

# *Tep Talk for Powers Kindergarten Parents*

8/4/23 Edition

## ***Future Kindergarten Parents,***

Welcome to Powers Elementary School! We are looking forward to a wonderful year ahead. With the year quickly approaching, I am sure you have a lot of questions. My name is Brian Teppner and I am the proud Principal at Powers Elementary. We are the proud administrators at Powers Elementary School; Brian Teppner, Principal at Powers Elementary, and Mary Scott Williams, Assistant Principal at Powers Elementary. This will be the 1st of many Tep Talks that you will receive from us throughout the year. Hopefully, this Q & A answers your questions, but if not, our office is open and our Kindergarten Open House on August 28th. We welcome your questions and are excited to have you join our school community. Please click the link below to view the Kindergarten Supply List. Also, the number one thing you can do to help your child to prepare for the 1st day of school would be to make sure they know their first and last name. With your support, we will take it from there!



[Kindergarten Supply List 23/24](#)

Please join us & PTO for **Popsciles with the Principals** on Tuesday, August 15 from 6:00pm-7:00pm at the Powers Elementary School playground (North side of the bldg., outside of the cafeteria window near the buddy bench). We look forward to seeing everyone!

## **Welcome to the Amherst School Community!**



***Go Comets!***

*Brian Teppner*

***Principal @ Powers Elementary***

*Mary Scott Williams*

***Assistant Principal @ Powers Elementary***

*Our SuperPowers are...*

*School Pride - Kindness - Respect - Responsibility*

## **Questions and Answers**

### ***How is placement done and when will I find out which class my child is in?***

Typically, in early August, Kindergarten through 3rd grade classroom assignments are finalized and shared with the community. For 1st through 3rd grade we use the information, data, and knowledge of students to make placements that create classes of students that hopefully will work well together and lead to a successful year for everyone. For Kindergarten, we don't know most of our students so this has always been a bit of a challenge. We are changing that for the coming year. We will gather KRA and Acadience Assessment data and then use this information as part of our placement process. Class assignments will be announced for Kindergarten on the

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afternoon of August 25th. (1st - 3rd grade classroom placements will be announced on 8/17)

## **When does my child take the KRA?**

Each year Kindergarten students take the KRA (Kindergarten Readiness Assessment) as part of statewide expectations. We have typically done this after classes are made during the first week of the school year for the other students. This year, we are going to sign Kindergarten students up to do the KRA and the Acadience Assessment on the week of August 21st through August 24th. These assessments give us background information about student literacy, math, social/emotional levels. Please sign up link below to select a time that works best for you and your child:

[KRA Screening Sign Up 23-24](#)

## **When is Open House?**

We will have a Kindergarten Specific Open House on August 28th from 4:30-5:30pm here at Powers. There is no formal presentation. Open House is a chance to come meet your teachers, see the classroom, bring in school supplies, and take a walk around our school. (1st through 3rd grade Open House will be on August 21st from 4:30 to 6pm)

## **When is the first day of school?**

Our amazing Kindergarten teachers take pride in making sure this transition to Powers is smooth and successful. **If your child's last name starts with letters A-M your child's first day of school will be on August 29th. August 30th will be the first day for students with last names starting with letters N-Z.** August 31st will be the first day that all of our Kindergarten students will be together in the classroom. This allows students to experience a full day and learn routines with a smaller class size. (The 1st day for grades 1-3 is August 23rd)

On August 29th and 30th when your child has their first day of school, we also welcome our Kindergarten parents to come walk in the classroom and join our teachers for a **Kindergarten Parent Orientation** from 9am to 10am. This will be a chance to ask some questions, get classroom/teacher specific information, and allows for a transition for your child.

**We will once again be offering our incoming Kindergarteners a Class of 2036 Yard Sign... FREE to celebrate your little one becoming a Comet!**

To celebrate our newest Comets we have purchased celebratory yard signs for each of our Kindergarteners. We will be distributing them at our Kindergarten Testing Window.



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## **Important Dates:**

Grades 1 - 3 Class Lists Posted at Powers @ 4pm on August 17th

Popsicles with the Principal and PTO @ 6pm-7pm on August 15th at the Powers Playground

Open House for Grades 1-3 August 21st 4:30-6pm

Grades 1-3 First Day of School (August 23rd)

Kindergarten Class Lists Posted at Powers at 4pm on August 25th

Kindergarten Open House @ 4:30pm-5:30pm on August 28th

Kindergarten First Day of School - Last Name A-M on August 29th

Kindergarten First Day of School - Last Name N-Z on August 30th

1st Day of School for ALL Kindergarteners on August 31st