Transitional Kindergarten & Kindergarten

Information Night - 2026

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Inspire. Empower. Lead.

Tonight's Agenda

1. Welcome - please fill out the **attendance sheet**
2. Handouts
3. Presentation
4. Questions
5. Tour of the building
6. School staff available for questions

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TK/ Kindergarten TEAM



Ms. Posey
TK



Ms. Emery
Kindergarten



Mrs. Martin
Kindergarten



Ms. Williams
Kindergarten

BURTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Burton Elementary

Leading with Kindness, Respect, and Empathy in Every Space, Every Day











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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
100 YEARS
1925-2025

- Leader in Me School + The Blue Jay Way
- TK - 5th Grade
- About 460 students
- PTA - Family Partnerships





Burton PTA - President Natalie Friedman

Burton PTA Mission

To enrich our students' experience and provide resources for our teachers and staff through fundraising, cultivating community, and supporting school and district initiatives.

FUNDRAISING	CULTIVATING COMMUNITY	SUPPORTING SCHOOL & DISTRICT INITIATIVES
	100 YEARS OF BURTON ELEMENTARY + OUR NEW SPACE	
	FUN RUN	
RESTAURANT NIGHT FUNDRAISERS		
	BACK TO SCHOOL BONANZA	
	WINTERFEST FAMILY SKATE NIGHT	
	BURTON CULTURE FEST	
	ICE CREAM SOCIAL	
	DIVERSITY EQUITY INCLUSION	
	FAMILY MATH NIGHT	
		MARCH IS READING MONTH
		REFLECTIONS
	TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK	
	CARING & SHARING	
	PTA FOUNDERS' DAY	
	OFF TO THE RACES/BERKLEY EDUCATION FOUNDATION	



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2025-2026

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Principal Information

We are so pleased you are interested in joining us for the 2026-27 school year!

Angell: Matt Provost

Burton: Lauren Fragomeni

Norup: Paul Yowchuang

Pattengill: Shamika Womble

Rogers: Katie Lewis

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Our Programs

Kindergarten

- All Schools

Transitional Kindergarten

- District program
- Location(s) TBD

- **Full day of learning, including:**
  - Independent learning
  - Whole group learning
  - Small group learning
  - Special classes: Gym, Art, Media, Music
  - Recess
  - Lunch in the gym/cafeteria
  - New flexible furniture!

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Kids’ Zone Latchkey

Before and after school care will be offered as follows:

- Berkley Schools Kids' Zone Latchkey Program
- Each section (AM & PM) must have a minimum of 18 students to run
- **New student enrollment window: May 22-29, 2026. Register at Berkley Building Blocks, forms are online:** www.berkleyschools.org/kidszone

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Academics

Reading and Writing
Math
Science
Social Studies
Special Subjects

- ✓Art
- ✓Music
- ✓Physical Education
- ✓Media Center (Library/Technology)
- ✓Optional: Spanish





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School Options for 4 Year Olds

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What is the Transitional Kindergarten program?

- Specialized District program to meet the academic and social development of students who are not quite ready for regular Kindergarten
- **Placement is a joint decision** between families and principals; A guided discussion will include:
  - readiness skills
  - stamina/attention span
  - preschool experience
  - academic skills
  - birthdate
  - level of independence



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If you are considering Transitional Kindergarten, your child should be attempting to…..

- Work on dressing themselves, including zipping coats and tying shoes
- Take turns and share
- Keep hands to themselves
- Sit quietly to listen to a short story

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If you are considering Kindergarten, your child should be able to…..

- **Work on dressing themselves, including zipping coats and tying shoes**
- **Take turns and share**
- **Keep hands to themselves**
- **Sit quietly to listen to a short story**
- Separate from parents without becoming upset
- Use the bathroom independently
- Use a pencil
- Say and write first and last name
- Tell city, state, and phone number
- Draw some form of a person
- Count to 10 and recognize numbers to 5
- Recognize colors and shapes
- Familiarity with all letters (upper and lower case); recognize at least half
- Color, cut and glue appropriately

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Potty Training

Resources for support

It is expected that students entering TK/Kindergarten are potty trained prior to the start of school. Families are encouraged to support this developmental milestone at home.

Our classrooms are not equipped to change diapers or pull-ups.

Here are resources to assist:

- **Oakland Family Services - Early Childhood webpage**
- **greatstartoakland.org/resources**
- **Potty Training with Ms. Rachel on YouTube**
- **HealthyChildren.org**
- **SesameStreet.org** (search keyword potty)

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Does my child qualify for Transitional Kindergarten & Kindergarten?

- Must be 5 years old by **September 1, 2026**
- Transitional Kindergarten may not be available in all buildings. Locations are determined on District-wide needs after enrollment window has closed.
    - If a TK program is held in the child's home/neighborhood school, and there is more interest than space, a lottery will take place for TK placement.
        - Overflow students will be assigned to another school for TK.
    - Students will return to their home/neighborhood school for Kindergarten if they do not attend TK in their neighborhood school.
- What is a waiver? Why would I need one?
    - If I sign a waiver, I am saying my child is ready for **Kindergarten**.
    - Waivers are required for students who have a birthday between September 2 and December 1 and wish to enroll in TK and Kindergarten.
    - No student can enroll for TK or Kindergarten if they turn 5 after December 1, 2026.

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Registration is Online!

For Berkley School District Residents

- Enrollment Window – **February 2-13, 2026**
- www.berkleyschools.org/enrollment
- Enrollment takes place **online**, including uploading required documents
  - Dental screenings are now required, in addition to health screenings, vision and hearing screenings and immunizations
  - Berkley Schools requires all documents to be turned in, including immunization records, **prior to school starting**. If your child won't be able to have their 5 year old physical/immunizations prior to school starting, contact the Central Enrollment Office.
- A school summary for your preschool will be sent after registration is completed.

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Important Registration Information

Enrollment & Documentation Notes from Central Enrollment

- The enrollment process starts on February 2. Please wait until then to register.
- Child's birth certificate is required. We cannot accept a "verification of birth" paper.
- Mortgage & tax statement must be original - not escrow statements - and the most recent statement
- The two bills provided must be in either parent/guardian name, including address, company name and recent date on the statement
- Parent/guardian that fills out the enrollment forms must provide their ID
- Upload all documents at once, if at all possible
- Paperwork must be new - cannot be from previously enrolled siblings
- Please upload all documents through the enrollment portal, not via email
- Health documents can be uploaded later if physicals, vaccines, etc. take place during the summer. **All vaccines must be completed by the first day of school.**
- Call 248-837-8026 with questions

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Schools of Choice Program (Non-residents)

- Transitional Kindergarten through 5th grade – based on space availability
- Open to all Berkley Schools elementary schools
- Oakland County resident
- **Application Window: February 9 - 27, 2026**
- Berkley is a walking district; Transportation not provided
- Building preference is not guaranteed
- SOC students remain in BSD through graduation
    - Unless there is a break in enrollment

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Transitional Kindergarten & Kindergarten Round-Up Dates

Angell – Thursday, May 14, 2026

Burton – Thursday, May 21, 2026

Norup International – Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Pattengill – Thursday, May 21, 2026

Rogers – Tuesday, May 19, 2026



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Watch this video welcoming you to the Berkley Schools from Superintendent Scott Francis and learn more about the enrollment process.



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Bond Work

2025-2026 construction projects to enhance facilities and learning environments:

- Elementary Cafeteria/Multi-Purpose Additions at Angell & Rogers
- Gym Updates at Angell & Rogers
- Many Updates at Berkley High School: Auditorium, Black Box Theatre, New Field House + New Outdoor Fields, Expanded Parking
- Updates to Hurley Field at AMS + Parking
- Middle School Gyms & Locker Rooms

What's already completed?

- New Furniture in All Classrooms & Media Centers
- New Classroom Technology & Sound
- Multi-Purpose Additions at Burton & Pattengill
- New science labs at BHS
- Pool upgrades at BHS

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Stay Informed!

Many ways to know what's happening in the Berkley Schools

- Weekly District eNewsletter, *The Berkley Beat*
- Weekly school eNewsletter
- Classroom notes from teachers
- Facebook @BerkleySchools
- Instagram @BerkleySchools
- PTA social media + emails
- District & school website

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Questions?

Thank you for attending!

Don’t forget to sign in and let us know what your preference is for next year.



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