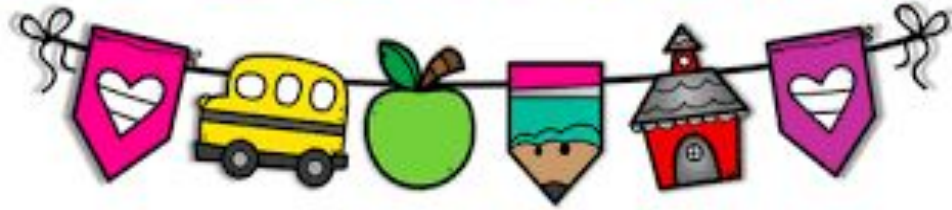




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KINDERGARTEN!



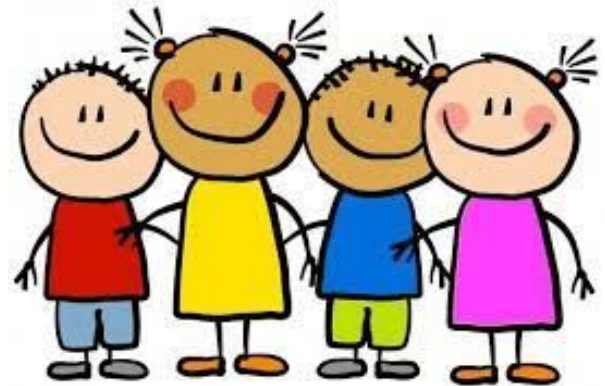
Highcroft's
Kindergarten Orientation
2021-2022



Highcroft Drive Elementary School and Wake County Public Schools will provide a relevant and engaging education and will graduate students who are collaborative, creative, effective communicators and critical thinkers.

Welcome to Highcroft Drive ES!

- 41 grade level classrooms, 98 staff members
- Art, Music, PE, PE II, Media
- Learning Opportunities (in school and outside of school)
- Daily Morning Meetings for Social/Emotional Development
- Teacher Display Devices/Student Devices
- Curriculum Nights, Spirit Days, STEM Event, Carnival, Field Days, Huskies on the Run, Cultural Arts, Book Fairs, Kindness Club Odyssey of the Mind
- ★Optional Clubs after school
- Virtual/In-person and 2021-2022 changes





2020-2021 Kindergarten Team



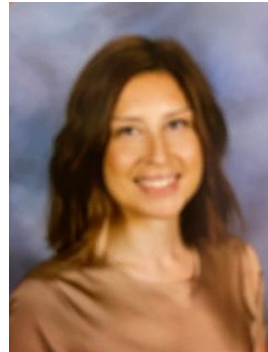
Mrs. Butler



MX. Duwve



Mrs. Leblanc



MS. Ticknor



Mrs. Ward



Mrs. Worrell

Kindergarten's Community of Learners

- We help students learn and grow to their full potential and beyond
- We look at a child's development: cognitive, social, emotional, physical, and academic
- We learn character traits: responsibility, respect, courage, kindness, self-discipline, integrity, perseverance, and good judgement
- We celebrate all the unique, and wonderful attributes each child brings to our classrooms!



Kindergarten Here We Come!!

Social Readiness Skills



- Listens without interrupting
- Follows directions the first time given
- Carries out daily responsibilities
- Follows school rules
- Shows respect for others and their work
- Takes care of classroom materials
- Cleans up after self
- Good manners: polite words, waits turn, etc.
- Self care: opens lunch containers; personal care in the bathroom

The First Week of School: Staggered Entry

Dates: August 23rd-26th (Monday-Thursday)

- Your child will attend only one day this week.
- Small group setting-allows for more gradual adjustment to kindergarten
- Initial assessments will be completed
- Heterogeneous classes created



Staggered Entry: what does it look like?

- Morning Meeting/Story Time
- Quiet Centers (puzzles, play-dough, coloring, etc.)
- One-on-One assessments
- Lunch
- Quiet Time
- Social ASSESSMENTS through play (housekeeping, blocks cars, etc.)
- Recess (gross motor and social assessments)
- School Tour
- Snack
- Dismissal Procedures-train how we go home



Kindergarten Initial Assessments

We meet students wherever they are!

Social-Emotional and Development

- Fine and Gross Motor Skills (pencil grip, Scissor usage, catching and throwing, etc.)
- Following multi-step directions
- Social Readiness



Academic

- Letters and Sounds
- Numbers and counting
- Shapes and Colors
- Vocabulary



Our Day In Kindergarten



- Arrival
- Morning Meeting
- Language Arts: Letterland, Reading, Writing
- Small Groups and Centers: Developmental and Daily 5
- Lunch
- Math
- Recess
- Snack
- Science and Social Studies
- Specials: Music, Art, Media, PE 1, PE 2

Let's Eat: How Lunch Works

General Information

- Your child can pack or buy lunch
- Students use student ID number to buy lunch
- Lunch is 25 minutes
- **Tip:** Allow your child to practice opening and closing their own containers at home!

ALL SCHOOL MEALS ARE FREE
2021-2022 School year

<https://www.mySchoolapps.com/>

If applicable, please complete the following application because this data enables schools to obtain funding to provide other important educational resources to benefit students.



Arrival and Dismissal

School Day Hours

- Students may begin entering the building at 8:45am.
- Late bell rings at 9:10am
- Final bell rings at 9:15am
- School is over at 3:45pm.



Entering and Leaving

- Walkers- use the side doors on either the 300 Hallway or 500 Hallway
- Car Riders- use the doors at the front of the school
★Carpool tags are utilized and can be picked up at "Meet the Teacher" day.
- YMCA-before and after school program available.
- Bus Riders- escorted to class the first few weeks of school.

Helpful Information



- Be positive about school-children will follow your lead!
- Have your child dress for success-wear clothing/shoes they can care for independently
- Label personal items-water bottles, lunch box, containers, etc.
- Backpacks-each child will need one large enough to hold a folder and other materials

Helpful Information



- **School Supplies**-Bring on "Meet the Teacher Day" or consider ordering a School Supply kit!
- **Absences**-please send a note if your child will be out of school
- **Sickness**-Your child must be "fever-free" for 24 hours without medication before returning to school
- **Transportation Changes**-Please notify your child's teacher of any afternoon transportation changes in writing!

Helpful Information



- Join the PTA, get involved, volunteer
- Sign up for "Ready4K" texts at <https://ready4k.parentpowered.com>
- Share the joy of reading with your child by reading to your child every day!!!
- Enjoy the excitement that Kindergarten brings and ask your child about his/her day!

Bus Rider Registration

Registering your child

- Parents must register their children if you want them to ride the bus.
- You can select AM, PM or both.
- Have your child's student number ready.
- Click on the following link: [Bus Information](#)
- To register click "Bus Rider Registration - 2021 -2022 School Year".
- There is also a link for Bus Routes (Bus Stop Locations).
- Follow us on Twitter to see up to date information on when your child's bus leaves campus each afternoon @Highcroftbuses.

YMCA Before and After Care

- Before School program starts at 7:00 AM. Students can get breakfast from the cafe, work on homework, play quiet games. They are dismissed at the 8:45 AM bell.
- After School program ends at 6:00 PM. This program supports learning through active play with a focus on character development and social/emotional learning. Quiet space is provided for students to complete homework.
- Parents can register at <https://www.ymcatriangle.org/Schools/highcrott-elementary-after-school> or in person at the NW Cary YMCA.
- Eliza Cody is our site director and her email is Eliza.Cody@YMCATriangle.org



Highcroft Drive Elementary

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Help Support
our School
by joining
the PTA!!

<https://highcroftdrivepta.membershiptoolkit.com>

Reasons to Join

- Meet other families
- Enhance your child's education
- Drive improvements
- Be in the know
- It's fun!

Kristen Stafford
2021-2022 PTA President
highcroftpta@gmail.com



School Supply Kits



[Supply Link](#)

What does the PTA do?

- STEM program
- New library books
- Cultural and Art programs
- Grounds improvements
- Food assistance
- Community Building
- Annual Spring Carnival
- New classroom technology
- Staff Appreciation
- Character Education
- Advocacy
- ...and So much more!!



Student Health

- Highcroft's School Nurse is Nikki Miles. Her email is mnmiles@wcpss.net
<https://www.wcpss.net/Page/85>
- Wake County Schools are not nut-free.
- If your child needs to take medicine at school, has a severe allergy, or any other health need, please contact the nurse so that a Health Care Plan can be set up before school starts. Daily medicine will need a form filled out by a doctor. What is considered a medicine? Form 1702 <https://www.wcpss.net/Page/167>
- School nurses are not at school every day, but our staff have been trained in appropriate procedures.

Immunizations




NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
LIFETIME IMMUNIZATION RECORD

Name _____
First Middle Last

Birthdate _____
Month/Day/Year Sex SS#

Parent/Guardian _____

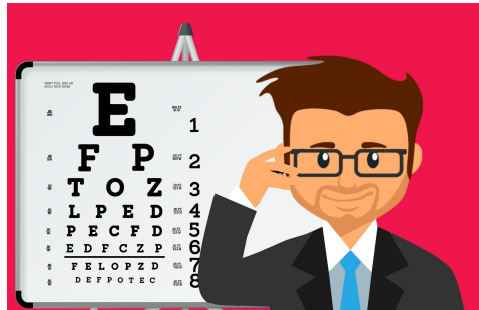
Address _____



- Records 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.

Health ASSESSment

- The parent, guardian or responsible person has 30 calendar days from the first day of attendance to submit the required health assessment form to the school.
- The child WILL be excluded from school until proof of the assessment is provided.



When Should I Keep My Child Home from School?



Children should be kept home from school with:

- Fever of 100 or higher (Should be fever free for 24 hours without medication before returning to school).
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- Severe headache
- Red, watery eyes with yellow drainage
- Undiagnosed rash

Dates to Remember

- **"Meet Your Teacher Day"-TBD**
- **Staggered Entry- August 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th**
Your child will attend for **ONE** full day this week!
(You will receive a letter in mid June!)
- **Monday, August 30th-** First full day for all kindergarten students
- **Kindergarten Kick-off Parent Breakfast-** August 30th
at 9:00am in the school cafeteria
- **Curriculum Night-**will occur in September



Notes from Dr. Gamble

<https://www.wcpss.net/attendance-absences>

Keep your contact information at the school current. The school needs to know of any changes in your home, cell or work numbers immediately. Please make sure that the school has an emergency contact number in case you cannot be reached.

Please be as consistent as possible with how students get home!

K-2 Counselor: Mrs. Erin Mills - emills@wcpss.net

Questions and Answers

- If you have any questions about registration:
Contact **Jeanette Acker** at 460-3527 or jacker@wcpss.net

★Please be sure to turn in the Health ASSESSment form and immunizations record by August 23rd if you have not already done so!!!

- If you have questions about the kindergarten program:
-please contact the kindergarten grade chair:
Lauren Worrell- lworrell@wcpss.net
Dr. Tanner Gamble - mgamble@wcpss.net

Thank you for joining us this this evening!!

We are looking forward to a wonderful kindergarten year!!

