

# **Welcome to Kindergarten Information Night**

**April 24, 2024**

**Zoom Webinar 5:30 pm-6:30 pm**

# Blue Point School

174 Pine Point Road p. 730-5300

- 210 students
- 4 Kindergarten Classrooms
- 4 First Grade Classrooms
- 4 Second Grade Classrooms
- Average Class Size of 16-20



Kelly Mullen-Martin,  
Principal



Hallie Thomas  
Administrative  
Assistant



Katherine  
Litroscapes  
Social Worker



Laurie  
Hibbard, RN

## Anticipated BP Kindergarten Team

(Left to Right) Megan Altieri, Leah Ly,  
Kara Maurer, & Daria Kerkhoff



# Pleasant Hill School

143 Highland Avenue p. 730-5250

- 189 students
- 4 Kindergarten Classrooms
- 4 First Grade Classrooms
- 4 Second Grade Classrooms
- Average Class Size of 16-20



Jennifer  
Humphrey  
Principal



Laurie Olore  
Administrative  
Assistant



Danielle  
Anderson  
Social Worker



Dorice  
Groshon, RN

## Anticipated PH Kindergarten Team

(Left to Right) Julie Caufield,  
Laura Risbara, Lisa Roberts, Ashley Smith



# Eight Corners School

22 Mussey Road      p. 730-5200

- 220 students
- 5 Kindergarten Classroom
- 5 First Grade Classrooms
- 4 Second Grade Classrooms
- Average Class Size of 16-20



Anne Lovejoy  
Principal



Maureen Kirsch  
Administrative  
Assistant



Kate Anderson  
Social Worker



Megan Croteau  
RN

## Anticipated EC Kindergarten Team



(Left to Right) Kim Foss, Tracy Seymour,  
Andrea White, Heather Wiggins,  
Jaime Devin



# Welcome to Kindergarten

## Our Promise to You

We promise your child will learn something every day.

Some days they will bring it home in their hands,

some days they will bring it home in their heads,

And some days they will bring it home in their hearts.

*-based on a quote by Valerie Welk*

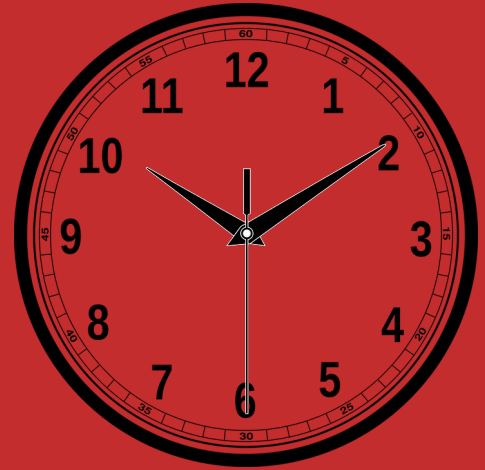


# Calendar and School Day

Primary school hours are from 8:50AM to 3:15PM. Students arriving before 8:30AM or staying after 3:30PM must be in the care of Community Services or under parent supervision. Please contact them at 730-4150 for availability.

The [2024-2025 school calendar](#) is linked here. Please make note of school vacation weeks, EARLY RELEASE DAYS, and holidays.

August 28 and 29 are by appointment only for grades K-5. Your child will have an appointment on ONE of those days.



# First Days of School

**August 26**

**August 27**

**August 28**

**August 29**

**August 30**

**NO STUDENTS**

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**K-5 Appointment Only**

**K-5 Appointment Only**

**No School**

**STAFF ONLY**

**STAFF ONLY**

**By appointment**

**By appointment**

**September 2**

**September 3**

**September 4**

**September 5**

**September 6**

**No School  
Labor Day Holiday**

**K-5 1st Day of School  
(Full Day)**



# **Appointment Day Activities**

- ☐ Find the classroom!
- ☐ Meet teachers and school staff
- ☐ Tour the school building and grounds
- ☐ Complete initial screening activities as needed (students)
- ☐ Complete/update paperwork (parents)
- ☐ Drop off any necessary items to the school nurse.
- ☐ Learn what the expectations are for riding a school bus.



# A Kindergarten Day

## Morning Schedule:

Arrival, Morning Meeting/Calendar, Snack,  
Academics

## Lunch/Recess:

25 min lunch/20-25 min recess

## Afternoon Schedule:

Quiet Time, Academics, Specials (Art, Music,  
Library or PE/Health), Choice  
Time/Wrap-Up, Departure

All three schools provide a common curriculum in Literacy and Math, as well as:

- Art, Music, Physical Education  
Health, Library
- STEM/Makerspace
- Technology Integration
- Academic Support
- Social Work
- Special Education Services

# **Specials: Art, Music, P.E./Health, & Learning Commons (Library)**

- ❑ Meet with students weekly
- ❑ Content is aligned with local and national standards
- ❑ Encourage students to think critically and creatively



# Transportation

- Bus information will be updated and posted on the website: [www.scarboroughschools.org](http://www.scarboroughschools.org) in late August. Routes and start times will be listed. You can call 730-4145 to ask more specific questions.
- Car drop-offs begin after 8:30 a.m. and students should be picked up before 3:30 p.m. Your school will communicate specific Drop-off/Pick-Up procedures.

# Transportation

- **VERY IMPORTANT**: Drivers must see an adult at the bus stop or your child will be returned to school.

**Social Emotional  
Learning is at the  
❤️ of everything  
we do!**



**We will be in our 2nd year of  
implementation of MindUp for Life at  
K-2 in the 2024-2025 school year.**

**Your partnership and engagement  
makes a huge difference.**



# School Nutrition



Breakfast and lunch must be ordered through our online system called Nutrislice.

Menus are online and more information can be found [HERE](#).

**\*\*\* Orders must be placed by 7:30 AM each day and we encourage families to order ahead by the week or month!\*\*\***

Currently, Full meals are free. Items purchased individually (snack drinks, milk at lunch) will be charged. Drinks are \$.50 each.

# Lunch

Every day there are several choices for lunch. A hot entree, salad, bagel and yogurt, sunbutter and jelly or a deli meat sandwich.



We encourage independence in our lunch room as much as possible. Please send students with containers that they can open themselves (we will assist if needed). We practice composting, recycling, and have students clean up after snacks and lunch.



# School Communication

Frequency	Method & Purpose
Daily	Teachers & Staff available by email and phone during the week. Allow time for response given limited time without students.
Weekly	Classroom or Grade Level Newsletters come weekly or bi-weekly. School and district news are delivered electronically each week. These include updates from Primary PTA, notifications about school events, and other information.
Trimester	Progress Reports are sent home at the end of each trimester. Conferences are held in Fall and Spring.
Annually	The K-2 School Handbook is updated annually.





## Annual Student Directory

- Optional to participate
- Contact information for each family
- Can be used to gather contact information for classmates for playdates or birthday parties
- The schools cannot provide contact information for families, though if you opt in, a room parent can share contact information.

# **SAFETY and SECURITY**

- **Doors are locked during the school day. Schools are monitored by security cameras.**
- **Raptor Visitor Management System**
- **Safety drills are conducted regularly and include:**
  - **Fire drills - evacuation from the building**
  - **Hold in Place - Everyone stays in classrooms so hallways can be clear**
  - **Lock Down - Everyone stays in classrooms, doors locked, lights out, everyone out of sight from windows and doors**
- **Off site emergency plan**
  - **We have plans that include having to leave school grounds. These plans are not published in detail for everyone's safety and security. You can access communication about emergency planning on the Scarborough Schools website:**
    - **SPS Home page----Left Hand Column----Parent Information----Emergency Plan**
- **Emergency alert system**
  - **Communication via email, text, and/or phone calls**

# RESOURCES

- Easing Kindergarten Jitters
- National Association for the Education of Young Children-Kindergarten Transition
- Children's Books About Starting Kindergarten
- National Education Association- Successful Kindergarten Transition

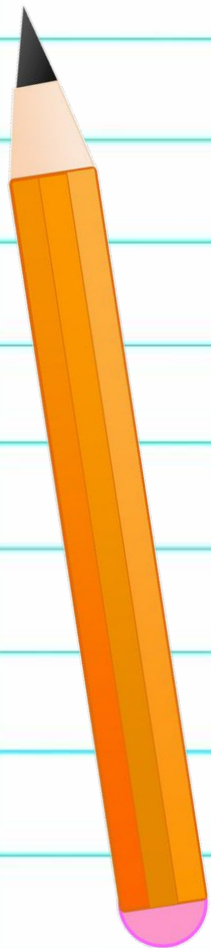
## A Note About School Supplies

You will receive a list of recommended supplies for your child in a summer letter. All students will need a backpack, lunch bag (if they bring their lunch), and safe clothes and shoes for gym class and recess (sneakers preferred).

It is safe to say that students will also need:

- Pencils
- Crayons
- Washable Markers
- Glue sticks
- Refillable water bottle

Feel free to pick these up when in stock.



## Ways to Get Involved

- Volunteer
  - Volunteer training will be held monthly and begin in October. Please mark a training date on your calendar so you're prepared for upcoming volunteer opportunities.
- Primary PTA
  - Monthly meetings, fundraising, and events
  - PTA is seeking new members and to fill some officer positions
  - <https://www.facebook.com/ScarboroughPrimaryPTA/>
- Scarborough Education Foundation
  - <http://www.sefmaine.org/>
- Scarborough Building Project to improve learning for children K-8th grade.
  - Citizen-led [Building Advisory Committee](#)

# NEXT STEPS

- ❑ Please make sure you have completed ALL registration paperwork with school administrative assistants.

Click [here](#) to register or:

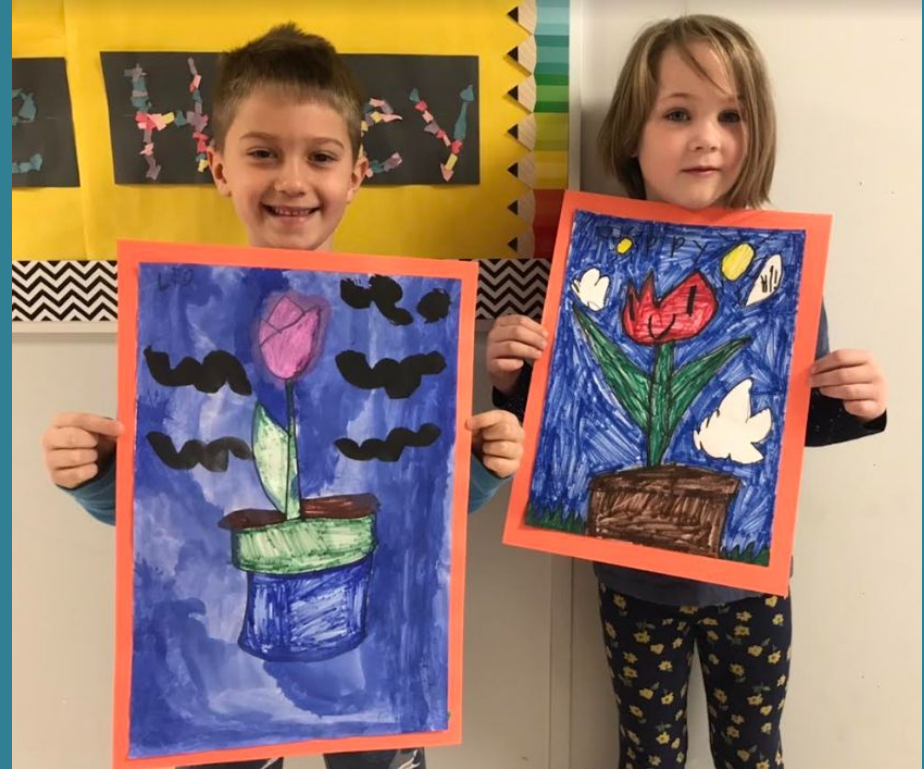


- ❑ [Register for Kindercamp](#)



- ❑ Register for a screening appointment in May. Information about screening dates and times will be communicated by each school.

# Get Ready to Watch Us Bloom!



**What Questions do you have?**

