



Student and Parent Handbook 2024-2025

MALONEY INTERDISTRICT MAGNET SCHOOL
MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission at Maloney Magnet School is to become lifelong leaders by celebrating diversity and tolerance through academic and social success.

SCHOOL DAY HOURS

REGULAR SCHOOL DAY

8:35 am - 2:50 pm

(SPED PreK AM: 8:35-11:05, PM: 12:20-2:50)

EARLY DISMISSAL

8:35 am – 12:00 pm

(SPED PreK AM dismisses at 10:35, no PM session)

TWO HOUR DELAY

10:35 am – 2:50 pm No breakfast on delayed openings.

(SPED PreK no AM session)

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Maloney Main Office.....	203-574-8162
School Nurse.....	203-574-8309
<i>Ms. Emily Luna</i>	
Parent Liaison.....	203-574-8272
<i>Ms. Sandy Kenneson</i>	
Superintendent of Schools.....	203-574-8000

**Please refer to the Waterbury Public School District Website
for district policies. <http://www.waterbury.k12.ct.us>**

MALONEY SCHOOL STAFF

Mrs. Diane Bakewell.....Principal
Ms. Janet Phillips.....Vice-Principal
Mrs. Shanna Zawislak.....Grant Facilitator
Ms. Anna Perugini.....Secretary
Ms. Mandi Gadue.....Administrative Assistant
Ms. Sandy Kenneson.....Parent Liaison
Ms. Emily Luna.....Nurse
Vacant.....IT Specialist
Mrs. Stacey Gittings.....Before & After School Coordinator
Ms. Cierra Pedraza.....Cafeteria Manager

SPED PRE-K

Ms. Monica Aldag – Ms. Holly Pino, para
Ms. Lurbin Cacho-Zuniga (LTS)– Judy Biolo, para

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. Jennifer Bussey – Mrs. Lynn Goggins, Assistant
Mrs. Cheryl Couture – Ms. Elizabeth Caisguano, Assistant
Ms. Kelly Lund – Mrs. Denise Picard, Assistant
Ms. Jennifer Miller – Vacant

KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. Sara Fusco- Mr. Michael Rearson, Assistant
Mrs. Dana Irizarry – Mrs. Joan Daunis, Assistant
Mrs. Siohban Kalnins – Ms. Elizabeth Bussey, Assistant
Mrs. Erin McKeeman- Leah Zukauskas, Assistant

GRADE 1

Mrs. Lisa DiGiovanni
Ms. Jeanette Ferati
Ms. Kaylie Mecca
Mrs. Lauren Olsen

GRADE 2

Mrs. Leah Albert
Ms. Marny Fappiano
Ms. Hayley Gilmore
Ms. Andrea Strachan

GRADE 3

Mrs. Patience Fiore
Mrs. Karen Griffin
Mrs. Susan Maloney
Mrs. Daria Perrucci

GRADE 4

Mrs. Michelle Arzano
Mr. Jason Dombrowski
Mrs. Eneida Grazhdani
Mrs. Karen Silva

GRADE 5

Mrs. Katie Barbieri
Ms. Esther Colangelo
Mrs. Andrew Dunn
Mrs. Taylor Orsini

CURRICULUM TEACHER LEADERS

Mrs. Alzira Egan.....Writing Teacher
Mrs. Jennifer Hibbs.....Reading Teacher
Mrs. Erin Beltran.....Math Teacher
Mrs. Margaret Palomba.....Literacy Facilitator
Mrs. Stacey Gittings.....Reading Teacher

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Ms. Jamie Miller.....Special Education Supervisor
Ms. Angela Carbonella.....School Psychologist
Ms. Claudia Wickham.....Speech Pathologist
Ms. Katie Grendzinski.....Resource Room Teacher
Ms. Maria Padua.....Resource Room Teacher
Ms. Heather Murphy.....Hearing Impaired Teacher

SUPPORT SERVICES

Mrs. Dana Cancro.....School Counselor
Ms. Karen Mayo.....Social Worker

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Ms. Dawn Dzubay.....Instructional Tutor
Ms. Lillian O'Donnell.....Instructional Tutor
Ms. Bernice Dellacamera.....Instructional Tutor

ESL

Mrs. Maura Doran

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Mr. Donald Boland

ART

Mrs. Andrea LaFrance

LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALIST

Mrs. Holly Smith

MUSIC

Mr. Michael Cammarata

SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY

Mr. Brandon Strileckis

TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTION

Mrs. Maria Sasso

JAPANESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

Mrs. Kazumi Yamashita-Iverson

Mrs. Emiko Nomoto

PARAPROFESSIONALS

Ms. Erica Kelly

Ms. Fran Thornberg

Ms. Maria Davino

Ms. Carolyn Rutka

Mr. Peter Michelli

Ms. Lena Colon

Ms. Adelyn Melo

MAINTENANCE

Mr. Larry Hoffler

Mr. Dwayne Clementis

Mr. Donald Jacques

Mr. Lazarus Zimmerman

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Arrival:

- Bus students and walkers may arrive no earlier than **8:05 a.m.** Students are not supervised before this time. Breakfast program serves from 8:10 – 8:30.
- **GRADES K-5:** Parents who drive their children to school need to pull their car into a parking spot in the parking lot across the street from the school. The Crossing Guard is there to safely cross your child. You can also pull over to the left side of South Elm St. *Please do not pull into the front lot or the bus lane as this is a serious safety issue.*
- **PRE-K:** Drop off is at the back door in the rear of the building (Denny Street). Please pull over the right hand side of Denny Street. A staff member will greet your child at the car as they exit the vehicle. Please do not get out of your car.

Dismissal:

- **PRE-K:** Walkers are dismissed at the Denny Street door by the Pre-K classrooms.
- **KINDERGARTEN:** Walkers are dismissed from the gym at the side of the building.
- **GRADES 1 & 2:** Walkers are dismissed from the East Clay Street playground door. Parents will form a line so students are dismissed safely.
- **GRADES 3-5:** Walkers are dismissed from the door around the corner from the playscape in the front of the building. Parents will form a line so students are dismissed safely.

STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO MAKE A CHANGE IN THEIR REGULAR DISMISSAL UNLESS WE ARE NOTIFIED BY THE PARENT.

MEDIA COVERAGE

From time to time, media coverage (newspaper, radio, TV) of events taking place in our school is requested. This is an exciting and rewarding experience for most pupils. However, there may be parents who do not desire to have their child/children be a part of TV or newspaper for coverage of an event. *If so, please advise the school by giving indicating that on the notice that will be sent home; otherwise it will be assumed that your child may participate.*

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

This program is available on a limited basis to working parents. Please contact the program coordinator, Mrs. Stacey Gittings, for more information.

MALONEY SCHOOL PTO

Our Parent Teacher Organization contributes to our positive school climate by organizing activities such as book fairs, school pictures, holiday shopping and family nights. Their fundraisers help support field trips, in-house programs and many activities that enhance school pride. Parents are encouraged and welcome to participate in this organization by attending meetings and volunteering for activities.

CRISIS DRILLS

Crisis drills are held once a monthly as required by state law. Each month we hold one of the following: fire drill, lock down drill or shelter in place. Procedures for each drill are reviewed with the children by their teachers in the first week of school.

BUS INFORMATION

Students are not allowed to ride a school bus other than the one to which they have been assigned by the City Bus Coordinator.

Students are only allowed to ride the bus where the student resides. *For example, Waterbury students can only ride a Waterbury bus, Wolcott students can only ride a Wolcott bus.*

Durham Transportation- Waterbury....(203) 591-1847
All Star Transportation-Waterbury.....(203) 753-8366
Thomaston.....(860) 585-0011
Terryville/Plymouth.....(860) 585-0011
Wolcott.....(860) 879-1334
Naugatuck.....(203) 729-4500

LUNCH & RECESS

Lunch and recess are 20 minutes each. Recess is a part of our daily school program. It provides your child with an important break for fresh air, exercise and socialization. Recess is held outdoors unless it is raining or extremely cold, even during the winter months. All children participate in recess unless there is a medical reason for non-participation. In such cases, a doctor's note must be sent by the parent/guardian to the nurse.

FOOD AND ALLERGY PROCEDURE

Now more than ever, we have identified an increasing number of students with food related allergies. **IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL STUDENTS, CUPCAKES, CAKES, CANDY AND ALL FOOD ITEMS MAY NOT BE SENT TO SCHOOL TO CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS/CELEBRATIONS.**

Instead, you can send items such as pencils, stickers or small novelty items. Another suggestion is to donate a new book to the classroom library in your child's name.

HEALTH EDUCATION CURRICULUM

Students in kindergarten through grade 5 will receive health education lessons later this school year by the City Health teacher. You will receive notice closer to the dates that the lessons will occur. At that time, you can let us know if you do not want your child to participate.