

Welcome to Cedar Trails Elementary

Parent Orientation for

2026/2027

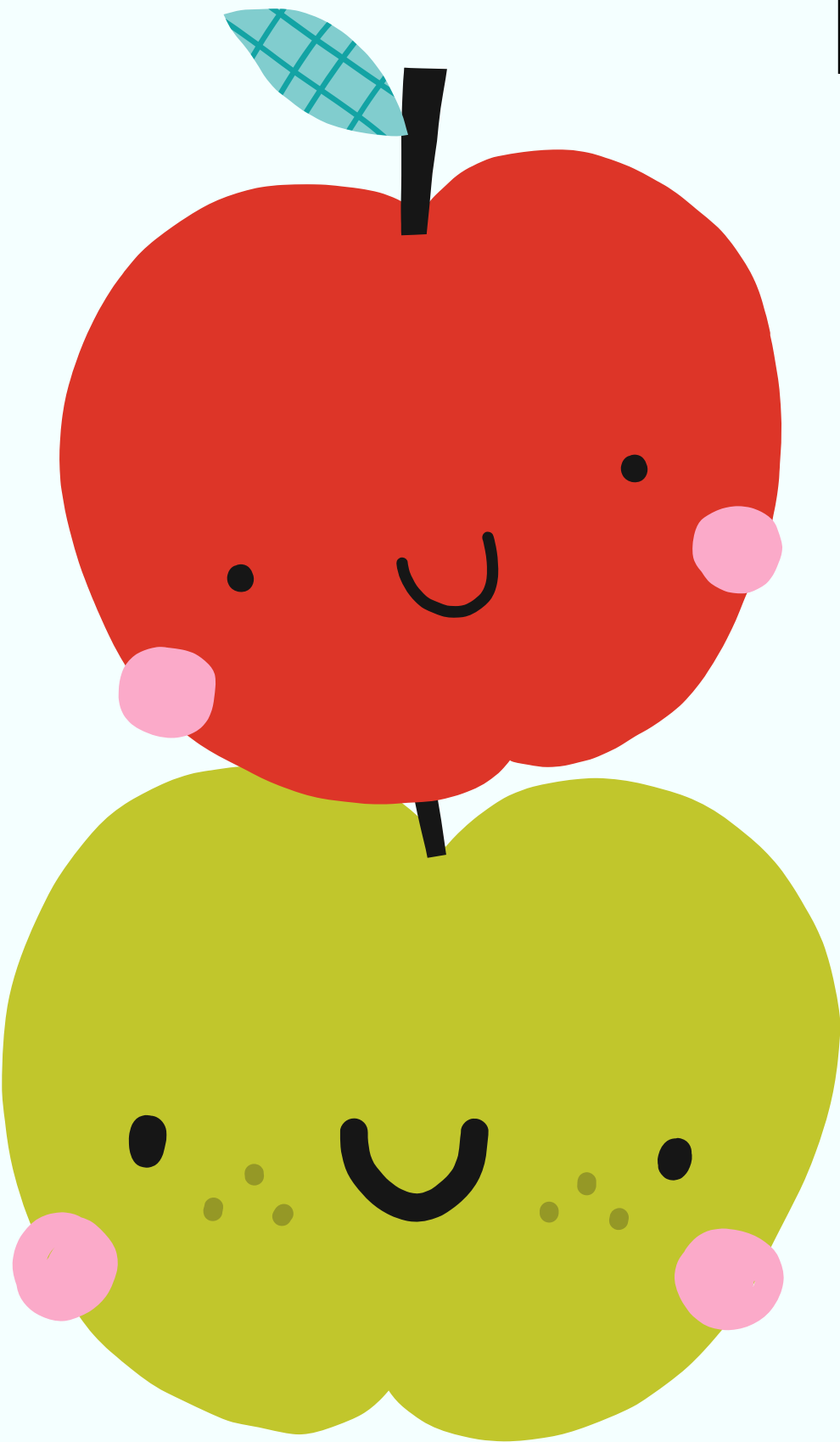
January 28th, 2026
Kindergartners

While you wait...

Follow our PTSA on



Tonight's Plan:



- Meet the office team (minus a few...sorry) & learn who is who and who does what
- Hopefully ease some jitters
- Get a LOT of kindergarten information
- Get questions answered
- Receive next steps (HOMEWORK)

Introductions...

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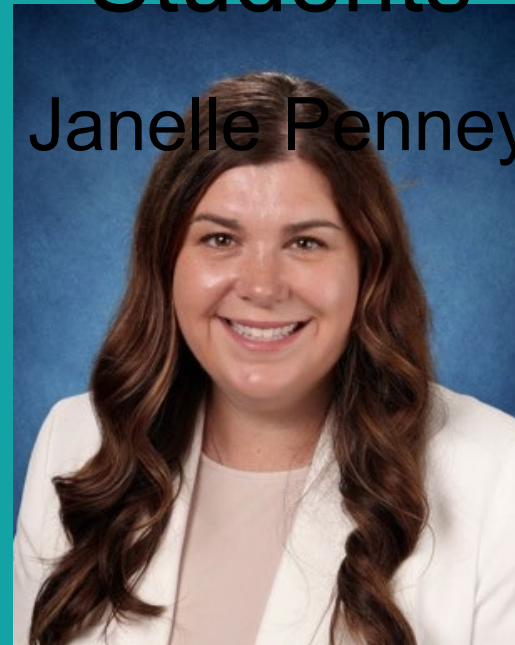
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Principal



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Registrar &

Attendance Secretary

Dolores D'Alo



Nurse

Cassie

Kuver



Health Room

Specialist

Ann Stout



Introductions...

Counselor & Principal Intern

Megan Larson



Family Partner Liaison

Wenli Mithal



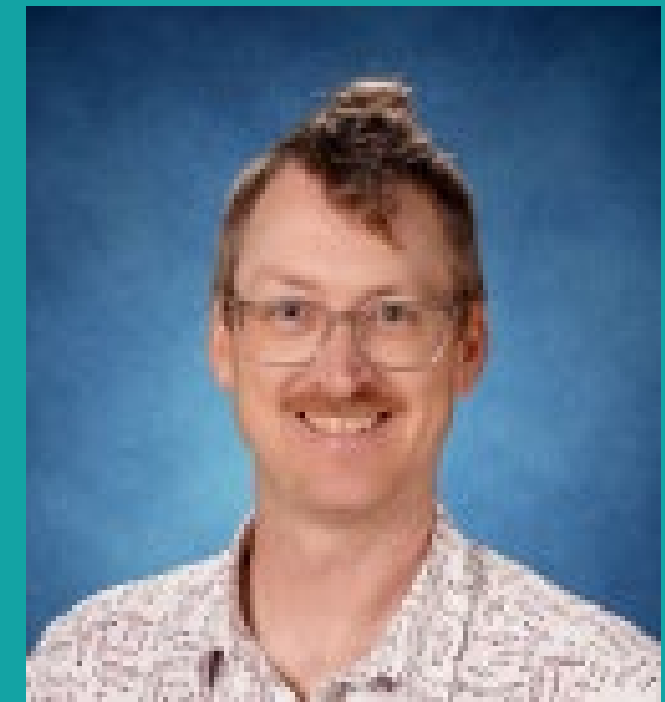
PTSA President

Kasey Trefethen



Wolf Club (BASC)

Jeff Womack



Contact

Information...

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Tera Coyle	Principal	Coylet@issaquah.wednet.edu 425-837-6501
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Dolores D'Alo	Registration & Attendance	Dalod@issaquah.wednet.edu 425-837-6509
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Ann Stout	Health Room Specialist	Stouta@issaquah.wednet.edu 425-837-6551



KINDERGARTEN

FULL Day K..HOORAY!!!

State Funded Full Day Kindergarten

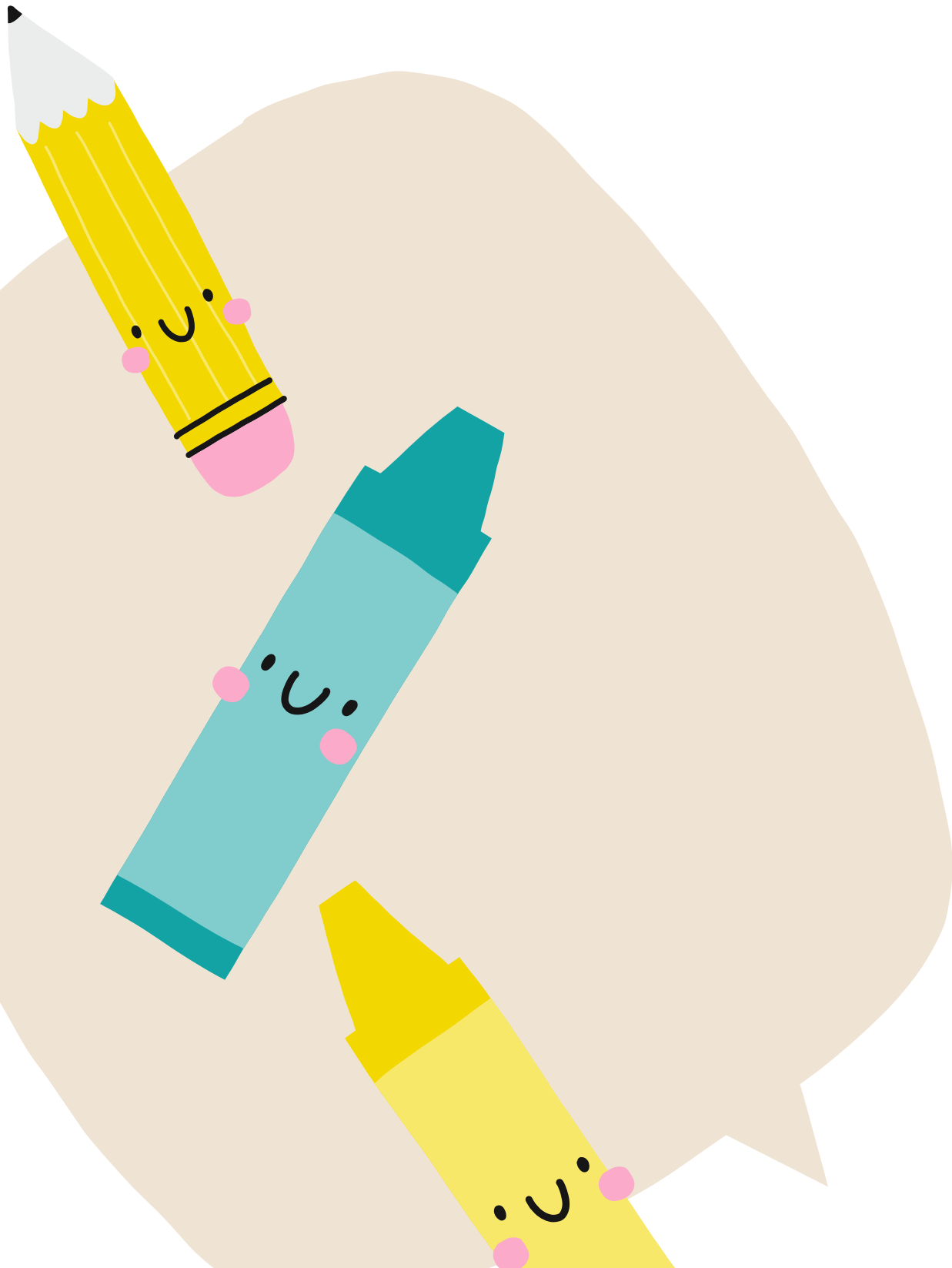
- No cost to families
- Provides maximum learning opportunities for students
- Offers full access to specialists (PE, Music, Library)
- Developmentally appropriate and student centered
- Integrated content with rich, hands-on experiences
- Based on rigorous standards
- State requires full day kindergarten be available to all students



1/2 Day Options...

Parents may opt for a 1/2 day

- Students will be placed in full-day classroom in the morning for first three hours of the school day
- Transportation is provided in the morning, but parents must transport at the end of the half-day





Full-Day Kindergarten

Every student, every classroom, every day

Student centered, hands-on learning experiences promoting creativity

Deep knowledge of child development	Rich learning environments	Balanced and aligned curriculum	Assessment of and for learning
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Engaging Interactions and Integrated Content

Washington Learning Standards for Kindergarten

Emotional Skills	Math	Communication Skills	World Language	Science	Large Motor Skills	Arts
Health	Approaches to Learning	Social Skills	Physical Education	Social Studies	Literacy	Small Motor Skills

DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE AND ACADEMICALLY RIGOROUS

High Quality Instruction

Planning and preparation

Kindergarten is a transition year!

Sept – Oct

Looks & Feels

more like Preschool

Transition

through

KINDERGARTE

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May - June

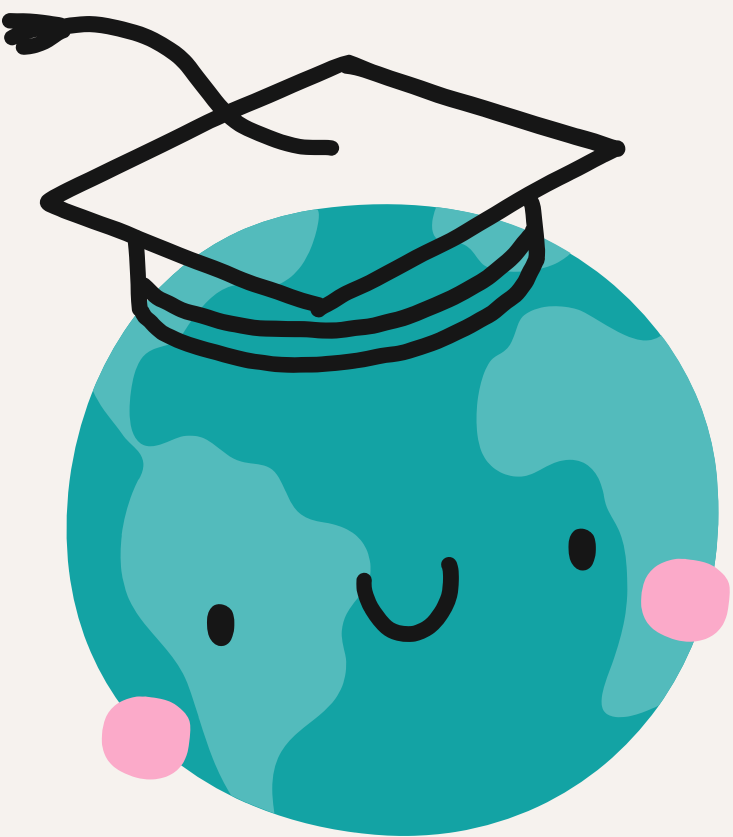
Looks & Feels

more like 1st

Grade

Dual Language Kindergarten Program

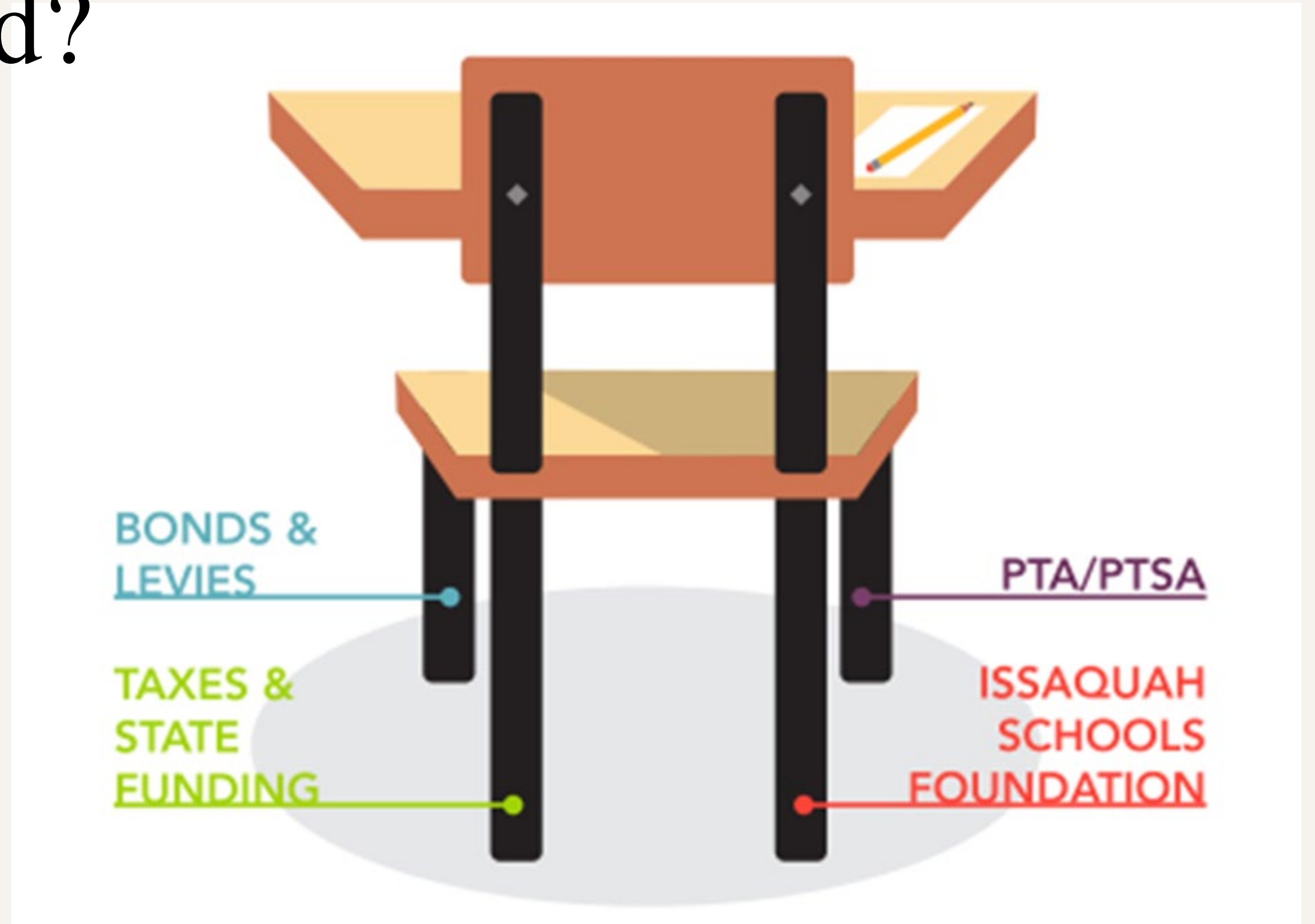
- Spanish/English
- Housed at Issaquah Valley Elementary (IVE)
- No transportation provided
- Enrollment priority is provided to families living within the IVE school attendance area and siblings of current students in the program
- NOT likely that there will be openings for any Cedar Trails students, but there is a lottery, and the district is tracking interest for possible future sites
- See Dual Language option in the kindergarten registration portal for more information on this program





**SCHOOL
FUNDING**

How are Schools Funded?



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Taxes & State Funding

- State pays for BASIC education with state school levies/taxes. This does **NOT** cover everything a district needs to operate.

Bonds & Levies

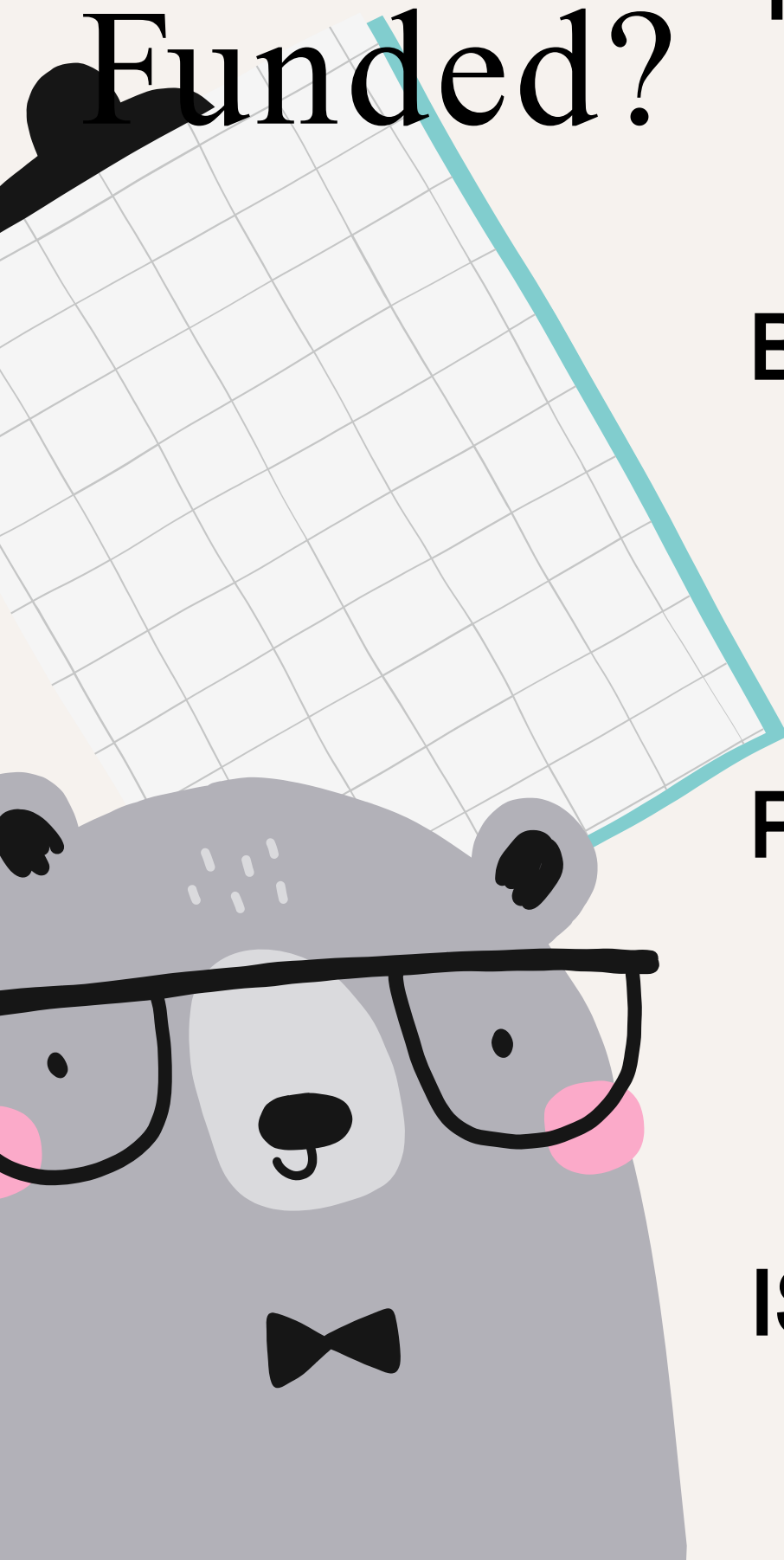
- Bonds/Building (new school construction, land purchase)
- Levies/Learning (renovations, technology, safety, buses)
- Must be approved by local voters

PTSA (Parent-Teacher-Student Association):

- Non-profit that raises money to fund art, technology, field trips, library books, playground equipment, STEM & cultural activities, assemblies

ISF (Issaquah Schools Foundation):

- Supports programs that benefit all ISD students (includes grants)



Visit our website
www.cedartrailsptsa.org



PTSA



Follow our Facebook page **Cedar Trails Elementary**

PTSA (Parent-Teacher-Student Association)

The PTSA is the oldest child advocate institution in the country and works at all levels (school, district, state and national). The Cedar Trails PTSA continues to strengthen our school/family partnership by providing the following:

- Participates annually in the National Reflections Contest
- Supported teachers & staff with snacks or meals during their teacher workdays throughout the school year and provided a cookie exchange before the holidays
- Planned and threw multiple school wide events including Fall Festival, Bingo & Brownies, After School Movies, End of the Year Celebration and the Festival of Cultures!
- Brought Spirit Wear to the Cedar Trails community
- Organized a large-scale fall fundraiser "Fun Run" that earned our PTSA over \$30,000 in donations to help our kiddos
- Arranged for a food drive that collected 365 pounds of food for the Issaquah Food Bank
- Held several Scholastic Book Fairs and are looking into doing another book fair in the spring!
- Facilitated a reading program which encourages reading stamina for our readers
- Funded \$6,000 of teacher enrichment grants, one of which included an in-person author visit for our students
- Our art docent program brings art projects into every classroom via our parent volunteers

How can you help?

- Become a member- Join PTSA; we are only as strong as our community, and YOU make our voice stronger
- Donate - Without donations none of these things would be possible
- Volunteer - Everything we do is run by parent volunteers like you. We know that not everyone can do everything, but we ALL can do something!

PTSA (Parent-Teacher-Student Association)



Join the PTSA!

art docents
YEARBOOK
DEN DASH
CEDAR TRAILS CARES
Fall Festival
POPCORN FRIDAYS

Summer Send Off
school supplies
library volunteers
School volunteers
Staff Appreciation
EAGER READER
BOOK FAIR
food drive
after school movies
room parents
5th grade yard signs
Festival of Cultures
Woolpack at the Park

BINGO & BROWNIES
gift-a-book
spiritwear
playdates
Stem Fair
ENRICHMENT GRANTS
Dining for Dollars
Reflections
Art Walk

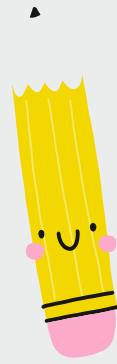




2026/2027

What's to come...

NOW through SUMMER



Get Ready for Kindergarten



Tips from the teachers...

- Follow school supply lists (soon to be published)
 - Box of 24 crayons (96 might be tempting, but NO thank you)
 - Say YES to Ticonderoga, but no to any other brand of pencil
 - Backpack that fits a lunch box & a folder (practice using backpack ~ placing items in/out, putting on/off, zipping closed)
- Try out some public bathrooms (waiting in line, flushing, using bathroom INDEPENDENTLY, latching door, wiping, etc.)
- Snap, button, zip



Get Ready for Kindergarten continued...

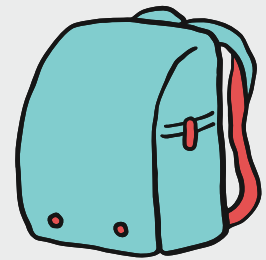


Tips from the teachers...

- Demonstrate how to wait your turn (example: grocery store line)
- Work on modeling promptness with your child(ren) (arriving to school ON TIME is VERY important)
- READ TO YOUR CHILD
- Start prepping your child for the bus ride...
 - Pointing out buses this spring
 - Visit bus stop prior to first day of school
 - Start talking about the bus ride and that you'll pick them up after school at the bus stop
 - Sign up for the kindergarten bus ride that happens over the summer months

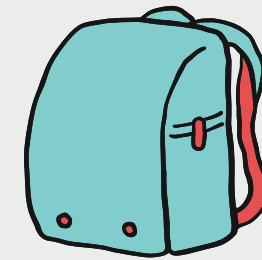
August/September

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Family Connection Meetings

August-September



First 3 days of school, classroom teacher meet with each kindergarten family (including student)

- Thursday, August 27th
- Friday, August 28th
- Monday, August 31st

4th day of school is first day of school for kindergarteners

- Tuesday, September 1st

NOTE: Save the date for Curriculum Night (parents ONLY) on Wed., 9/9/26 @ 6 pm

September/October

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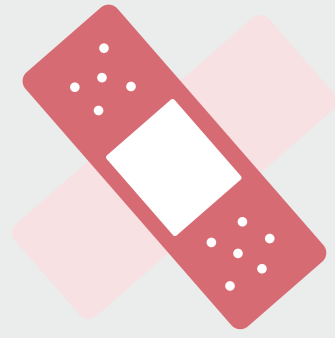
Whole Child Assessment



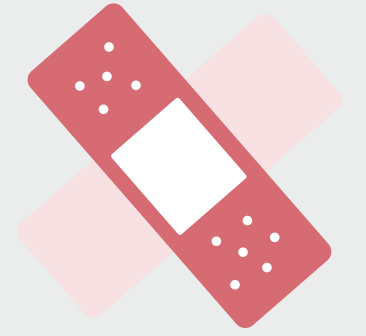
- Kindergarten teachers observe children during everyday classroom activities
- Helps teachers find out what each child knows and can do at the beginning of the year
- Inventory taken of each child's developing skills in six areas (social emotional, physical, cognitive, language, literacy, & mathematics) -



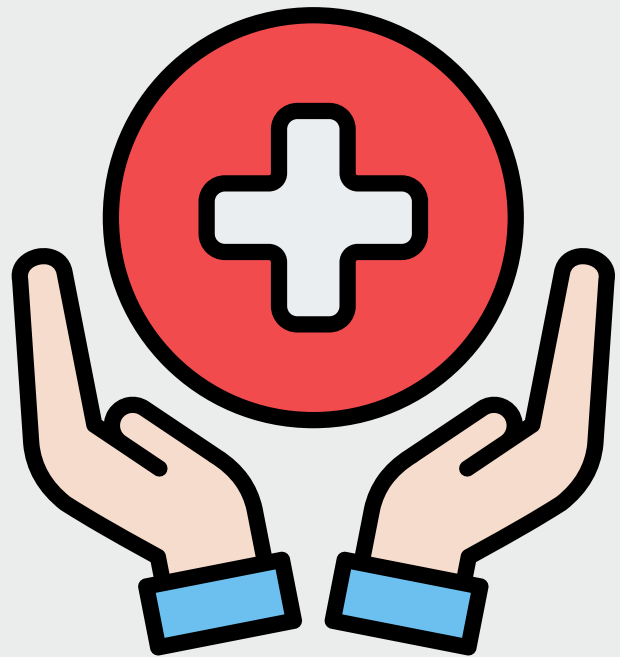
Nurse & Health Room



Health Conditions Questionnaire



- If your child has any health condition that could be considered life -threatening such as asthma, food allergies, seizures, diabetes...
 - According to the law, your child must have an emergency health plan, which includes medication orders from your child's health care provider in place before he/she can attend school.
- Forms will be sent to families after review of the Confidential Emergency Health Information by Nurse.



Immunization Laws for Washington State

- All incoming kindergarten students must have all immunizations the student is eligible for before the first day of school .
- If they do not have all their required immunizations, they will not be able to start school .
- Immunizations must be printed on the CIS card from the state registry OR physical copy of CIS card signed off by LHCP OR physical copy of CIS with accompanying medical immunization records from LHCP OR a CIS printed from [MyIR](#) . A flier with these options is in each student's blue folder that you will be collecting from the office at the Pre screener.
- Further information regarding this is on the District's website.



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Minimum Vaccines Required for Kindergarten Attendance

- All boosters required for kindergarten can be given on or after the 4th birthday.
- Records are reviewed on an individual basis as needed.
- Physician verification of a history of varicella disease, or blood test (titer) showing immunity to varicella is acceptable(Chickenpox)
- If exemption from immunizations is desired, a meeting with the nurse is required.
- **ALL STUDENTS MUST BE COMPLIANT TO START KINDERGARTEN.**





Wolf Club

Before & After School Care
(BASC)



Wolf Club

Before & After School -Age Care

Serving K-5th Students



Site Manager, Jeff Womack: womackj@issaquah.wednet.edu

Days of Operation:

Monday - Friday

Note: School break services are available through a separate registration process.

Program Hours:

6:30 am to Start of School

End of School to 6:30 pm

Note: There is no care provided during the school day for ½ day kindergarten students.

Locations:

All 16 Elementary Schools

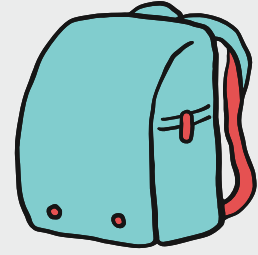
Learn More:

www.isd411.org/programs-services/basc

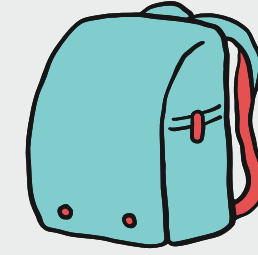
- The Before & After School - Care Program (BASAC) provides a positive environment for children to grow socially, emotionally, and intellectually under the guidance of our well -trained team. We offer diverse activities to meet the interests and skill levels of our participants, including STEM, cooperative games, community service learning, art, and cooking.
- During non -school time, children will be able to access many areas of our school, including the gym, playground and commons (lunchroom). In addition to our well stocked club rooms, we provide a designated homework time, AM/PM snacks, family nights, enrichment activities, school break care, and summer day camps.



Parent Homework



Parent Homework



- Sign up for [District and Cedar Trails E -news](http://www.isd411.org/about-us/announcements/signup), www.isd411.org/about-us/announcements/signup
- [Online Registration](#) opens February 2nd (upload required documents: Child's Birth Certificate, Immunization Record, Lease, PSE bill, parent ID)
 - Paper registration packets available in the office if needed; address documents required to pick up packet
- Pre-K Screener for entering kindergarteners (April/May dates, TBD), SIGN UP via SignUpGenius later this Spring (must have submitted enrollment to get email invite)
- Pick-up **Part 2** of the Registration Packet at the school office during your child's Pre-K Screener appointment (Note: if you attended the meeting you received this packet at the meeting)
- Sign up for BASC ([Wolf Club](#)) or find an alternate child-care plan if needed
- Transportation “Invitation to Ride” mid-August, needs registration online
- Medications turned into the Health Room by mid-August

DEADLINE for all medical forms and medication: August 14th



Need Help?

Family

Partner

Liaison



Welcome Families!

My name is Wenli Mithal, your Family

Liaison
I am part of the ISD Equity, Belonging & Family Partnership Department. We host information sessions for families with a wide variety of topics throughout the school year. Family Partnerships-Issaquah School District 411. If you need interpretation, we arrange to host these sessions in your preferred language.

How can I help you?

- Help new families with registration and other online forms.
- Answer questions about your school, the district or the school system.
- Connect you with community resources and programs.
- Support you to connect and communicate with school and district staff.



Feel free to contact me (I speak English & 普通話)

Office: 425.837.7106 :: Cell: 425.651.5205 :: Text: 978.252.3686



Welcome to Kindergarten

This event is designed for families that are NEW to US public schools!

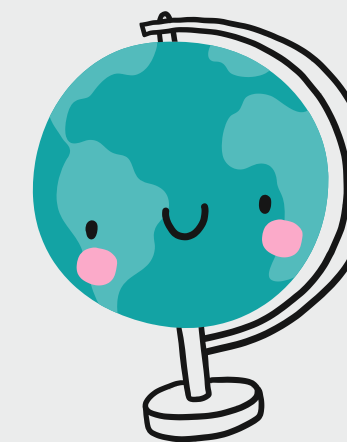
When: Wednesday, March 9, 2026 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Where: ZOOM ~ Presentation in English, Espanol, & 普通話

Who: All parents and caregivers of 2026/2027 incoming kindergarten students.

What: Information will include:

- Kindergarten preparedness
- General school day information
- Transportation
- Immunization
- On-site before & after school care program
- Differences between school systems in US vs. some other countries



If you need interpretation in another language (한국어, 日本語, русский or Tiếng Việt) or have any questions, please contact Lorna Gilmour gilmourl@issaquah.wednet.edu



Completing forms & Communicating With the School

**Please let any school
staff know if you
need help
completing
registration or if you
have any questions.**



Hello **Hola** **안녕** **xin chào** **привет** **مرحبا** **你好**
こんにちは

We can help you in your language!
Please let us know if you need an interpreter or a document translated into your language—at no cost to you.
English

¡Podemos brindarle asistencia en español!
Por favor háganos saber si necesita un intérprete o un documento traducido a su idioma. Este servicio es gratuito.
Spanish

Мы можем помочь вам с переводом на русский язык!
Сообщите нам, если вам нужен устный перевод или перевод документа на ваш язык—**бесплатно для вас.**
Russian

Chúng tôi có thể giúp quý vị bằng tiếng Việt!
Xin cho chúng tôi biết nếu quý vị cần thông dịch viên hay cần phiên dịch tài liệu qua ngôn ngữ của quý vị—**được miễn phí.**
Vietnamese

我們可以用中文向您提供幫助！
請告訴我們您是否需要我們向您提供免費口譯員服務或將文件翻譯成您使用的語言。
Chinese

Waxaan kugu caawin karna Soomaaliga!
Fadlan noo sheeg haddii aad u baahan tahay fujubaan ama in dokumeentiga laguugu fujubaano luqaddaada—**iyadoo aanay wax kharash ah kaaga bixin.**
Somali

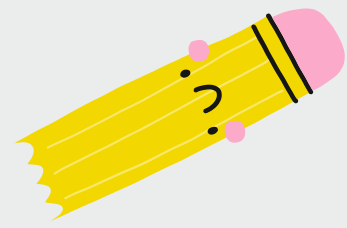
Ми можемо надати вам інформацію українською мовою!
Якщо вам потрібен перекладач або переклад того чи іншого документу українською мовою, просимо повідомити нам про це—**послуга безкоштовна.**
Ukrainian

يمكننا مساعدتك باللغة العربية!
يرجى إعلامنا إذا ما كنت بحاجة إلى مترجم فوري أو إلى ترجمة مستند إلى لغتك، دون تكلفة عليك.
Arabic

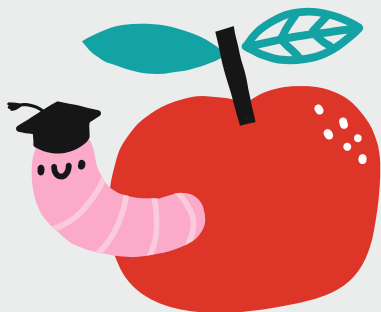


Next Steps

Next Steps...



- **Starting February 2nd:** Complete Online Enrollment including the uploading of required documents. Enrolling early = accurate numbers for staffing!
- Sign up for the Pre-Kindergarten Screener (via email invite from SignUpGenius.com ~ April/May)
- Sign up for school and district e-news communication on www.isd411.org/aboutus/announcements/signup
- Follow Cedar Trails PTSA on Facebook and watch the PTSA webpage now and throughout summer
- BREATHE



Questions

&

Answers



**Questions that only pertain to YOUR child should
be e-mailed to the appropriate staff member!**

Thanks for understanding!