

Welcome to

Parent Orientation for
2024/2025 Kindergarteners

January 23, 2024



Cedar Trails
ELEMENTARY

While you wait...

Follow our PTSA
on Facebook



Tonight's Plan:

- Parents meet the office team (minus a few...sorry) and learn who is who and who does what
- Hopefully ease some jitters
- Parents get a **LOT** of kindergarten information
- Parents get questions answered
- Next Steps (Parent HOMEWORK 😊)

Introductions

Principal

Tera Coyle



Dean of Students

Laura Biller



Assistant to the Principal

Kathy Strilaeff



**Registrar &
Attendance
Secretary**

Dolores D'Alo



School Nurse

Cassie Kuver



Health Room Specialist

Ann Stout



**Family
Partnership
Liaison**

Wenli Mithal



PTSA

Emily Garner
&
Jessica Stagg



Wolf Club

Meghan Womack



FULL Day K...Hooray!

State-funded Full Day Kindergarten

- No cost to families
- Provides maximum learning opportunity for students
- Offers full access to specialists (PE, Music, Library)
- Developmentally appropriate and student centered
- Integrated content with rich, hands-on experiences
- Based on rigorous standards
- State requires full day kindergarten be available to all students
- Parents may opt for half-day
 - ✓ Student will be placed in full-day classroom in the morning for 3 hours
 - ✓ Transportation is provided in the morning, parents must transport at the end of the half-day

Dual Language Kindergarten Program

- Spanish/English
- Housed at Issaquah Valley Elementary
- No transportation provided
- Enrollment priority is provided to families living within the Issaquah Valley Elementary School attendance area and siblings of current students in the program.
- NOT likely that there will be openings for any Cedar Trails students, but there is a lottery, and the district is tracking interest for possible future sites (HINT HINT)
- See Dual-Language option in the kindergarten registration portal

Deadline: March 10th



Full-Day Kindergarten

Every student, every classroom, every day

Student centered, hands-on learning experiences promoting creativity

Deep knowledge of child development

Rich learning environments

Balanced and aligned curriculum

Assessment of and for learning

Engaging Interactions and Integrated Content

High Quality Instruction

Planning and preparation

Washington Learning Standards for Kindergarten

| | | | | | | |
|------------------|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Emotional Skills | Math | Communication Skills | World Language | Science | Large Motor Skills | Arts |
| Health | Approaches to Learning | Social Skills | Physical Education | Social Studies | Literacy | Small Motor Skills |

DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE AND ACADEMICALLY RIGOROUS

Kindergarten is a transition year



Sept-Oct
Looks and feels
more like **Preschool**

**Transition through
Kindergarten**

May/June
Looks and feels
more like **1st Grade**

Health Conditions Questionnaire

- If your child has any health condition that could be considered life-threatening such as asthma, food allergies, seizures, diabetes.....
 - According to the law, your child must have an emergency health plan, which includes medication orders from your child's health care provider in place before he/she can attend school.
- Forms will be sent to families after review of the Confidential Emergency Health Information by Nurse.



New Immunization Laws for Washington State



- All incoming kindergarten students must have all immunizations the student is eligible for before the first day of school
- If they do not have all their required immunizations, they will not be able to start school
- Immunizations must be printed on the CIS card from the state registry OR physical copy of CIS card signed off by LHCP OR physical copy of CIS with accompanying medical immunization records from LHCP OR a CIS printed from MyIR. **A flier with these options is in each student's blue folder that you will be collecting from the office in early March.**
- Further information regarding this is on the District's website

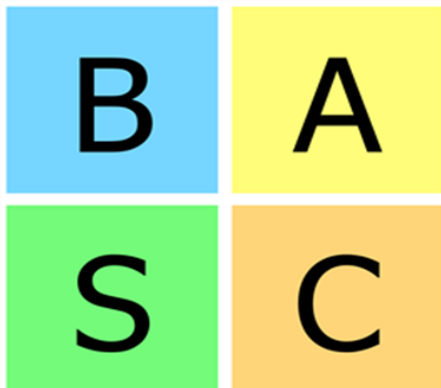
Minimum Vaccines Required for Kindergarten Attendance



- All boosters required for kindergarten can be given on or after the 4th birthday.
- Records are reviewed on an individual basis as needed.
- Physician verification of a history of varicella disease, or blood test (titer) showing immunity to varicella is acceptable (Chickenpox)
- If exemption from immunizations is desired, a meeting with the nurse is required.
- **ALL STUDENTS MUST BE COMPLIANT TO START KINDERGARTEN.**

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ISSAQUAH SCHOOL DISTRICT

DAYS OF OPERATION

MONDAY – FRIDAY

School break services are available through a separate registration process

PROGRAM HOURS

6:30 AM – school start
School end – 6:30 PM

There is no care provided during the school day for ½ day kindergarten students.

LOCATIONS

All 16 Elementary Schools

SCHOOL AGE CARE

SERVING K-5 STUDENTS

The Before and After School Care Program (BASC) provides a positive environment for children to grow socially, emotionally, and intellectually under the guidance of our well-trained team. We offer diverse activities to meet the interests and skill levels of our participants, including STEM, cooperative games, community service learning, art, and cooking.

During out of school time, children will be able to access many areas of our schools, including the gym, playground, and multi-purpose room. In addition to our well stocked club rooms, we provide a designated homework time, morning and afternoon snacks, family nights, enrichment activities, school break care, and summer day camps.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

www.isd411.org

Programs and Services ->
Before and After School Care ->
Registration Information

QUESTIONS?

Email Meghan Womack, Site Coordinator
Womackm@issaquah.wednet.edu



From now until September...

- ✓ Sign up for [District and Cedar Trails E-news](#)
- ✓ [Online Registration](#) (upload required documents)
 - *paper registration packets available in the office if **needed***
- ✓ Pick-up Part 2 of the Registration Packet from the school office starting Wednesday, February 1st once online registration is verified
- ✓ Pre-K Screener for entering kindergartener (March and April dates, TBD) SIGN UP via email in March
- ✓ Sign up for BASC ([Wolf Club](#)) or find an alternate child care plan if needed
- ✓ Transportation “Invitation to Ride” mid-August, needs registration online
- ✓ Medications turned in to the Health Room by mid-August

DEADLINE for all medical forms and medication: August 19th

September/October

Washington Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills (WAKIDS) is a required component of State-funded Full Day Kindergarten. It is a transition process that helps to ensure a successful start to kindergarten and beyond.

| Family Connection Meeting (August - September) | Whole-Child Assessment (September and October) |
|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• First 3 days of school, classroom teacher meets with each kindergarten family (including student)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Thursday, August 29th○ Friday, August 30th○ Tuesday, September 3rd• <u>4th day of school is</u> first day of school for kindergarteners<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Wednesday, September 4th and also Curriculum Night for PARENTS | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kindergarten teacher observes children during everyday classroom activities• Helps teachers find out what each child knows and can do at the beginning of the year• Inventory taken of each child's developing skills in six areas<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Social-emotional○ Physical○ Cognitive○ Language○ Literacy○ Mathematics |



Hi, I'm Wenli Mithal your Family Liaison

How can I help you?

- Help new families with registration and other online forms
- Answer questions and address concerns about your school, the District, or school system
- Connect you with community resources
- Support you to connect and communicate with school and District staff

Feel free to contact me.

mithalw@issaquah.wednet.edu

(425) 837-7106 - Office

(425) 651-5205 - Cell

(978)-252-3686 - Text

Language : English, 普通話

Schools

Cascade Ridge, Cedar Trails ,Challenger,
Creekside, Discovery, Endeavour, Sunny Hills
Beaver Lake Middle, Pine Lake Middle,
Skyline High

I am part of the ISD Equity and Family Partnership Department. We bring you information sessions about a wide variety of topics throughout the school year.

If you need interpretation, we arrange to host these sessions in your preferred language



ISD Incoming Kindergarten Families Virtual Information Night

When: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Where: Zoom – Presentations in English, Español and 普通話 [Register for the event](#)

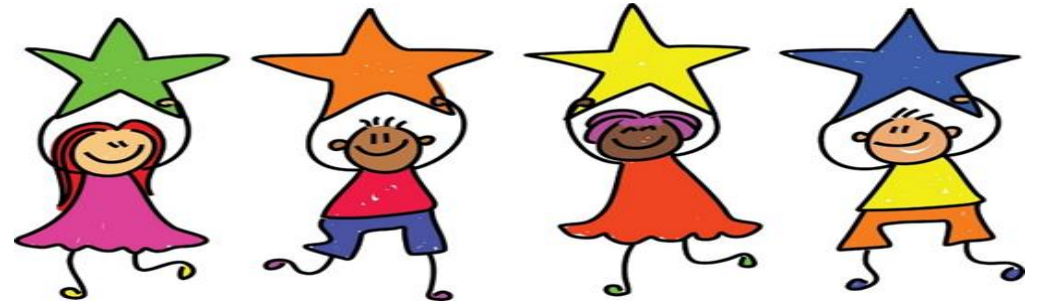
Who: All parents and caregivers of incoming kindergarten students 2024-2025.

What: Information will include:

- Kindergarten preparedness
- general school day schedule (lunch and recess)
- classroom general information
- transportation, immunization
- on-site before and after school care program
- differences between school systems in US vs some other countries

The event is designed for families **new to US public schools**.

If you need interpretation in another language (한국어, 日本語, русский or Tiếng Việt) or have any questions, please contact Ina Ghangurde at (425) 837-7008 gghangurdei@issaquah.wednet.edu by Friday, March 1, 2024.





Completing forms and communicating with the school

Please let any school staff know if you need help completing forms or if you have questions.



We can help you in your language!

Please let us know if you need an interpreter or a document translated into your language—at no cost to you.

English

¡Podemos brindarle asistencia en español!

Por favor háganos saber si necesita un intérprete o un documento traducido a su idioma. Este servicio es gratuito.

Spanish

Мы можем помочь вам с переводом на русский язык!

Сообщите нам, если вам нужен устный перевод или перевод документа на ваш язык—**бесплатно** для вас.

Russian

Chúng tôi có thể giúp quý vị bằng tiếng Việt!

Xin cho chúng tôi biết nếu quý vị cần thông dịch viên hay cần phiên dịch tài liệu qua ngôn ngữ của quý vị—**được miễn phí**.

Vietnamese

我們可以用中文向您提供幫助！

請告訴我們您是否需要我們向您提供免費口譯員服務或將文件翻譯成您使用的語言。

Chinese

Waxaan kugu caawin karna Soomaaliga!

Fadlan noo sheeg haddii aad u baahan tahay turjubaan ama in dokumeentiga laguugu turjubaano luqaddaada—iyadoo aanay wax kharash ah kaaga bixin.

Somali

Ми можемо надати вам інформацію українською мовою!

Якщо вам потрібен перекладач або переклад того чи іншого документа українською мовою, просимо повідомити нам про це—**послуга безкоштовна**.

Ukrainian

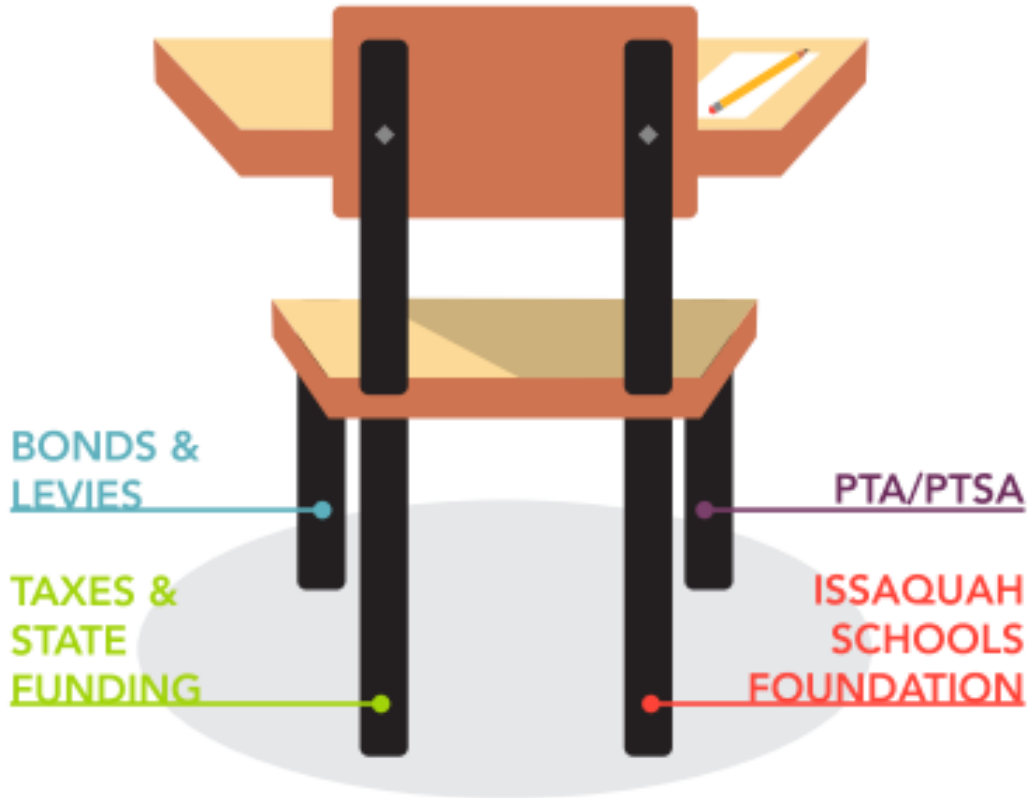
يمكننا مساعدتك باللغة العربية!

يرجى إعلامنا إذا ما كنت بحاجة إلى مترجم فوري أو إلى ترجمة مستند إلى لغتك، دون تكلفة عليك.

Arabic

How are Schools Funded?

Issaquah students' success sits on the stability of four key funding sources



- **Bonds & Levies**: New school construction, renovations, land purchases. Must be approved by local voters.
- **Taxes & State Funding**: State pays for *basic* education with state school levies & taxes; does not cover everything a district needs to operate!
- **PTSA**: Non-profit that raises money to fund art, technology, field trips, library book, playground equipment, STEM & cultural activities, assemblies & more.
- **ISF**: Supports programs that benefit all Issaquah School District students including teacher and school grants.

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION - PTSA

The PTSA is the oldest child advocate institution in the country and works at all levels (school, district, state and federal).

In our third year, the Cedar Trails PTSA continues to strengthen our school/family partnership by providing the following. We have:

- Participated 3 times in the National Reflections Contest with 1 of our students advancing to the state level in 2023/2024.
- Supported teachers and staff with snacks or meals during their teacher workdays and a cookie exchange before the holidays.
- Planned and threw multiple school wide events including Fall Festival, Bingo & Brownies, End of the Year Celebration and the Festival of Cultures!
- Brought Spirit Wear to the Cedar Trails community.
- Organized a large-scale fall fundraiser "Fun Run" that earned our PTSA over \$30,000 in donations to help our kiddos!
- Arranged for a food drive that collected 365 pounds of wonderful food for the Issaquah Food Bank.
- Held several Scholastic Book Fairs and are looking into doing another book fair in the spring!
- Facilitated a reading program which encourages reading stamina for our readers.
- Funded \$6,000 of teacher enrichment grants, one of which included an in-person author visits for our students.
- Our art docent program brings art projects into every classroom via our parent volunteers!

How can you help?

- **Become a member** - Join PTSA; we are only as strong as our community and YOU make our voice strong.
- **Donate** - Without donations none of these things would be possible.
- **Volunteer** - Everything we do is done by parent volunteers like you. We know that not everyone can do everything, but we ALL can do something!



Follow our Facebook page Cedar Trails Elementary PTSA

Visit our website www.cedartrailsptsa.org

QUESTIONS & Answers

(and Kindergarten FAQ)

Questions that only pertain to your child should be e-mailed to the appropriate staff member!

Thanks for understanding!



Next Steps:

- Finish Online Enrollment (Deadline: March 7th for accurate numbers for staffing!)
- Turn in required documentation to the Cedar Trails office
- Sign up (soon via email) for the Pre-Kindergarten Screener
- Sign-up for school and district communication
- Follow Cedar Trails PTSA on Facebook and watch the PTSA webpage now and throughout summer
- **BREATHE** 😊

Important Contact Info:



| Name: | Role: | E-mail/Phone Number: |
|------------------------|---|--|
| Tera Coyle | Principal | Coylet@issaquah.wednet.edu 425-837-6501 |
| Laura Biller | Dean of Students | Billerl@issaquah.wednet.edu 425-837-6525 |
| Kathy Strilaeff | Assistant to the Principal | StrilaeffK@issaquah.wednet.edu 425-837-6502 |
| Dolores D'Alo | Registration & Attendance | Dalod@issaquah.wednet.edu 425-837-6509 |
| Cassie Kuver | School Nurse | Kuverc@issaquah.wednet.edu 425-837-6549 |
| Meghan Womack | Wolf Club Before & After School Care | Womackm@issaquah.wednet.edu 425-837-6547 |

Some tips from the teachers:

- Follow school supply list (soon to be published)...
 - Box of 24 crayons (96 might be tempting, but no thank you)
 - Say YES to Ticonderoga, but no to anything else
 - Backpack that fits a lunch box and folder (practice using backpack ~ placing items in/out)
- Try out a public bathroom (waiting in line, flushing, using bathroom **independently**, latching door, wiping, etc.)
- Snap, button, zip
- Practice opening/closing lunch/snack items
- Demonstrate how to wait your turn at QFC
- Work on modeling promptness with your children
- ~~Hooked on phonics~~ READ TO YOUR CHILD
- Practice independently putting on and taking off a jacket & turning a sleeve (or whole jacket) right-side out
- Start prepping your child for their bus ride...
 - Pointing out buses this spring
 - Visit bus stop prior to first day of school
 - Start talking about the bus ride and that you'll pick them at that bus stop
 - Sign up for the kindergarten bus ride that happens over the summer months
- **AND...BREATHE** 😊