

Welcome to Bryantville!

Kindergarten Information Night

May 2, 2024

Principal: Jennifer Simmons

Assistant Principal: Traci Costa

Teachers: Susan Fitzpatrick, Kelli Ford, Whitney Reilly

Administrative Assistant: Erika Rossini

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School Nurse: Valerie Phillips

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Kindergarten Staff

Mrs. Fitzpatrick



Mrs. Ford



Mrs. Reilly



Mrs. Johnson



A Day in the Life

Morning Work
Morning Meeting
Handwriting
Specialists
Snack
Sight Words
Phonics/phonemic
awareness
Math
Lunch
Recess
Social Studies/Science
Dismissal



Preparing for School

- Separate from your child so they get used to being away from you.
- Work on independence in the bathroom. Students should be able to vocalize when they need to go and should be independent in the bathroom. This includes wiping.
- Practice following through with 1-2 step directions independently.
- Work on having patience and waiting. Students should be able to wait without interrupting for the length of a book or a conversation between adults.
- Build up your child's stamina over the summer. Work towards 10 minutes of uninterrupted reading or conversation. Limit Screen Time.





Preparing for School

- Practice being flexible... they should work on how to handle the disappointment if they aren't first, didn't win, or didn't get what they want.
- Teach your child to struggle a little bit.
- Start to phase out nap time. Students will have breaks throughout the day but will not have a nap time.
- Practice helping your child to express themselves and their feelings so they can independently do it at school.

Focus Curriculum Areas

English Language Arts

- Whole and small group work
- UFLI, Heggerty
- Lots of reading materials at your child's level
- Rhyming, Sight Words
- Teacher assessments and individualized support
- Read alouds

Mathematics

- *enVision Math*
- Spiralling repetition of skills and concepts
- Hands-On - Manipulatives

Social Studies and Science

- Integrated through literature
- Various Activities
- Pearson





Helpful Hints...

- Communication folder and Pick Up Patrol
- Name tags, label everything
- Good size backpack to fit large items
- Be self sufficient in the bathroom
- No sharing food (no birthday goodies)
- Wear clothes and have snacks that students can use independently (practice belts, buckles, snaps, buttons)
- If you miss meeting the bus, child is returned to Bryantville or North
- Report cards and assessments (December, March, and June)
- Orientation: small groups

Supports and Resources Available

- ❑ Identical curriculum as other two elementary schools
- ❑ Classrooms self-contained with bathroom
- ❑ Social, Emotional, Behavioral Supports
 - Brenda Mannix, School Psychologist
 - Ilene Riley, Social Worker
- Reading and Math Supports
 - Intervention Programs - Lexia and IReady
 - Title One Supports - Ms. Erin Sharon
Mrs. Candace Psaros
 - English Language Learners - Mrs. Ashley Whye
- ❑ Targeted Screenings in Areas of Concern
 - Mrs. Marianne Christensen, Speech Language Pathologist
 - Mrs. Lynda Carey, Occupational Therapist
 - Mrs. Sarah Roberts, Physical Therapist



Transition Dates



Kindergarten Information Night - May 2

Kindergarten Screening

- Wednesday, May 29; Monday, June 3
- By Appointment Only
- Please select a time using the link sent to your email

Placement Letters

Classroom teacher placement mailed to you in early August

Kindergarten Orientation

- Wednesday, August 28
- Bring your child, tour the school, meet the teacher, visit the classroom, board the school bus.
- More details mailed to you in August letter

First Day of School - Thursday, August 29

What is Kindergarten Screening?

- ❖ Hearing/Speech Screening by Mrs. Christensen, Speech Language Pathologist
- ❖ Vision Screening by Mrs. Phillips, School Nurse
- ❖ Early Screening Inventory by Teachers
- ❖ Academic Readiness Skills by Ms. Erin Sharon, Reading Specialist
- ❖ Social / Play Opportunity with Peers and Teacher
- ❖ Family Interview with Mrs. Simmons, Principal



Classroom Placement Procedure

- ✓ Equal Heterogenous Rooms Balanced By:
 - ☐ Age
 - ☐ Gender
 - ☐ Demonstrated Abilities
- ✓ Screening Information
- ✓ Nursery/Preschool Information
- ✓ Parent Input Collected During Screening Interviews and Parent Questionnaire



Notes from the Main Office

Absences:

- All student absences must be reported to school.
- Absence Line: 781-293-5411
- Automatic Absence Call - even if you have already called

Dropping off Students:

- Students may not be dropped off at school before 8:07.
- Doors open at 8:07 for students to enter the building.
- All students not in their homeroom by 8:20 are considered tardy.



Transportation:

Bus passes are free to all students at the elementary level. Please be advised that:

1. A student may only ride their assigned bus home.
2. Students are not permitted to ride alternate buses for playdates.
3. All kindergarten students must be met at the bus stop by an adult.
4. Children will be returned to school should an adult not be present. If also a North bus, then your child will be returned to North Pembroke Elementary School and not Bryantville.



Notes from the Main Office

Parent Pickup:

- Pick Up Patrol - You will have an account to note any change in dismissal.
- Parent pick up students are called for dismissal at approximately 2:45 each day. Students must have a note stating that they are going to parent pick up.
- Early pick up must be done by 2:00.
- If you send a family member or neighbor to pick up your child, they must have an I.D. with them and you must notify the office of the change to dismissal prior to the child being picked up.

Daycare:

- If you have signed your child up for the afterschool program run by the YMCA or the Rec Center, please make sure you complete the dismissal form enclosed with teacher placement letter mailed in August.
- Your child will then be dismissed to the program at the end of the day.

Notes from Nurse Phillips



Communication:

- o Make your child's health concern(s) known to me.
- o Introduce yourself and your child.
- o Bring current signed healthcare provider orders.
- o All medication must be hand delivered by an adult.

Documentation of Immunizations and Physical Exams:

- o Please provide a copy of your child's most recent physical exam.
- o If warranted, provide an annual immunization exemption letter. ***Please note, without proper documentation your child will not be allowed to enter school.**

Food Allergies/Outside Food:

- o We follow a "no sharing, no trading" model.
- o If a class has a student with a nut allergy, the teacher will make parents/guardians aware to NOT send in nut containing snacks to be eaten in the classroom.
- o Nuts and nut products MAY be consumed in the cafeteria to be eaten at the classroom tables
- o Those students with nut allergies may choose to eat at the "nut free table" in the cafeteria.

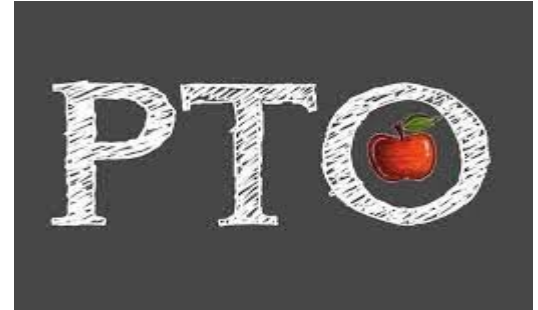
How Do I Participate in the School?

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is involved in enrichment fundraisers, family events and parent education.

For a list of current PTO board members and contact information check out their information on our web page: <https://www.pembrokek12.org/> . Click on the Community Tab on the Pembroke website. Then Click PTOs and Boosters to find the link for Bryantville PTO.

Check out their Facebook page: Bryantville PTO

Volunteer at School to help at fundraisers, family events, or in school help.



All volunteers must have current **CORI** on file. Please stop by the office to complete a CORI form. Don't forget to bring your driver's license.

Stay Connected to BES



- Pembroke Public Schools Website - www.pembrokek12.org
- Pembroke Public Schools App - Search Pembroke Public Schools
- Facebook Page - ***Bryantville Elementary School News***
- Broadcast Emails (Most important method of communication.)
 - PowerSchool you will automatically be signed up to receive Broadcast emails.
 - Please go to our website and under Community click on Broadcast emails.
 - Please follow the directions provided to receive additional notifications.

Other Resources Included in Packet

- More Tips on Preparing for School
- Preparing for Kindergarten w/Fine Motor and Gross Motor Activities
- Some More Information on Kindergarten Curriculum
- Books About Starting School
- Who's Who of Important People with Phone Numbers



THANK YOU!

We appreciate your time and consideration.
If you have any questions, please contact us.

- Bryantville Main Number: 781-293-5411
- Fax Number: 781-294-4662
- Attendance Line: 781-293-5411 and press 3
(report your child's absence 24 hrs a day)

