

# Welcome to

Parent Orientation for  
2025/2026 Kindergarteners

March 5, 2025



**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 😊)

# Who is who?

# 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**

Kasey Trefethen



**Wolf Club**

Meghan Womack



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# KINDERGARTEN

# FULL Day K...Hooray!

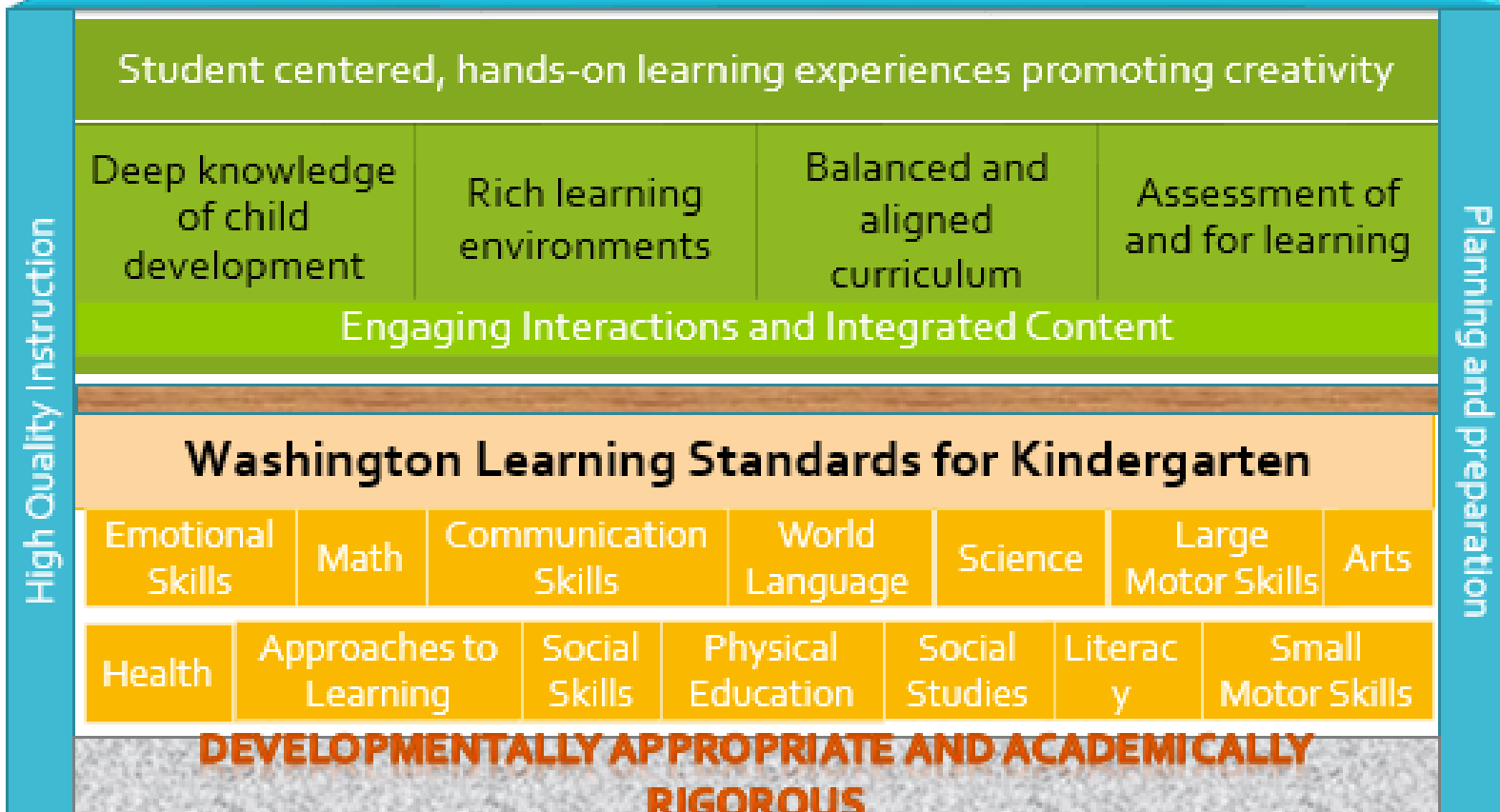
## State-funded Full Day Kindergarten

- 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



# Full-Day Kindergarten

Every student, every classroom, every day





# Kindergarten is a transition year



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

**Transition through  
Kindergarten**

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

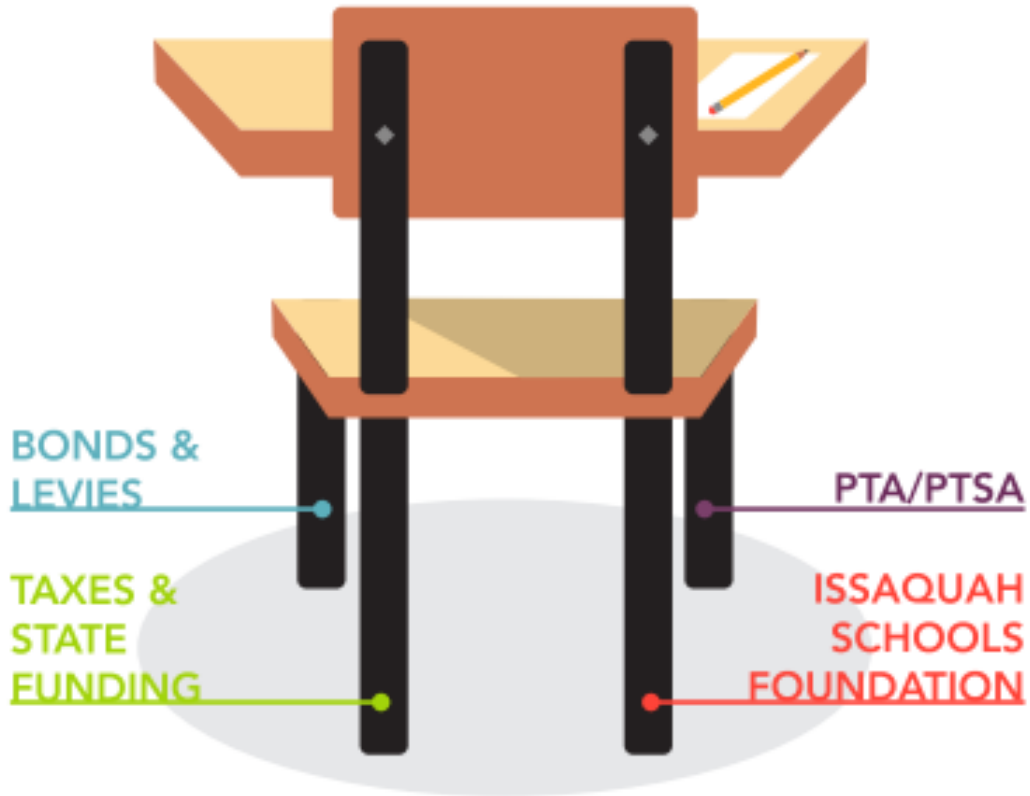
# Dual Language Kindergarten Program

- 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 for more information on this program

# School Funding

# 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.

# PTSA

(Parent Teacher Student Association)



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

- Participated 4 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, After School Movies, 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 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](http://www.cedartrailsptsa.org)

**2025/2026**  
**What's to come...**



# 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"><li>• <b>First 3 days of school</b>, classroom teacher meets with each kindergarten family (including student)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Thursday, August 28th</li><li>○ Friday, August 29th</li><li>○ Tuesday, September 2nd</li></ul></li><li>• <b><u>4<sup>th</sup> day of school is</u></b> first day of school for kindergarteners<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Wednesday, September 3rd</li></ul></li></ul> <p><b><u>Note:</u></b> Curriculum Night will be on September 10th 6 to 7 pm (Adults ONLY Please)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kindergarten teacher observes children during everyday classroom activities</li><li>• Helps teachers find out what each child knows and can do at the beginning of the year</li><li>• Inventory taken of each child's developing skills in six areas<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Social-emotional</li><li>○ Physical</li><li>○ Cognitive</li><li>○ Language</li><li>○ Literacy</li><li>○ Mathematics</li></ul></li></ul>



# **NURSE & HEALTH ROOM**

## **Information**

# 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 at the Pre-K screener.
- Further information regarding this is on the District's website

# Minimum Vaccines Required for Kindergarten Attendance



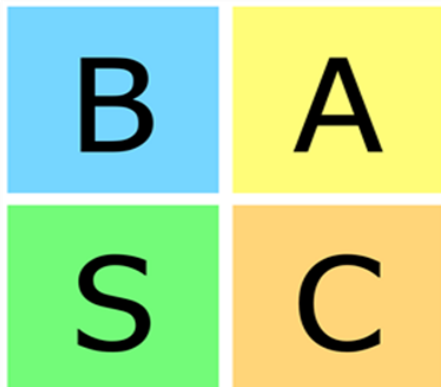
- All boosters required for kindergarten can be given on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- Records are reviewed on an individual basis as needed.
- Physician verification of a history of varicella disease, or blood test (titer) showing immunity to varicella is acceptable (Chickenpox)
- If exemption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

# **WOLF CLUB**

**(Before & After School Care)**



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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](http://www.isd411.org)

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

### **QUESTIONS?**

Email Meghan Womack, Site  
Coordinator  
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# PARENT HOMEWORK

# From now until September...

- ✓ Sign up for [District and Cedar Trails E-news](http://www.isd411.org/about-us/announcements/sign-up), [www.isd411.org/about-us/announcements/sign-up](http://www.isd411.org/about-us/announcements/sign-up)
- ✓ [Online Registration](#) opens March 12 (upload required documents: Child's Birth Certificate, Immunization Record, Lease, PSE bill, parent ID)
  - *paper registration packets available in the office if needed, address documents required to pick up packet*
- ✓ Pre-K Screener for entering kindergarteners (April/May dates, TBD), SIGN UP via SignUpGenius later this Spring (must have submitted enrollment to get email invite)
- ✓ Pick-up **Part 2** of the Registration Packet at the school office during your child's Pre-K Screener appointment
- ✓ 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 into the Health Room by mid-August

**DEADLINE for all medical forms and medication: August 14<sup>th</sup>**



# **NEED HELP?**

## **Family Partner Liaison**





**Feel free to contact me.**

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#### **Schools**

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

## **Welcome Families, My name is Wenli Mithal, your Family Liaison.**

I am part of the ISD Equity, Belonging and Family Partnership Department. We host information sessions for families with a wide variety of topics throughout the school year. [Family Partnerships - Issaquah School District 411](#)

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



### **How can I help you?**

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



# ♥ Welcome to Kindergarten



**When:** Wednesday, March 12, 2025 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 2025-2026.

**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 Lorna Gilmour [gilmourl@issaquah.wednet.edu](mailto:gilmourl@issaquah.wednet.edu)





# Completing forms and communicating with the school

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

Hello

Hola

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привет

مرحبا

你好

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**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

**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

**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

**Ми можемо надати вам інформацію українською мовою!**  
Якщо вам потрібен перекладач або переклад того чи іншого документу українською мовою, просимо повідомити нам про це—послуга безкоштовна.  
Ukrainian

**¡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

**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

**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

**يمكننا مساعدتك باللغة العربية!**  
يرجى إعلامنا إذا ما كنت بحاجة إلى مترجم فوري أو إلى ترجمة مستند إلى لغتك، دون تكلفة عليك.  
Arabic

# Next Steps...

# Next Steps:

- Starting March 12: Complete Online Enrollment including the uploading of required documents. Enrolling early = accurate numbers for staffing!
- Sign up for the Pre-Kindergarten Screener (via email invite from SignUpGenius.com ~ April/May)
- Sign up for school and district e-news communication on [www.isd411.org/about-us/announcements/sign-up](http://www.isd411.org/about-us/announcements/sign-up)
- Follow Cedar Trails PTSA on Facebook and watch the PTSA webpage now and throughout summer
- **BREATHE** 😊

# Kindergarten Readiness

# 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 the grocery store
- Work on modeling promptness with your children (arriving to school ON TIME is VERY important)
- ~~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 up at that bus stop
  - Sign up for the kindergarten bus ride that happens over the summer months
- **AND...BREATHE** 😊



# QUESTIONS & Answers

(and Kindergarten FAQ)

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

