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2023-2024 School Year

STUDY
HARD!



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Introductions



Mrs. Karlo – 12
Month Secretary



Dr. Noro – Principal



Mrs. Pesci – 10
Month Secretary



Introductions



Mrs. Trpcic –
Behavior Specialist



Ms. Petro – School
Counselor



Ms. Roman – Social
Services – University
of Pittsburgh ☆

School Nurse



- * First Aid
- * Care of Ill Children
- * Mandated Health Screening
- * Height/Weight/BMI
- * Vision Screening
- * Hearing Screening
- * Physical Examination
- * Dental Examination
- * Medication Administration
- * Assist students and families to manage acute and chronic illnesses in order to maximize educational opportunities



Mrs. Gourley –
School Nurse ☆

School Information

- 435 - 450 students
- O'Hara and Sharpsburg
- Pre-K Program
- Spanish Immersion Program
- School-Wide Title 1 Building (Funding)
- #1 in our Region in comparison to "Like Schools"
- Very comprehensive PBIS Program
- 11 Interventionists - Math and Reading
- Zen Den
- Student Change Committee

Kerr is a Title I School

Title I is Based on Three Important Ideas:

- 1. All students should have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and to reach, at minimum, proficiency on state academic standards and assessments.**
- 2. Local districts, schools, and parents know best what their students need to succeed. The Title I program allows them to decide how to use these funds to implement research-based proven practices to help students who are failing or who are at risk of failing in school.**
- 3. Parents are partners in helping all students achieve. They have the right to be involved in the design and operation of their school's Title I program, and, at the same time, a responsibility to help their children succeed in school.**

What is Title I?

- Title I is one of the nation's oldest and largest federal programs supporting elementary and secondary education.
- Through Title I, the federal government disburses money to school districts based on the number of students who qualify for free or reduced lunch in each district.
- Students are selected based on their academic needs

Reading and Math Support Criteria & Selection Process for Title 1 Support Services

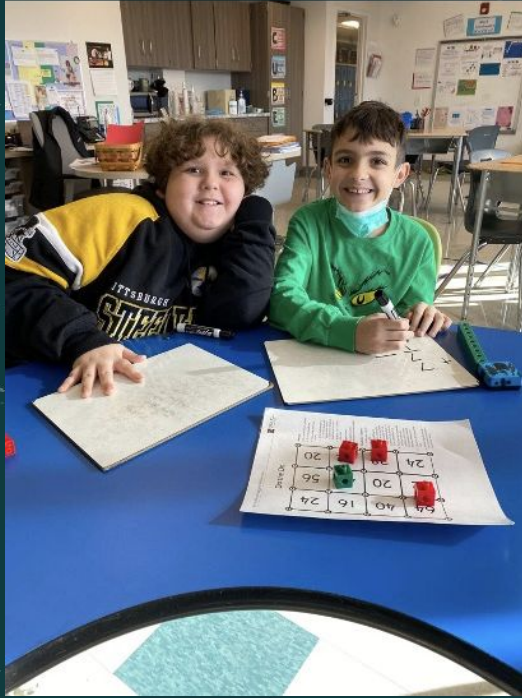
Students are selected for support based on their academic performance on a variety of assessments including:

- STAR 360
- PSSA
- AIMSWeb Probes
- Foundations Assessments
- Class Performance and Progress

- Who is Evaluated?

- Prior Services
 - Teacher Referral
 - Testing Data
 - New Students
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- Teachers monitor student progress periodically to ensure that students are learning and growing

☆ Schoolwide Program - Planning & Implementation ☆



- Kerr Elementary Steering Committee holds meetings throughout the school year.
- Sets a path for the 23/24 school year regarding fund allocations, parent involvement, professional development, and resources ☆
- Monitoring of student growth and achievement data occurs at the school and district level throughout the school year. ☆

What we do that makes us special!

- PBIS Boosters twice a year
- We teach school-wide expectations throughout the school year
- Second Steps Lessons
- Spanish Instruction – Pre/k-5 during 12-week period – 12-18 lessons
- Use data driven decision making using CBAs, STAR Benchmark, PSSAs, and behavioral data to ensure student success
- SAP Program
- Student Problem Solving Team
- Kerrtoberfest
- Accelerated Reader
- Staff available during lunch and recesses to support student needs

Support Services

- Speech & Language
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Educational Support
- Reading Support
- Math Support
- Family Based Resources
- Quest Program w/wo E-ELA

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)

- Second Step is used to reach all students in the classroom.
- Small groups are offered to select students .
 - Examples of small groups
 - Skills for Learning
 - Emotion Management
 - Problem Solving
 - Social Skills
- Multiple faculty members work together to ensure that each student receives the support they need.



Typical School Day

8:30-9:00 - Arrival

9:00 - Morning Announcements & Start of School Day

10:40-1:20 - Lunch and Recess

☆ 3:20 - Dismissal



Arrival

- 8:30 – 9:00 am
- Students who ride the bus will have assigned seats on their assigned bus.
- Parents can drop their students off in the front parking lot or in the bus loop.
- Students arriving after 9:00 am are considered tardy. Parents must escort students into the building after 9:00 and provide a legal excuse.
- 3 Tardies = 1 absence



Dismissal

- Begins at 3:20
- Parent pickup will be either in the front of the building or in the bus loop depending on student's homeroom teacher.
- If a student is not riding the bus, a parent note must be sent into school.
- Any change to dismissal process, please provide a note.



Bus, Car, and YMCA Arrival & Dismissal – Directional Map

-YMCA: **Drop Off**
MUST be prior to 8:15
AM. (If Applicable)
Pick Up **MUST** be after
4:15 PM.
-Car Rider PM Pick Up
Area, if needed.

-Pre-K – Grade 2 Car
Rider AM Drop-Off
-Car Rider PM Pick
Up Area.

Grades 3-5
Parent AM Car
Drop-Off

Office Staff &
Visitor Parking

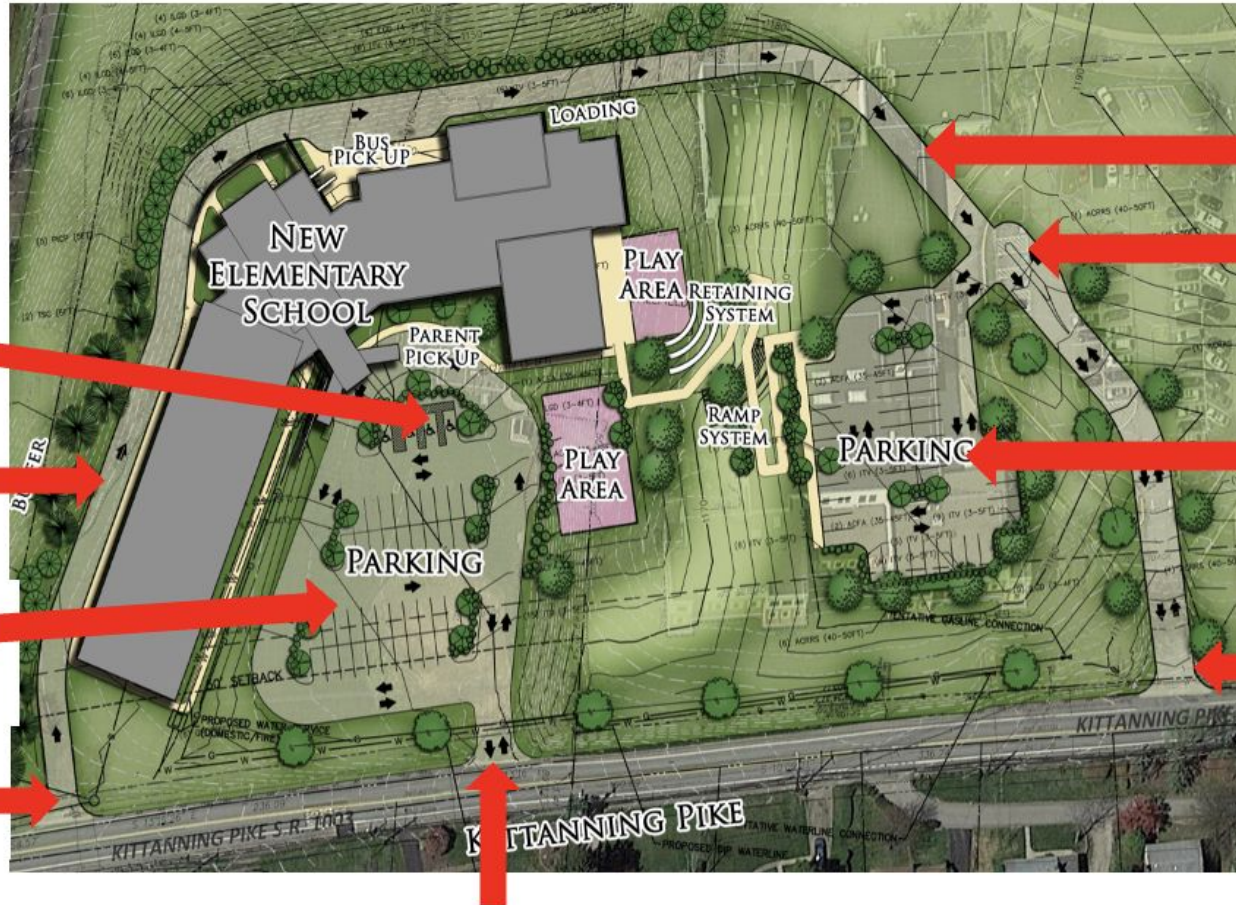
PM & AM Bus
Lane

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TURN for Staff
and Visitor
Parking Area

Staff and
Visitor Parking
Area

Bus Exit Lane
and Staff &
Visitor
Entrance and
Exit Lane



Car Rider and Visitor Parking Entrance and Exit Lanes

Attendance



- Regular attendance in school is extremely important and should be established early. Children achieve more and feel better about themselves, when instruction is continuous and when a sense of belonging is established within the classroom.
- If your child is absent, please call the school before 9:15 am.
- Educational tours and Trip Request Forms must be submitted prior for approval.
- All written excuses should be submitted the first day of attendance following the absents.
- Students who are absent 3 or more days should submit a physician's excuse.
- PA State attendance policy allows for only 10 parent excuses in a given school year. Students who miss more than 10 days will need to submit physician's excuses.





Breakfast

- Available between 8:30 – 8:55 am daily
- Monthly menus provided



Lunch

- 30 minutes daily
- Monthly menus provided



Recess

- 30 minutes daily
- Outdoor/Indo or depending on weather conditions



Educational Programs

- Eureka Math

- * Fluency
- * Application
- * Concept Development
- * Problem Set
- * Homework

Educational Programs

- Foundations (Phonics) – Grades K-3
 - Research-based, multisensory, structured language program
 - Letter identification and Phonics
 - Handwriting (using a Foundations writing grid)
 - Reading Fluency
 - Foundations teaches strategies like tapping to help with blending and reading words
 - High Frequency Words
 - Vocabulary
 - Spelling
 - Phonemic Awareness (example: rhyming)

Educational Programs

- ☆ ● ELA – Journeys
 - Researched-based ELA program ☆
 - Promotes problem-solving and critical-thinking skills
 - Authentic, award winning texts
 - Read Alouds ☆
 - Leveled Readers
 - Vocabulary Readers
 - Phonological Awareness
 - Decoding & Word Building
 - Grammar
 - ☆ ■ Writing ☆

Educational Programs

● TCI Social Studies

- Who am I?
- How do I get along with others?
- How do I make friends?
- How do I solve problems with others?
- What is a family?
- How can I be a good helper at school?
- What is in my neighborhood?
- Where am I in the world?
- How can I help take care of the world?

Educational Programs

● ☆ STEAM – National Geographic/Other Opportunities

- Life Science
 - Living v. Non-Living
- Engineering
 - Bridges & Wells
- Physical Science
 - Circuitry & Design
- Earth Science
 - Rocks, Sand, Soil
 - Water Cycle
 - Weather
- Environmental Walks
 - Seasonal
 - Audubon Society of W. PA
- Camp Allegheny
- ☆ Camp Guyasuta



Special Areas

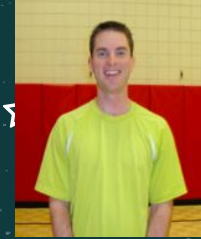
- Technology – STEAM
- Library
- Physical Education
- Art Education
- Music Education
- Strings
- Band



Ms. Meyers - Art



Ms. Orsega - Library



Mr. Slezak - PE



Ms. Ehman - Music



Mr. Strzempek - Technology-STEAM



Cafeteria

KITCHEN - Serving Area

Doorway

Hallway

Doorway

Gym Storage

Café Storage

Kelly, Asbury,
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After School Care

- YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh
 - <https://www.pittsburghymca.org/base>
 - Only after school care at this time
- Lauri Ann West
 - <https://lauriannwestcc.org>

Any changes in your child's dismissal plan need to be shared with the YMCA and your child's teacher.

Recess



Questions?