



# **WELCOME TO RAVENWOOD**

**KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP  
APRIL 18, 2024**

# NORTH KANSAS CITY SCHOOLS MISSION

## NKC Mission



As relentless champions for all students, North Kansas City Schools' mission is to develop self-aware, authentically empowered, future-ready learners through a rich array of purposeful learning opportunities in collaborative communities of belonging that are:

- culturally affirming
- academically challenging
- experiential and exploratory for each student.

# RAVENWOOD MISSION

The mission of Ravenwood Elementary School,

the heart of our diverse learning community,

is to ensure that all students discover their unique potential and innate value, and persist in the face of challenges, thus breaking through to achieve boundless academic and personal aspirations.

We will accomplish this through

- powerful and authentic learning environments,
- engaging and rigorous learning experiences,
- collaborative partnerships throughout the school community,
- and a culture of transparency, honesty, and fearlessness.

# KINDERGARTEN AND RW STAFF

- Dr. Howell
- Mrs. Killen
- Ms. Vargo
- Mrs. Hobbs – PE/Health
- Mrs. Williams - Art
- Ms. Allen - Music
- Ms. Ferry - Counselor
- Mrs. Stephenson – Library/Media
- Ms. Jacklyn Cobbs – Nurse
- Mrs. Biancavilla-Erickson (Mrs. BE)– ELL
- Ms. Danner– Reading
- Mrs. Brown- Reading
- Mr. Walker – Resource
- Ms. Tauber - Resource
- Ms. Otoshi- GOALS
- Dr. Laura Foster - Principal
- Shanie Colston- Administrative Assistant
- Ligia Tilsworth- Front Office Clerk
- Mr. Lazechko- Behavior Specialist
- Mr. Chris- School Protection Specialist



# KINDERGARTEN TEAM



**DR. HOWELL**



**MRS. KILLEN**



**MS. VARGO**

# RAVENWOOD EXPECTATIONS

## Ravenwood Schoolwide Expectations

"Be nice, be safe, work hard with integrity!"

	Hallways	Cafe	Restrooms	Technology	Recess	Makerspace	Dismissal
<b>BE NICE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stay in line order.</li> <li>Quiet voice.</li> <li>Respect others learning.</li> <li>Enjoy art with your eyes.</li> <li>Offer friends in wheelchairs to go first.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Raise your hand for help.</li> <li>Talk to the people across or next to you.</li> <li>Eat only your food.</li> <li>Use your buddy voice.</li> <li>Use good manners.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Respect privacy.</li> <li>Use whisper voice.</li> <li>Keep water on your hands.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use when permitted.</li> <li>Respect others right to digital privacy.</li> <li>Treat technology with care.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use kind and appropriate words.</li> <li>Take turns.</li> <li>Show great sportsmanship.</li> <li>Win without bragging.</li> <li>Lose without complaining.</li> <li>Include others.</li> <li>Invite others to join you.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take care of materials.</li> <li>Stay in your assigned area.</li> <li>Put things back where they belong.</li> <li>Respect the work of others.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use quiet voices.</li> <li>Keep hands and feet to self.</li> <li>Listen for directions.</li> </ul>
<b>BE SAFE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use walking feet.</li> <li>Walk on the right.</li> <li>Walk in a line.</li> <li>Eyes forward.</li> <li>Keep hands and feet to self.</li> <li>Keep one tile between yourself and other.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sanitize hands for 20 seconds.</li> <li>Stay in your spot.</li> <li>Keep body to self.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wash hands for 20 seconds.</li> <li>Keep body to self.</li> <li>Flush when finished.</li> <li>Always use designated restroom.</li> <li>3 students total.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sanitize hands.</li> <li>Touch only your iPad.</li> <li>Stay on approved websites and applications.</li> <li>Carry with two hands.</li> <li>Keep device off the floor when not in use.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sanitize hands for 20 seconds.</li> <li>Use equipment correctly.</li> <li>Keep body to self.</li> <li>Stay in assigned area.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep your hands and feet to self.</li> <li>Use materials for their intended purpose.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep your backpack on your back.</li> <li>Walking feet.</li> </ul>
<b>WORK HARD WITH INTEGRITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be a problem solver.</li> <li>Check how close others are to you.</li> <li>Follow directions quickly and quietly.</li> <li>Keep one square between you and the wall.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be a problem solver.</li> <li>Clean your area.</li> <li>Look for crumbs and trash in your area.</li> <li>Follow directions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be a problem solver.</li> <li>Keep area clean.</li> <li>Follow directions.</li> <li>Be quick, clean and quiet.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be a problem solver.</li> <li>Have integrity with the websites you are visiting.</li> <li>Use time wisely.</li> <li>Use devices for learning.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be a problem solver.</li> <li>Keep body to self.</li> <li>Line up when the whistle blows.</li> <li>Line up quickly and quietly.</li> <li>Walk back to class quietly with your teacher.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be a problem solver.</li> <li>Have integrity with materials.</li> <li>Use time wisely.</li> <li>Follow the engineering process.</li> <li>Share your learning with others.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be a problem solver.</li> <li>Walk to your dismissal area.</li> <li>Stay behind your dismissal teacher.</li> <li>Remain in a line.</li> </ul>

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- Be safe
- Work hard with integrity

# **PBS AT RAVENWOOD**

- Dojo points for individuals & classes
- Compliment strips for classrooms
- All school celebrations

# ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

- Students should arrive no earlier than 8:50 for breakfast.
- Students can go to class at 9:00 am.
- Instruction begins at 9:15 and the tardy bell rings.
- We have a car line, bus line, and walker area.
- We dismiss at 4:10
- Should your mode of transportation change, please notify the office no later than 3:00pm.



# ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS

- Social skills
  - How to be a good friend, take turns, raise my hand, inside voice, cleaning up, healthy peer conflict, hand washing
- Writing
  - Practice drawing curved, slanted, and straight lines
  - Develop hand strength for holding a writing utensil
- Reading
  - Listening to a story, read as often as possible
  - Build conversational skills around books being read
- Math
  - Counting orally to 5
  - Grouping items
  - Recognizing shapes
  - Patterns

# WHAT ELSE DO WE DO IN A DAY OF KINDERGARTEN?

- Recess- 30 minutes
- Lunch- 30 minutes
- Encore (art, music, library, PE, health, counselor)- 60 minutes/daily
- Academics- chunked throughout the day
  - Math- 60
  - Reading- 45
  - Writing- 45
  - Phonics instruction- 30
  - Guided reading- 40

# CAR RIDER DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

All car riders will be given a card with a number on it. This sign must be visible in the car window when picking up your child. This will allow the teachers on duty to easily match student(s) with parent. Please make sure any person you wish to pick up your child has a card in the car window and that they are on the enrollment form to do so. We ask that ALL car riders follow this procedure.



# BUS RIDERS

- In an effort to increase safety measures when transporting your child, the NKC School District implemented a bus pass (ZPass) for students. ZPass is a tool that enables the transportation department to increase the safety of your child by logging the time and location of where your child is being picked up and dropped off.





# **BUS RIDERS**

- The number printed on the ZPass card is assigned to your child and will be his or hers throughout the school years in the North Kansas City School District.
- The only expectation of your child is to always wear the backpack to which the ZPass card is attached. Attaching the card to his or her backpack will prevent your child from misplacing it.
- If the ZPass card/backpack is lost, please report it to the school Administrative Assistant right away.

# IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW



**ClassDojo**

- Class Dojo
  - Make sure you download the app and connect to your child's class
  - Teachers send information on a regular basis to the whole class via a message board and to individual families
- Monthly newsletters will give families highlights of upcoming and important information
- Student Absences
  - Please inform the office of any absences
  - Student attendance is very important. Please try your best to schedule appointments before and after school and please try not to take vacations during school time.
  - We have monthly incentives for attendance as well as class incentives!

# IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW



- Feeder pattern pride
  - We are in the Winnetonka High School feeder pattern!
- Meals
  - All families are encouraged to apply for free and reduced lunch
  - Lunch is \$3.75, breakfast is \$1.75
- PTA
  - Join our PTA to get involved
  - Monthly meetings to give input and stay up to date on what's going on

# CHECK OUT OUR CELEBRATIONS!

- Fall Parties (Fall)
- Grandparents Day (October)
- Walk to School Day (October)
- Friendship Week (February)
- Celebration Parties (spring)
- Cultural Celebration (March)
- Family Fun Night (April)
- Showcase of Learning (April)
- Birthdays – encouraged to send non-food items

See our handbook for details!





# VOLUNTEERING AT RAVENWOOD

- Here are some ways you can get involved with our school!
  - PTA meetings are held monthly, attendance is encouraged; opportunities to sign up to volunteer happen throughout the year
    - Membership fee to be on PTA of \$6.00
  - YouthFriends is our volunteer program (apply online to be screened)  
[https://www.cervistech.com/acts/console.php?console\\_id=0142&console\\_type=application](https://www.cervistech.com/acts/console.php?console_id=0142&console_type=application)
    - There is a fee for the screening and background check



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**YouthFriend Activities**  
Before/After School Activities  
Breakfast Buddy  
Classroom Helper  
Library Assistant  
Lunch Buddy  
Tutor

For more information contact:  
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Partners in Education Training Systems  
316.413.1821  
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Or apply online at:  
[www.nikschools.org/youthfriends](http://www.nikschools.org/youthfriends)

YouthFriends are mentors who support students academically.

YouthFriends support a single student, a small group of students or an entire classroom.

YouthFriends are trained and pass a comprehensive background screening before placement at the school.

Join parents and other community volunteers who are making a difference at Ravenwood Elementary.



# COMMUNICATION

- Phone 816-321-5190 (front office)
- E-mail
  - Emily Howell: [emily.howell@nkcschools.org](mailto:emily.howell@nkcschools.org)
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- Ravenwood Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RavenwoodRavens>
- Ravenwood Website: <https://raes.nkcschools.org/>
- Class Dojo messages

# HOW CAN I PREPARE FOR KINDERGARTEN?

- Start setting and practicing routines (bedtime, morning, after school)
  - Practicing eating on a timer- we get 30 minutes for lunch
  - Opening items such as milk, containers, packages
  - Tying our shoes or practicing velcro
- Start talking about school and building up stamina for a school day
- Please fill out the information sheet to help us get to know your child better so we can best serve them on the first day of school
- Summer school is encouraged for kindergarten students
  - We are at Gracemor this summer
  - M-Th 9:20-3:20, month of June
  - Information can be found online: <https://www.nkcschools.org/district/dept/summer-learning/frequently-asked-questions>

# WHAT TO EXPECT THE FIRST WEEK OF KINDERGARTEN

- We are thrilled to introduce a fresh perspective on classroom placement – Kindergarten Soft Placement. As we embark on this educational journey together, we understand the significance of balanced classes, especially in the early years. We are excited to share with you this innovative approach that considers both academic and social factors for a harmonious and enriching classroom experience. Creating well-balanced classes is a key puzzle piece in the elementary school setting. The task becomes even more intricate when it comes to our kindergarteners. We understand that placing students in suitable classes can be a challenge, especially when limited information is available. Kindergarten Soft Placement is designed to create classes that are not only academically diverse but also foster a positive social environment. This method brings together students with various strengths and personalities, building a nurturing classroom culture that sets the stage for a successful year ahead. During the first week of school, our dedicated educators will be observing your child. By closely watching their needs, friendships, and interactions, we will craft classrooms that align with each child's individuality. This way, we ensure that every student is placed in the perfect environment for their growth.



**QUESTIONS?**

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