarteners 1<sup>st</sup> Day: September 3**



# Kindergarten Readiness

# What's Different About Kinder-World?

## What's different about Kindergarten?

- More structure
- Longer days
- Larger class size
- Increased expectation for independence
- Development of self-help/self-advocacy skills

Some things they need to be able to do:

- Cleanliness and caring for self
  - Zippers, shoes, coats - oh my!
  - Sneezing, blowing nose, going to the bathroom
- Know personal information:
  - Full name, address, phone #, birthdate
- Kindergarten assessment: <https://www.wcpss.net/Page/188>

# Preparing your child for Kindergarten

## Academics

Recognize letters in their name

Be familiar with a book

Write name with first letter capital  
and the rest lowercase

Count to 10

Practice singing the alphabet

Be able to sit and listen to an entire  
story being read

## Social

Communicate needs

Use restroom independently

Put jackets on/off

Self-regulation of behavior

Practice opening own lunch  
containers and eat a meal within 25  
minutes

Routines, responsibility,  
accountability



# A Typical Kindergarten Day...

- Morning meeting/calendar
- Literacy Block
- Lunch
- Read aloud and writing
- Recess
- Special Classes
- Snack/quiet time
- Math
- Science/Social Studies







# Curriculum

- North Carolina Curriculum describes the skills and knowledge that students should master for grades K-12
- These standards set high expectations for all students, including kindergarteners
- More information about the curriculum is available on our website:  
[www.wcpss.net/hilburnacademy](http://www.wcpss.net/hilburnacademy)

# Standards Based Grading

## The Hamburger Rubric

1	2	3	4
<p>Student needs <b>reteaching and extra support</b> to understand what is required to meet the standard.</p>	<p>Student has added some "meat" to his/her understanding of the concept and/or performance. <b>With some revision</b>, this work can meet standard.</p>	<p>Student has demonstrated proficiency. He/she understands the concept and has met performance requirements. <b>This work meets the standard.</b></p>	<p>Student demonstrates understanding and performance beyond proficiency and has <b>exceeded the standard.</b></p>
			
Getting Started	Work In Progress	Standard Work	Deluxe Work



# Eating and Snacking

- Lunch numbers = Student ID
- Breakfast and Lunch available
- Payment options
  - Prepay online (preferred)
  - Remit check to Hilburn Academy Cafeteria
- Free and reduced lunch forms will go home during the first week of school
- [www.MySchoolBucks.com](http://www.MySchoolBucks.com)
- Prices: *Lunch* \$2.25    *Breakfast* \$1.25    *Milk* \$.50



# Snacking

- Students should bring a snack to school for snacktime.
- **Snack Recommendations**
  - Low Sugar (avoid cookies/candy)
  - High Protein
  - Easy to eat

# Birthdays & Celebrations

- As much as we like celebrating birthdays with sweets and balloons, we cannot host birthday parties at school.
- Contact your child's teacher to consider healthy and practical options instead
- Parents should always contact their child's teacher



# Making the Transition

# Be Prepared

## Medications:

- **Must bring the following to the front office:**
  - **Completed I702 Medication form**  
(<https://www.wcpss.net/Page/167>)
  - **Medication, in its' original container, with the prescription label**
  - **Questions: contact Charlene Dunlap, school nurse**

## Allergies:

- **Contact Charlene Dunlap, [cbdunlap@wcpss.net](mailto:cbdunlap@wcpss.net)**

## School Lunch:

- **Buy or pack**
- **Student will be assigned a number and will have a lunch account**

## After School Program:

- **In-house program**
- **Registration will be in August; check website for updates**

# Easing the Transition

## Over the summer:

- **ALways, ALWAYS, be positive and excited!**
- **READ every day - include books about starting kindergarten**
- **Give them responsibilities at home**
- **Have fun!**

## As school nears:

- **Establish routines for night & morning**
  - **Reasonable bedtime**
  - **Routine for picking out clothes and getting backpack ready the night before**

## When school starts:

- **Kiss 'em and go!**
- **Help foster their independence**
- **Choose extra activities wisely - they will be tired**
- **Don't let homework become a battle; continue to read every day**
- **Continue to be positive - refrain from saying how much you will miss them**
- **Make time for them to just play**



# Parent Transitions

- **Be prepared for crying - not just yours**
  - **Stay calm and address their concerns**
  - **Be firm and consistent about going to school**
  - **Let them see school is a priority for you**
- **Learn the ropes & be involved, #NoPassiveParenting**
- **Communicate with the school (Communicate with your student)**
- **Did I mention be positive?**
- **Avoid the push to be a Snowplow ... it can backfire.**

# Resources

## Resources

- Project Enlightenment: a WCPSS early childhood education and prevention program serving teachers and parents of young children, ages birth through kindergarten
- Me! Raelene Daley, K-4 Counselor, [rdaley@wcpss.net](mailto:rdaley@wcpss.net), (919)571-6800, x26027
- Books: The Pout-Pout Fish Goes to School, The Kissing Hand, Kindergarten Rocks!, Annie Goes to Kindergarten, The Night Before Kindergarten
- WCPSS: Is your child ready for Kindergarten? <https://www.wcpss.net/Page/188>
- Love and Logic: <https://www.loveandlogic.com/articles-advice/parents>

# Book Ideas

## Kindergarten Titles

- Kindergarten Rocks
- The Kissing Hand
- Miss Bindergarten  
goes to  
Kindergarten
- The Night Before  
Kindergarten
- Welcome to  
Kindergarten

## Changing Schools

- Back to School,  
Mallory!
- Hey, New Kid!
- Wemberly Worried



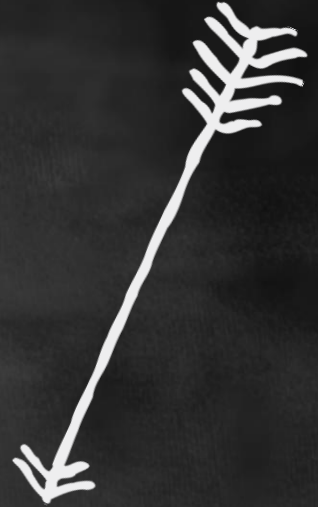
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# Parent Nest



# Questions



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**#LifeontheHil**



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