



**KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT**

# WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

## **District Administration**

- Ben Mainka, Superintendent
- Dr. Laura Carino, Assistant Superintendent of Talent Management and Development
- Mike Giromini, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning
- Emily Pohlonski, Director of Instruction
- Detective Julie Warren, School Resource Officer
- Cathy Farris, Supervisor of Medical Services
- Spencer Riley, Director of English Language Development, State and Federal Programs



# INTRODUCTIONS

## **K-4 Elementary Administration**

- Joi Danforth, Orchard Hills Principal
- Katy Dinkelman, Village Oaks Principal
- Ryan Francis, Deerfield Elementary
- Alice Kazee, Novi Woods Elementary
- Jennifer Murphy, Parkview Elementary

## **Kindergarten Teachers**

- Kathy Grisa, Parkview
- Staci Scott, Deerfield
- Melissa Israel, Orchard Hills
- Dr. Danielle Courtemanche, Novi Woods
- Diana Malczewski & Shannon Myrand, Village Oaks



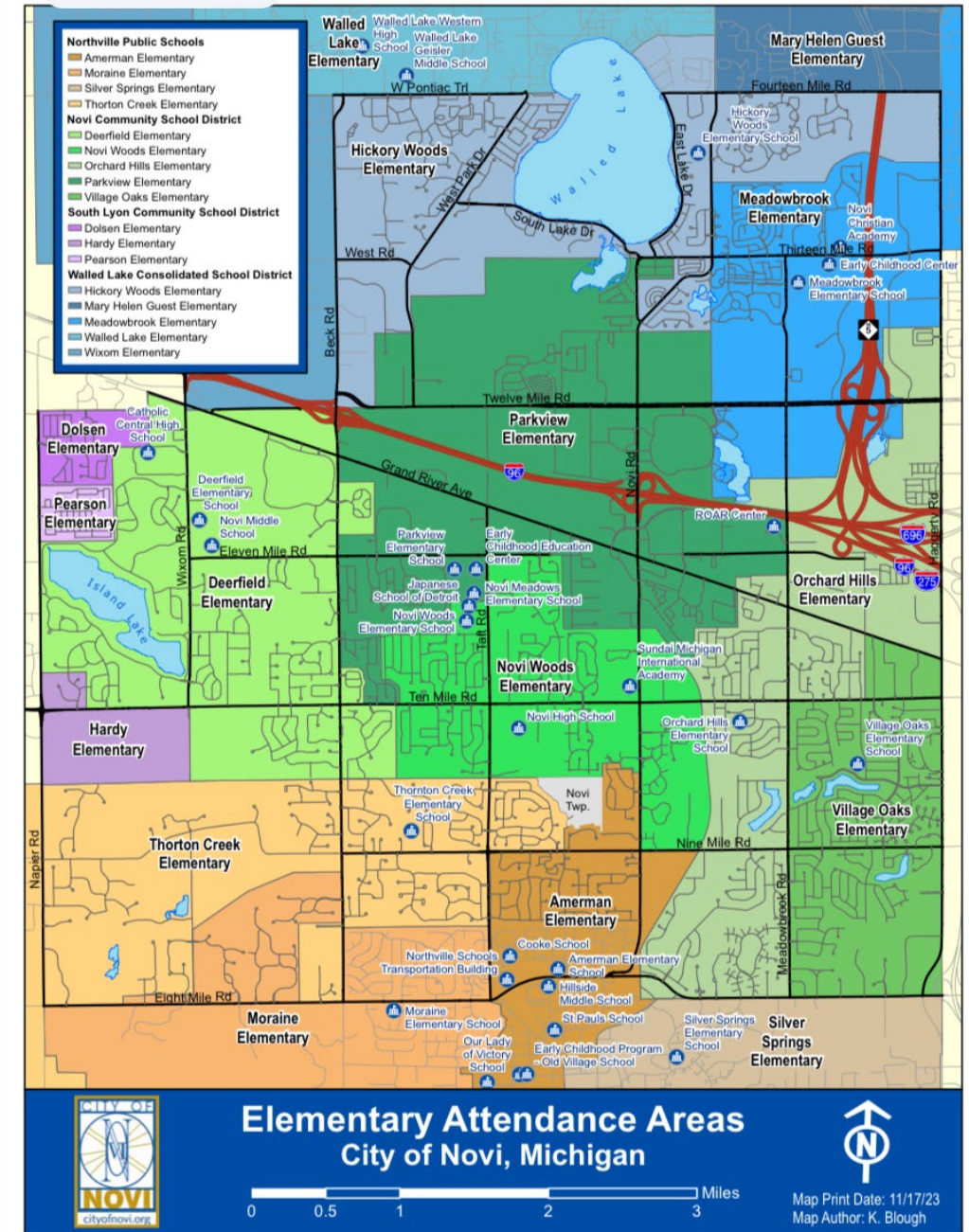
# DISTRICT OVERVIEW

- Approximately 6700 students and 600 staff members
- **Diverse and Robust Programs**
  - Early Childhood Center
  - Five neighborhood K-4s
  - Novi Meadows, 5-6
  - Novi Middle School, 7-8
  - Novi High School, 9-12
  - Novi Virtual School
  - Career Prep High School / Adult Education
  - Novi Adult Transition Center (NATC)
  - Adult ESL (English as a Second Language)
  - Strong Community Education



# DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

- K-4 students must attend their “Home School” based on established boundaries.
- [City of Novi Interactive Map](#)
- Search by home address to see K-4 building assignment
- [Attendance Area Map](#)
- To see districts within Novi



# TRANSPORTATION AND WALK ZONES



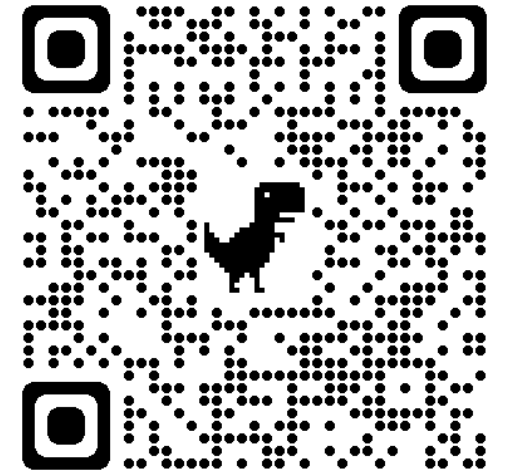
- **One mile or under** is considered the "walk zone" for elementary schools.
- If your student requires bus transportation and you live outside the walk zone, **please register as soon as possible in your parent portal.** You will find this in the registration area under "Forms" and then "Transportation."
- **Bus assignments will be posted the weekend before school begins.** This will include:
  - bus letter (ex. Bus R, Bus M, etc)
  - bus stop locations
  - approximate pickup and dropoff times





# NOVI COMMUNITY EDUCATION'S CARE PROGRAM

- State-licensed before- and after-school program.
- Offered at all five elementary schools, as well as Novi Meadows (fifth and sixth grade) and the Early Childhood Education Center for preschoolers.
- CARE is open from 6:45 a.m. until the start of the school day, and after school until 6:00 p.m.
- Activities include sports, games, computers, literacy and free-choice time.
- **Registration and September scheduling begins August 1-August 15! After August 15, please call the office for availability.**
- Scheduling is on a month-to-month basis. Therefore, when registering in August, schedule for the last week of August and the month of September only.
- Please Note: Registration only without a schedule for September does not hold your spot for the school year.



# SAFETY AND SECURITY

- Background checks required for all volunteers each year including grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc... Not able to do last-minute checks.
- Cameras around entire facility
- Visitors must wear a badge (Raptor)
- Secured entrances at each building
- Classroom doors locked
- ALICE protocols—emails to all parents after safety drills
- 2 District School Resource Officers
- Supervisor of Safety and Security





# LUNCH/FOOD SERVICE

- 20 minutes to play & 20 minutes to eat (practice!)
- Eating with new friends is different than eating with a family
- School provided lunch or bring your own
- 2024-2025 School year: Free breakfast and lunch for all
- [Set-up & monitor account](#)
- School Meals for Free/Reduced Lunch: for those who may qualify, please fill out the [application](#)



# HEALTH AND MEDICATION MANAGEMENT PLANS

- If your child has a medical need, please indicate that as you register. Please also contact the school office so that we can work together to support your child.
- Forms are available on the district website. Some of these forms need to be signed by a physician.
- Students may not self-possess any medication without documentation from a medical provider.



# ENGLISH LEARNERS

- There are over 50 languages spoken and more than 70 countries represented!
- Students who **speak** or **hear** a **language other than English** at home will take the WIDA Screener English test (Listening and Speaking only).
  - Students who score **4.9 or below** in either Speaking or Listening are identified as English Learners and become eligible for ELD support.
  - Students who score **5.0 or higher** in both Speaking and Listening are monitored until December/January, when they will take Reading and Writing.
- ELD teachers and interventionists work in the classroom, in small groups, and one-on-one with English Learners to help them develop English skills in reading, writing, speaking, listening, and academic language.
- For questions about services for English Learners or the WIDA Screener, contact Spencer Riley, Director of ELD and State & Federal Programs.  
[spencer.riley@novik12.org](mailto:spencer.riley@novik12.org)



# FAMILY AND COMMUNITY LIAISONS

Novi has two Community Liaisons who help international families connect with the school community. You may have met them when you enrolled. Whatever language you speak, these liaisons can help answer questions about school and American culture.



**Susana Rincon del Angel Tamez**

Ms. Rincon del Angel Tamez speaks Spanish and helps families from Central and South America, Europe, Africa, India, and the Middle East.

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**Tomoko Takashima**

Ms. Takashima speaks Japanese and helps families from Japan, China, Korea, and other East Asian countries.

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# KINDERGARTEN SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL EXPECTATIONS

- Be responsible for personal belongings (backpack, coats, shoes, lunch boxes, library books, daily take home folder)
- Get dressed independently, including zippers and shoes
- Independent toileting
- Easily separate from parent/guardian
- Lunch - opening containers and eating within 20 minutes
- Work, play and interact appropriately within a large group
- Taking turns
- Delaying immediate needs



# KINDERGARTEN ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS

- Begin to recognize letters and numbers
- Learn to respond to, recognize in writing, and write own first name
- Practice coloring, cutting and glueing
- Follow directions from various adults
- Attend to a task in a variety of settings (independent, small group, Whole group)





# KINDERGARTEN EXPERIENCE

- Kindergarten is a full day experience, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:52 p.m.
- The students do not have a daily nap/rest time.
- Kindergartners will eat lunch each day in the cafeteria. They can either bring a lunch from home or order a school lunch.
- There is also a daily snack time (Healthy snack brought from home and water bottle).
- They will have both a 20-minute recess before lunch and a “teacher recess.”
- Students will go to a “special” class each day (art, music, media, physical education).



# KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMMING

- Programs offered in all elementary schools
- Aligned to State of Michigan Kindergarten Standards
- Full-day program
  - Social development
  - Emotional development
  - Fine/gross motor skill
  - Oral language
  - Fundamental literacy skills
  - Mathematical number sense
- Opportunities for students to build social-emotional, academic and creative learning
  - Music, Art, Physical Education and Library/Media
  - Lunch, recess, and all school assemblies
  - School wide support services and resources



# NOVI VIRTUAL

- K-12 Flexible Option with Novi Teachers and Curriculum
- Ideal for:
  - Families who travel internationally for an extended time
  - Students with extenuating health needs
  - Elite athletes and performers with rigorous schedules.



# KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMMING

## WILDCAT LAUNCH

- **Two-year** kindergarten experience
- Places greater emphasis on play and exploration
- Smaller class sizes
- The emphasis is placed on introduction and exploration, rather than mastery of kindergarten skills

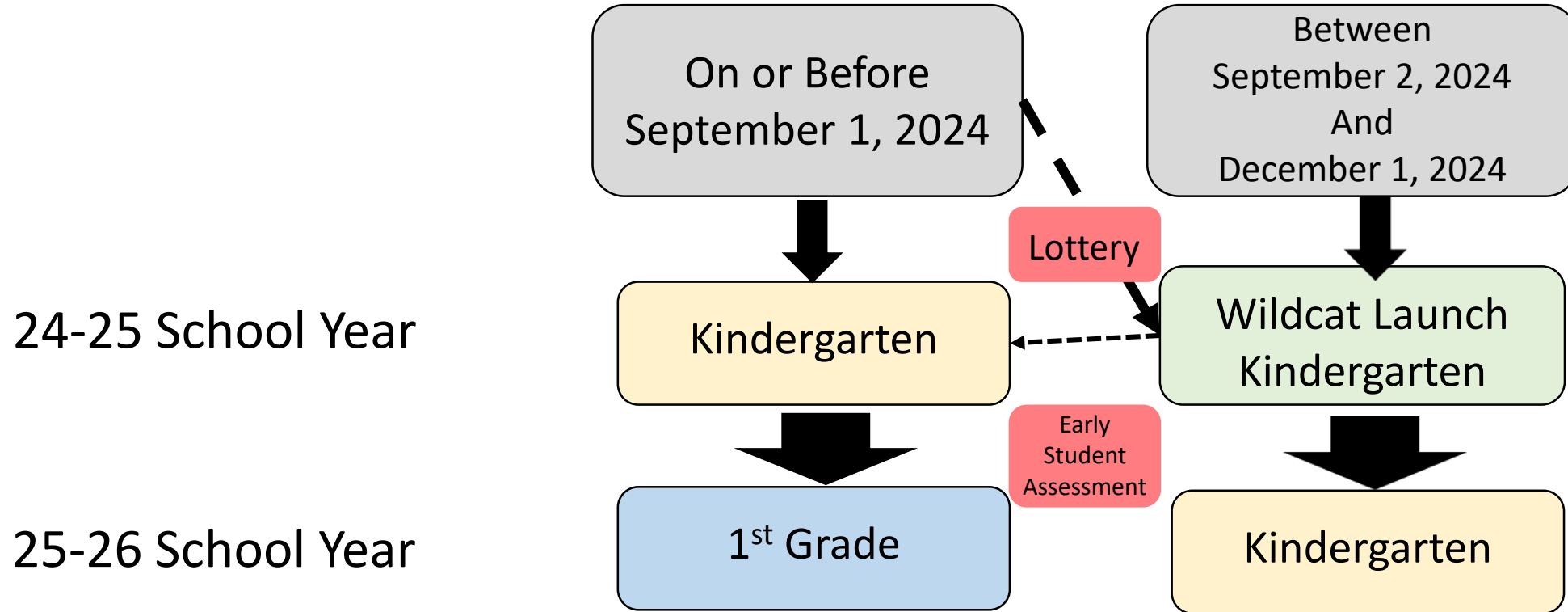
## KINDERGARTEN

- **One-year** kindergarten experience
- Places greater emphasis on academic goals
- It is designed for children who turn five before September 1st
- The emphasis is placed on the mastery of Kindergarten skills



# KINDERGARTEN PATHWAYS

When does your child turn 5?



# INTRO WEEK

- Students will be grouped prior to the start of school and teachers will rotate.
- Teachers will meet all the students and assess each student's knowledge.
- You will know who your child's teacher is by the end of the first week.

## CALENDAR:

**August 26, 27, and 28:** Full Days

**August 29:** No school for Wildcat Launch and Kindergarten (ONLY) enjoy the Labor Day Weekend!

**September 3:** Back to school





# READY TO REGISTER? HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED:

- Birth Certificate or Passport if born outside of the U.S.
- Proofs of Residency
  - One of the following is required
    - Mortgage documents
    - Property Tax Statement
    - Closing papers
    - Purchase agreement
    - Current rental agreement with tenants and occupants names
  - Two of the following are required
    - Gas Bill
    - Electric Bill
    - Renters Insurance
    - Bank Statement
- Immunization Records
- Hearing, Vision, and Dental Screenings



# REGISTRATION TIMELINE

**Register NOW!**

**Questions:** Central Enrollment Department via email at [enrollment@novik12.org](mailto:enrollment@novik12.org)

**In order to be guaranteed your home school assignment, you must be registered by May 1, 2024.**

