

January 7, 2025

# Clyde Hill Elementary Kindergarten Information Night



Welcome!

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Office Hours

M T Th F: 7:30 am to 3:30 pm

Wednesday: 7:30 am – 1:00 pm

425-456-5000     <https://clydehill.bsd405.org/>

# Tonight's Agenda

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Clyde Hill Overview

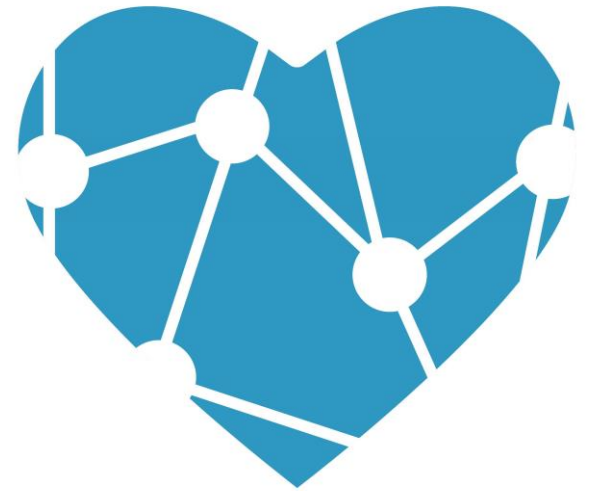
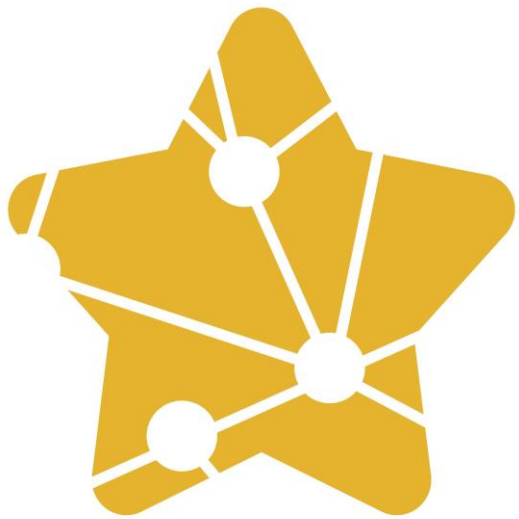
A Kindergarten Day

The Registration Process

Questions

# Bellevue School District Vision

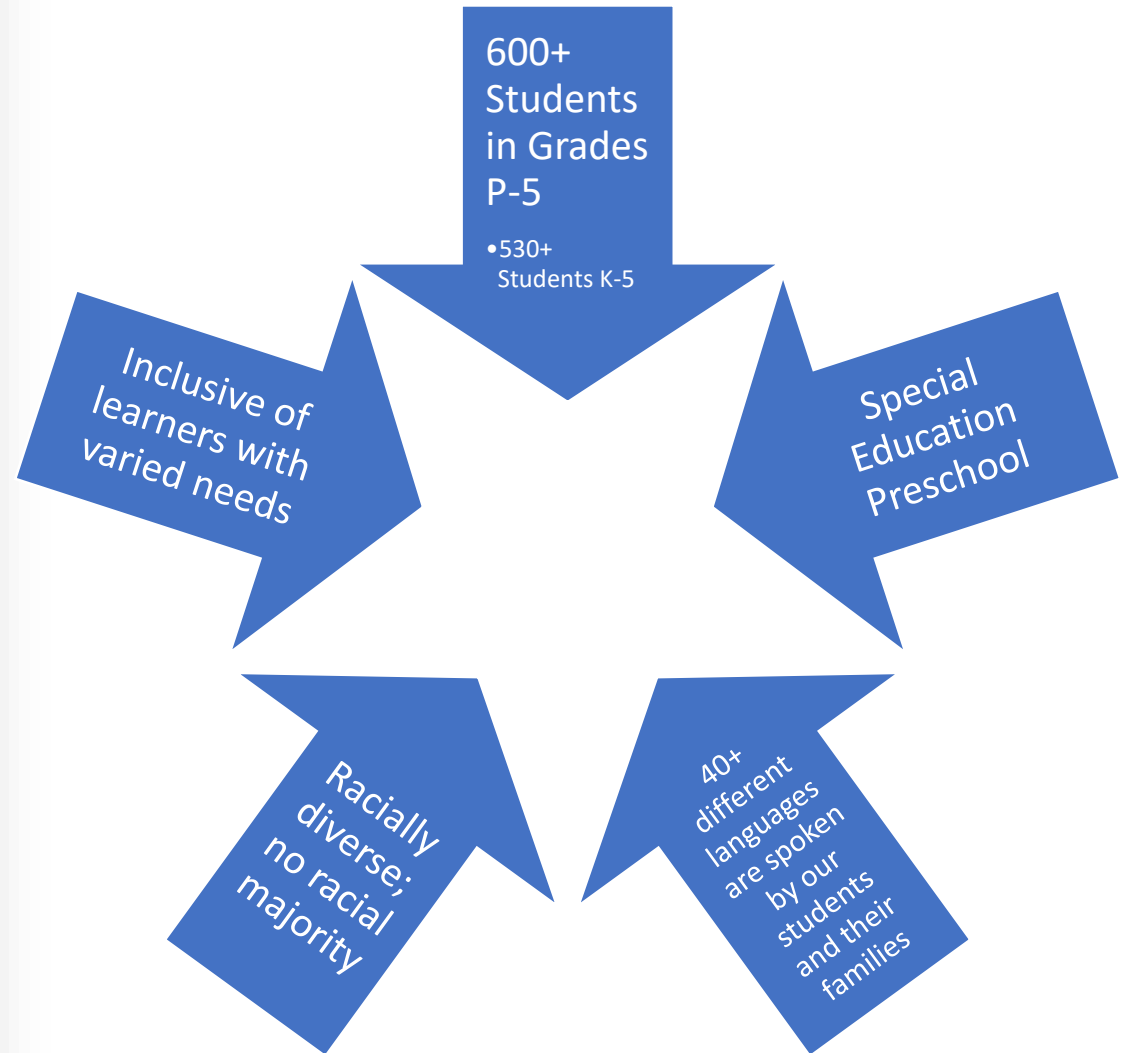
To affirm and inspire each and every student to learn and thrive as creators of their future world.







# Who is Clyde Hill Elementary?



# Kindergarten Eligibility

## August 31 vs. September 1-October 31

- Students must be five on or before August 31
- Students born after August 31<sup>st</sup> but before November 1<sup>st</sup> must go through the Early Entrance process

## Assessments for Early Entrance

- Assessments include cognitive, academic, and other school readiness measures

Call the Early Entrance Kindergarten at 425.456.4073 or [EEK@bsd405.org](mailto:EEK@bsd405.org) or for information or go to:

<https://bsd405org.finalseite.com/enroll/kindergarten/early-entrance-to-kindergarten>

Early entrance to kindergarten application for the 2025-26 school year, will open on March 1, 2025.

We will hold a TEAMS information meeting in February 2025. Check back in January 2025 for the date and time.





# WA Kids Assessment & Start of School

With the funding of full-day kindergarten, all schools now utilize the WA Kids assessment in Kindergarten.

This involves meeting with families prior to the start of school and ongoing observational assessment throughout the school year.

The first day of kindergarten starts three days *after* grades 1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> start.

The draft calendar for the 2025-2026 school year has been released on the BSD website. The first day of school is Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> for grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>. **Kindergarten will start on Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.**

# Kindergarten Curriculum

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- Common Curriculum
  - Literacy, Math, Science, Social Studies, & Social Emotional Learning
  - Specialists: Art, Music, Library, & PE
  - In-School Curriculum Enhancement
    - Thank you to our supportive PTSA, Parent Community, and Bellevue Schools Foundation
- Technology
  - SMART Boards
  - 1:1 Devices – iPads
  - Computer Science/STEM Resources





# A Typical Kindergarten Day



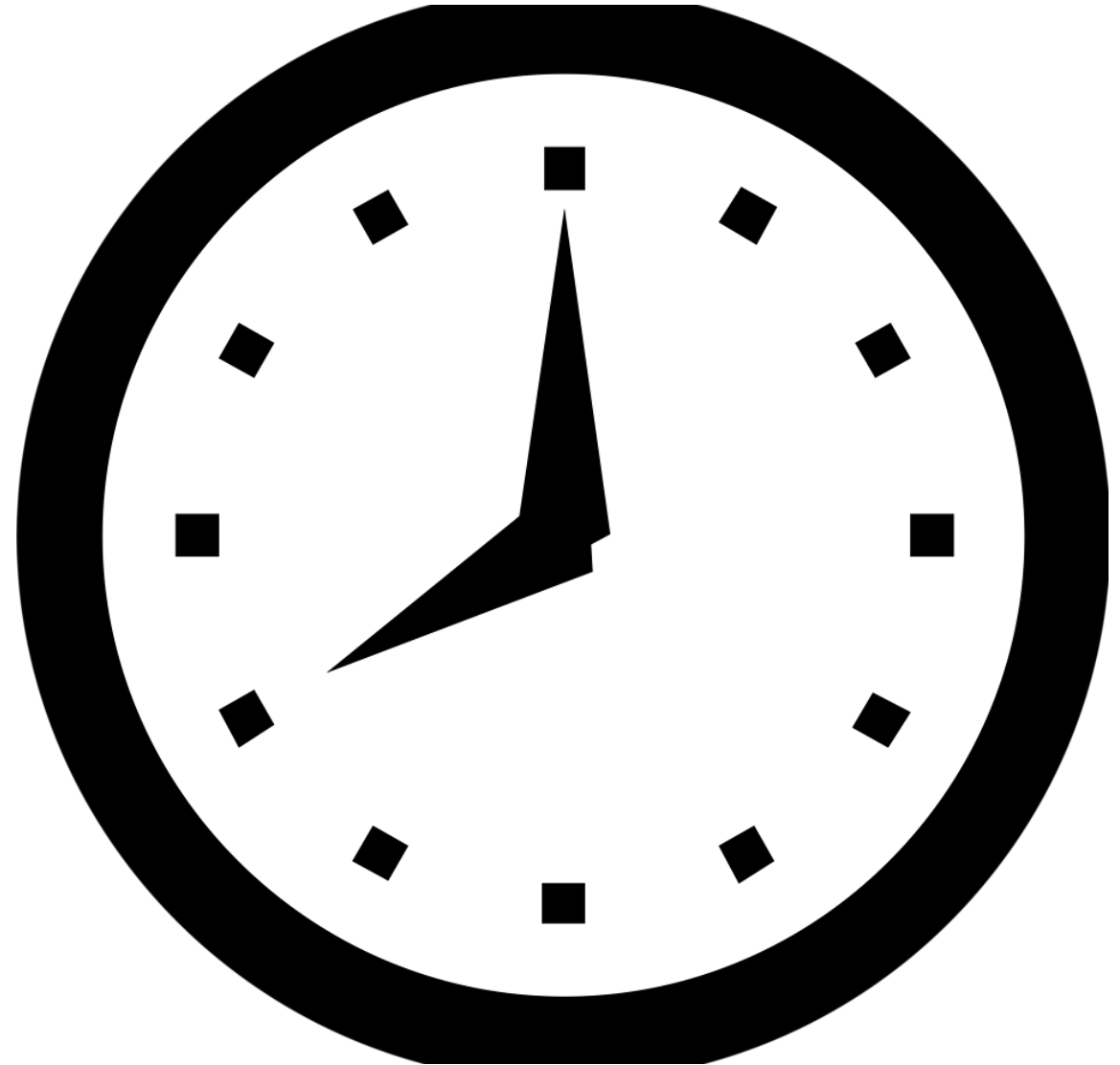
- Calendar
- Literacy: Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking
  - Includes Foundational Reading Skills
- Social Emotional Learning\*
- Snack
- Math
- Recess/Lunch – 20 minutes Recess and 25 minutes Lunch
- Science or Social Studies
- Specialist: Art, Music, PE, and Library
- Afternoon Recess
- Circle Time
- Dismissal

\*Note that social emotional learning is woven in throughout all subject areas but is also taught as a stand-alone subject as well.

# Attendance: School Starts at 8 AM

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- Each day of learning is essential to your child's progress and academic and social success.
- Please do not schedule vacations or other trips which take away from your child's learning.
- All students need to be in their classroom by 8:00am or they will be considered tardy. Regular, on time attendance in the early primary grades sets a pattern for students throughout their educational career.





# Lunch

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Students may bring lunch from home or receive a school lunch.

Lunch during the 24-25 school year is \$4.00.

- Breakfast is \$2.25.
- Milk is \$.50.

Families can apply for free/reduced priced meals online. We can help you with this!

Lunch is eaten in our “Cafe” and is supervised by our General School Assistant Team known as CCRs (Classroom-Cafeteria-Recess Teachers).

# Kindergarten Success

Build your child's independence: zipping coat, packing bag, cleaning up

- Follow two step directions
  - e.g. "First do \_\_\_\_\_, then do \_\_\_\_\_."

Build your child's confidence in talking and working with new people

- Talk with people such as librarians at the library
- Encourage your child to speak for them self



# Kindergarten Readiness

**Social** (Taking turns, Following directions)

**Emotional** (Separates easily, eager to learn) uses words to express needs

**Plays Games** (Taking turns, good winner/loser) sharing materials

**Health** (Manipulates clothing, toileting independently)

**Fine Motor** (Tying shoes, cutting, gluing, holding a pencil)

**Gross Motor** (Run, skips, hops, jumps)



Readiness  
Indicators  
Look  
Like....

*Note: Kids are on a continuum of development and do not show 100% proficiency in all areas. Students all have strengths and areas to encourage development.*

# How to Prepare!



- PLAY:
  - Games & Dramatic play
  - Stories & Puppets
  - Create with objects
  - Playdough, Scissors & Pincer Grasp
- TALK:
  - Model Naming Emotions
  - Describe Environment
  - Counting & Quantifying
  - Sounds & Rhyming
- SCHEDULE
  - Consistency
  - Clear expectations
  - Signs/Visuals







# Registration Process



## Registration will begin March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Registration is completed online.

Initial communication completing registrations is with the Bellevue School District's Student Placement Office.

Once registrations are complete, they are given to the school for placement.



## Register ASAP please 😊

WHY is earlier better?

Connect with families

Determine staffing







# How to Register

**All forms will be available online in fillable form beginning March 1st:**



# After School Childcare

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Information about Before and After School Care can be found on the BSD website at:  
<https://www.bsd405.org/programs-and-services/before-and-after-school-care>



**Right at School: On Site at Clyde Hill**

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**CONTACT US:**

[BGCBellevue.org/Programs](https://BGCBellevue.org/Programs)

Phone: 425-454-6162



# What if I have questions?

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**We are here to help you!**

- Clyde Hill Office 425-456-5000
- Bellevue School District website at [www.bsd405.org](http://www.bsd405.org)
- Email Clyde Hill Office Manager, Holly Westerberg: [westerbergh@bsd405.org](mailto:westerbergh@bsd405.org)

