Welcome to Kindergarten Parent Orientation Night!

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Turner Creek Elementary
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Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Kindergarten health matters
- Transportation
- Preparing for the 1st day
- Curriculum
- Lunch
- Communication
- Volunteer opportunities
- Questions
Our Staff

- Principal: Lisa Spalding
- Assistant Principal: Doug Cox

Kindergarten Teachers

Track 1: Kari Glenn and Omekia Wilkes
Track 2: Johnna Lake
Track 3: Cherie Atwood
Track 4: Kate Briscoe and Britni Kelly
Our Mission Statement

• Our mission is to inspire and teach children to become accomplished readers, writers and problem solvers who demonstrate independent thinking, creativity, inquisitiveness and strong positive character traits.
Warm Welcome from:

- TCE’s Amazing PTA!
Kindergarten Health

• Turner Creek has an assigned Wake County Health and Human Services nurse.

• Andrea Bowes is assigned to our school and can be contacted with questions at: 919-280-3681/abowes2@wcpss.net
Kindergarten Health

• Must be current.

• The parent, guardian or responsible person has 30 calendar days from the first day of attendance to present the required written proof of immunizations. The child CAN be excluded from school until proof is provided.

• If you have any questions about your child’s immunizations please contact the school prior to the start date.
Medications

• Medications will be administered at school ONLY if a Physician Order for Medication form 1702 is completed.
• These forms are available in the front office.
• All medications must be brought to school by parent/guardian.
Sick Children

- **Your child must stay home for 24 hours after he/she has had a fever.**
- **Students should also stay home if they’re experiencing symptoms such as:**
  - red, watery eyes with yellow drainage
  - Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
  - Severe headache
  - Undiagnosed rash
- Please call the office if your child will be out sick. You will also need to send a **written note** to your child’s teacher when he/she returns.
Transportation

*Please help our staff easily identify your child’s method of transportation by making sure he/she has a ‘transportation tag’ pinned to his/her shirt for staggered entry as well as the first 5 days of school. Teachers will distribute these at Meet the Teacher.

Transportation Tag

Date: ______________
Student Name:______________
Teacher:  __________________
Lunch (circle one): Buying   Brought lunch
How I will be going home today*: 
*(include Bus # or carpool #)
Ways to Travel

❖ Carpool
❖ Bus
❖ Daycare Vans
❖ YMCA: Before and after school care
❖ Walker

Carpool and bus numbers will be available at Meet the Teacher.

Please send a written note any time your child has a change in transportation. You may also contact the office by 3:15 if you have a last minute change in transportation.
The first weeks...

• Parents are welcome to walk kindergarten students to their classrooms on the first day of school.

• A “kiss and go” routine reduces the likelihood of tears.

• Upon arrival by bus or carpool, kindergarten students are escorted to their classrooms by staff members.

• In the afternoons, kindergartners are escorted to buses and carpool by teachers.
Helpful Hints

• Talk to your child about how he/she will go home in the afternoon.

• Talk about snack and lunch – have your child pack both in his/her backpack so they know which is which.

• Allow plenty of time in the morning to arrive at school on time.
School Building Entry

★ For students’ safety the school doors are locked during the day with the exception of the 8:45-9:15 am arrival time.

★ All visitors must sign in at the office and obtain a visitor’s badge. Please present your driver’s license.

★ To gain entry to the building push the button on the call box at the front entrance and a staff member will assist you.
Arrival Procedures

★ The building is open for arrival from 8:45-9:15am and the school day begins at 9:15am.

★ Only students who are registered for before-school care may enter the building before 8:45am.

★ Students arriving after 9:15am must be signed in at the office by a parent. If a staff member is not on the sidewalk, you need to walk them in.
Dismissal Procedures

• **Dismissal time is 3:45pm.**

• Students may not be checked out after **3:15.**

• During the first weeks of school, all kindergartners are accompanied to their designated areas after school for transportation home.
Dismissal Procedures

- **CARPOOLERS**: At 3:40 carpoolers go to the lobby. When their carpool number is called they walk outside to the designated color cone where their car will drive up.

- **WALKERS**: At 3:40 walkers go to the lobby to meet their parents waiting outside at the front entrance.

- **YMCA**: YMCA afterschool care students go to the gym for the YMCA.

- **BUS RIDERS**: Bus students wait in the classroom until their bus is announced. At that time they walk to the bus loop to board.
Meet the Teacher Dates

Tracks 1,2,3 – July 6 from 3:00-4:00pm
Track 4 – July 26 from 5:00-6:00pm

• During Meet the teacher your child will meet his/her track teacher(s) and will get to explore the classroom he/she will be in!

• Specific school supply lists will be handed out at Meet the Teacher.
Parents of new kindergartners are welcome to come and celebrate this milestone with other kindergarten parents.

A great way to meet the parents of your child’s classmates!
A Typical Kindergarten Day...

- Morning Meeting
- Literacy Block
- Lunch
- Sharing/Shared reading or writing
- Special Classes: Art, Music, PE, Media, Cube
- Snack
- Recess
- Quiet Time
- Math
- Science/Social Studies
- Social Centers
Staggered Entry

Your child’s very FIRST day of Kindergarten!
Staggered Entry

What is it?

• Staggered entry is a transition activity aimed at helping to ease your child’s (and the parents’!) transition into kindergarten.

• Each kindergartner will only come to school for one day during the first week of school.

**Be sure to sign up for a staggered entry day today!**
Staggered Entry

What will my child do?

• Smaller group sizes allow the teachers to offer individual attention and support as children try new things.

• An informal assessment is integrated into the day through play activities.

• This assessment, along with observations over the first weeks of school will allow the teachers to plan your child’s instruction.
Staggered Entry
For Track 1 & 4

• Students assigned to double-track (a track with 2 classes of kindergarten) will be assessed prior to being assigned to a teacher.

• WHY? So that we can create balanced classes that will facilitate a successful year of learning.

Students on TRACK 1 & 4 will be informed of your child’s teacher by phone. Kindergarten teachers on track 1 will call each parent on the Friday of Staggered Entry week – leaving a message if necessary. Kindergarten teachers on track 4 will call on Thursday during Staggered Entry week - leaving a message if necessary.
Tracks 1, 2 and 3:

You will select ONE date for staggered entry

- July 9, 10, 11, or 12 - Staggered Entry Day
- July 13 – NO Kindergarten Students attend
- July 16 – Begin regular daily attendance

Track 4

You will select ONE date for staggered entry

- July 27, 30, 31, or Aug. 1 - Staggered Entry Day
- August 2 - No Track 4 kindergarten students
- August 3 – Begin regular daily attendance
Supplies for the First Day

❖ Students will need to come to school with the following supplies on their staggered entry day:

❑ A large backpack without wheels….mini backpacks don’t hold our stuff :)

❑ A towel for rest time labeled with child’s name (no blankets or pillows please.)

❑ A healthy snack labeled with child’s name and packed separately from lunch. Please do not send cookies or sweets for snack. Think brain food! 😊

❑ A full change of clothes (including socks & underwear) packed in a large Ziploc bag and labeled with child’s name

❑ A BIG SMILE! It’s going to be a wonderful day!

**You will receive a list of additional supplies from your teacher tonight or at “Meet the Teacher”.

❖
Kindergarten Curriculum

- North Carolina curriculum is based on the National Common Core State Standards.
- These guidelines describe the skills and knowledge that students should master for grades K-12.
- These standards set high expectations for all students...including kindergarten children.
By the end of the 1st nine weeks students will be able to (in literacy & math):

- Demonstrate understanding of print concepts (ID parts of book - front, back, title, title page)
- Identify and name all letters
- Write a string of many letters left to right, top to bottom
- Express thoughts clearly and audibly
- Follow agreed upon class rules
- Count to 20
- Write numbers to 10
- Count to answer how many objects in a group
- Compare groups to tell more/less/equal
Kindergarten Curriculum

• More specific information regarding Common Core Curriculum will be given at the Open Houses in August & Sept.

• Website to Common Core Curriculum

http://www.corestandards.org/read-the-standards/
Lunch Time!

If you would like to have your child purchase lunch at school...

Payment options:

1. Pre-pay online (preferred) [Click Here]
   - You may do this online via the link on the TCE homepage.
   - You will need your child’s student ID number to pay online.

2. Send a check made out to “TCE cafeteria” for an amount you choose in your child’s daily folder.

Additional info:

- Your child’s lunch account number is the same as their student ID.
- Free & Reduced Lunch forms will be mailed to each students’ home.
- Students will wear name tags with lunch # barcodes.
- To pay for lunch students swipe their barcode into a key pad.
- Prices: Lunch - $2.35   Milk - $.50   Breakfast - $1.25
Home/School Communication

- “Ribbit Report” – emailed weekly
- Turner Creek’s website
- Classroom Newsletters
- Friday Folders
- Conferences
- Report Cards
- Email – best method for contacting your child’s teacher!
● The “Ribbit Report” is Turner Creek’s School newsletter.
● It is emailed weekly and can also be found on the TCE homepage.
● Be sure to read this newsletter each week to know about important happenings at school! 😊
● Sign up tonight or contact the school office to add your email address to the distribution list.
We LOVE Volunteers!

- Field trips
- Classroom events
- Learning centers in classrooms
- Lunch Bunch
- PTA Events
- Media Center helpers
BEFORE you Volunteer:

• *Wake County requires ALL volunteers who will be working with students (in class activities, on field trips, etc.) to register as a volunteer.*

• All interested volunteers should register at the beginning (after July 1st) of the year using a designated computer in the Media Center.

• All visitors/volunteers MUST check in at the front office before coming to classrooms.
“You're off to Great Places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, So... get on your way!”

-Dr. Seuss, Oh, the Places You'll Go!
Thank you for coming and welcome to Turner Creek Elementary!

We are so HAPPY you’re here!

QUESTIONS?