

# Welcome to Creekside Elementary!

Kindergarten Registration Night for  
the 2026-2027 School Year



Class of 2039



# Resources and Sign In

- Please sign in to receive up to date information!
- Please grab the following resources from the sign-in table:
  - Kindergarten Readiness
  - Kindergarten Timeline 2026
  - 2 Handouts from Nurse - Welcome to Your New School 2026-2027 and How Sick is Too Sick for School Documents



# Introductions

- Amy Allison, Principal
- Patti Skurski, Assistant Principal
- Sarah Auckland & Vanessa Targioni, Attendance & Registrars
- Eryn Belles, Nurse
- Kylie Massey, School Counselor
- Wenli Mithal, Family Liaison
- Amy Miller, PTSA President



# School Counseling at Creekside Elementary

In a comprehensive school counseling program, counselors design and deliver services directly and indirectly for their students to address academic, personal/social, and college/career needs based on national standards. School counselors help students manage emotions, apply interpersonal skills, and plan for postsecondary options. Counselors also deliver **classroom lessons**, facilitate **small groups**, offer **short-term counseling**, connect students with outside resources, and collaborate with families, school staff, and community members for student success.



Learn more on  
the district  
website!

## Topics the school counselor supports...

- ✓ Emotion regulation
- ✓ Conflict resolution
- ✓ Making/keeping friends
- ✓ Executive functioning
- ✓ Anxiety
- ✓ Self-advocacy
- ✓ Self-esteem
- ✓ Coping skills
- ✓ Family changes
- ✓ Grief/loss



I'm Mrs. Massey!  
I'm here for  
EVERY kid!



**CREEKSIDE**  
— ELEMENTARY SCHOOL —

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#### Schools

- Cascade Ridge, Cedar Trails ,Challenger, Creekside, Discovery, Endeavour, Sunny Hills

#### Hills

- Beaver Lake Middle, Pine Lake Middle, Skyline High

## Welcome Families, My name is Wenli Mithal, your Family Liaison.

I am part of the ISD Equity, Belonging and 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 program
- Support you to connect and communicate with school and District staff

# Creekside PTSA

- **Volunteer**
  - Once: Vision/Hearing Screening, Picture Day, Field Day, & PTSA Events
  - Multiple Times: Art Docents, Clubs, Chairs, Lost & Found, Yearbook
  - Weekly: Library, Art Lead, PTSA Board
- **Organize**
  - Art Docent program, library volunteers, room parents
  - School and PTSA Volunteer Opportunities
  - Staff Appreciation
  - Otterwear
  - Yearbooks
  - Otterthon
- **Fund**
  - Additional paraprofessional hours
  - Teacher & staff grants
  - Supplementary educational equipment & activities, like assemblies and Creekside Art Program
  - Events like Halloween Bash, STEM Night, Talent Show, and End-of-Year Party
  - Clubs and enrichment activities, like Math Club, Chess Club, Toastmasters, Reflections, and Spelling Bee
  - Some financial support for Creekside families

**Questions? Contact [creeksideptsapresident@gmail.com](mailto:creeksideptsapresident@gmail.com)**

Creekside Elementary  
**PTSA**<sup>®</sup>  
*everychild.one voice.*<sup>®</sup>

**JOIN THE  
PTSA**

# Creekside Fun Facts

- Approximately 530 students
- School was built in 2010
- Colors: Blue, Silver, Brown
- Mascot: Otter (Ollie the Otter)



# What does Kindergarten look like at Creekside?

- Approximately 19 students per class
- 4 teachers
- Students have reading, writing, math, science/social studies, and purposeful play every day
- Each week, students have 2 classes of physical education (PE), 2 classes of music, and one library class.



# Kindergarten Day

- All students get Full Day
  - 9:15 am - 3:45 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays
  - 9:15 am - 1:30 pm on Wednesdays
- If you want Half Day - indicate on online enrollment
  - 9:15 am - 12:15 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays





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## Kindergarten Readiness

### Independence and Health Skills to Develop Before Starting School


- ✓ Uses the toilet, washes hands, and blows nose independently
- ✓ Packs backpack and puts on coat and shoes independently
- ✓ Opens snack and food containers and eats independently
- ✓ Start a consistent bedtime and morning routine before school starts




**All children grow at their own pace. They all have unique strengths and skills to work on!**

Use this as a guide to identify opportunities to learn and grow. Students will continue to work on these skills in kindergarten!

## Social and Emotional Development


- Shares ideas and takes turns
- Names or identifies feelings
- Keeps trying when things feel hard and asks for help, if needed 
- Suggests solutions to problems

## Language and Communication


- Uses words to express wants, needs, thoughts, and feelings
- Remembers and retells an experience
- Takes turns in conversations 
- Follows one and two-step directions

If you have concerns about your child's development, talk to your preschool teacher, pediatrician, or contact Issaquah ChildFind at 425-837-7197 [ChildFind@issaquahwednet.edu](mailto:ChildFind@issaquahwednet.edu)

## Early Literacy

- Enjoys stories and knows how to turn pages in a book
- Knows some letters and letter sounds
- Writes the letters in their first name
- Claps syllables in words and engages in rhyming activities 
- Holds a pencil with 3-point finger grip

## Mathematical Thinking

- Counts 10 items accurately 
- Knows basic colors and shapes
- Sorts objects in different ways
- Compares quantities and uses words such as "more" and "less"



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TOGETHER

2025-2026

## Set Expectations

- Be a role model by showing your child a positive attitude about school and learning.
- Talk with your child about going to kindergarten and answer any questions they might have.
- Talk about how you expect them to behave at school and the importance of respecting teachers, students, and other staff.

## Practice Skills at Home

- Read to your child and tell stories daily – in English and/or your home language!
- Find the math in daily experiences (count, sort, name shapes, compare object, etc.)! Count or sort toys, laundry, food items...anything and everywhere!
- Teach your child their full name and practice writing their first name.
- Use everyday situations to practice taking turns, sharing, and following routines.
- Get plenty of exercise and spend time outdoors every day!
- Talk about feelings and help with calm-down strategies (such as taking deep breaths or counting). Help them use words to name feelings and solve problems.
- Encourage them to solve problems independently (try different ways). If needed, help them come up with solutions. Celebrate their efforts when they keep trying when things feel hard!





# Kindergarten Timeline

Kindergarten  
Parent Night  
January 29<sup>th</sup>  
(at Creekside)

Kindergarten  
Registration  
February 2<sup>nd</sup> to  
March 13<sup>th</sup>  
(online)

District Kindergarten  
Night Zoom  
Meeting  
March 9th

Kindergarten  
Screening  
April/May  
(at Creekside)





# Kindergarten Timeline cont'd

PTSA Kindergarten Playdates  
July/August  
(at Ebright Park)

Enrollment  
Verification Process  
August  
online



Kindergarten Bus  
Ride Along  
August 11  
(at Issaquah High  
School)

Meet the Teacher  
August 26<sup>th</sup>  
(at Creekside)





# Kindergarten Timeline cont'd

Family Connection Meeting  
(Scheduled during the first 3 days of  
school at Creekside, no school for K  
on the first 3 school calendar days)  
August 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup>

Curriculum Night  
September  
(at Creekside)



First Day of Kindergarten  
September 1st





# ♥ Welcome to Kindergarten



**When:** Wednesday, March 9, 2026 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm

**Where:** Zoom – Presentations in English, Español and 普通話 [Register for the event](#)

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

**What:** Information will include:

- Kindergarten preparedness
- general school day schedule (lunch and recess)
- classroom general information
- transportation
- immunization
- on-site before and after school care program
- differences between school systems in US vs some other countries

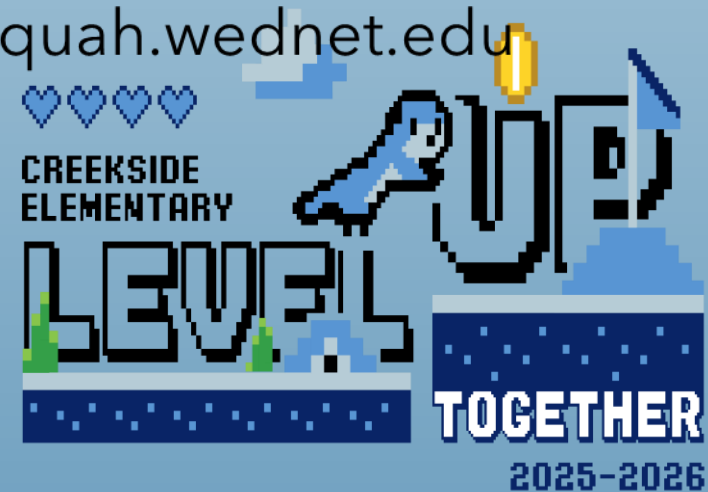


The event is designed for families **new to US public schools.**

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](mailto:gilmourl@Issaquah.wednet.edu)

# Kindergarten Registration

- Online through Qmlativ
- February 2<sup>nd</sup> through March 13<sup>th</sup>
- Earlier the better!
- Help us spread the word!
- Video tutorial
- Need help? Contact our registrars!
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# Online Registration Process

- To enroll a student in kindergarten for the 2026-2027 school year, a child must turn 5 years old by August 31, 2026.
- **Required Documentation:** Parents/Guardians are required to provide, and return, the following documents to their neighborhood school to finish the registration process:
  - Parent identification
  - Proof of birth date (birth certificate or passport)
  - ONE of the following Residency Documents:
    - Home purchase papers or property tax statement
    - Mortgage Statement
    - Lease/Rental agreement (original) on company letterhead.
    - Renter's Insurance Policy
    - Current Utility or Cable Bill
- You have successfully completed the kindergarten registration process when the online registration is completed and your neighborhood school has received all required documents.



# Kindergarten Screener in April/May

- Purpose
  - Assist in making appropriate class placement
  - Baseline/snapshot of PreK skills
  - Letters, sounds, sight words, numbers, counting
- No prep needed
- Quick - 10-15 minutes, on site at Creekside
- Watch for email end of March/beginning of April, once enrollment application is complete



# PTSA Playdates

TBD



# August 11 - Bus Ride Along

- Visit the ISD Kindergarten Transportation webpage to register!
- **Route Information:** New students registered in the ISD by August 1<sup>st</sup> will be able to get route information by the end of August. Go to the ISD Transportation website for route information.



# Enrollment Verification

- August 2026
- You do not have to complete EVP for Kindergarteners who completed registration in (February/March).
- EVP is required for all returning students (including siblings) for the 2026-27 school year.



# Meet the Teacher - Great time to get a picture!

- August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- Typically in the morning
- Students are encouraged to attend
- Drop of school supplies
- Look for more details in our Weekly Bulletin and on our website when it gets closer



# Family Connection Meetings

- An opportunity for families and the child to connect with the classroom teacher.
- During the first 3 days of school for grades 1-5
- August 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup>: Watch for an email in mid-August to sign up
- Grades K-5 teacher names will be available through Qmlativ end of August



# Stay Connected!

- Sign up for the Weekly Bulletin
- We utilize text messages and emails to communicate with families. If you are not receiving text messages, you can sign up by texting "yes" or "Y" to the number 67587 from the cell phone number that is listed in your Family Access account.

**Sign Up for the Weekly Bulletin**

Thank you for your interest in keeping in touch with the CED and its school! Please note, parents, teachers and staff are not allowed to post on Facebook or to share information on our website. If you are a parent, please contact your child's teacher for more information. If you are a teacher, please contact your principal for more information.

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First Name:

Last Name:

Email Address:

Please select all schools you wish to receive this newsletter from:

**School District:**

Sequoyia School District

**Elementary Schools:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Apollo Elementary	<input type="checkbox"/> Claymont Elementary
<input type="checkbox"/> Bristow Elementary	<input type="checkbox"/> Redwood Elementary
<input type="checkbox"/> Cascade Ridge Elementary	<input type="checkbox"/> Sand Ridge Elementary
<input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Grove Elementary	<input type="checkbox"/> Sequoyia Middle Elementary
<input type="checkbox"/> Challenge Elementary	<input type="checkbox"/> Upper Hill Elementary
<input type="checkbox"/> Clark Elementary	<input type="checkbox"/> Woodland Elementary
<input type="checkbox"/> Cluger Ridge Elementary	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunnyside Elementary
<input type="checkbox"/> Creekside Elementary	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunset Elementary

**Middle Schools:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Beaver Lake Middle School	<input type="checkbox"/> Woodland Middle School
<input type="checkbox"/> Cluger Mountain Middle School	<input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Cascade Middle School
<input type="checkbox"/> Sequoyia Middle School	<input type="checkbox"/> Pine Lake Middle School

**High Schools:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Cluger High School	<input type="checkbox"/> Liberty High School
<input type="checkbox"/> Sequoyia High School	<input type="checkbox"/> Wayne High School



# Curriculum Night

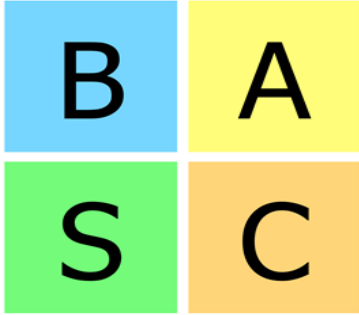
- Early September
- Watch for an announcement in the Weekly Bulletin mid-August
- Parent-only event



# Additional Information

- School Supplies (on website in August)
- School Lunch (sign up for My School Bucks, menus on district website) – work with your child to memorize their lunch number





**ISSAQUAH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **DAYS OF OPERATION**

**MONDAY – FRIDAY**

*School break services are available through a separate registration process*

## **PROGRAM HOURS**

**6:30 AM – school start**  
**School end – 6:30 PM**

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

## **LOCATIONS**

**All 16 Elementary Schools**

# **SCHOOL AGE CARE**

## **SERVING K-5 STUDENTS**

The Before and After School Care Program (BASC) 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 out of school time, children will be able to access many areas of our schools, including the gym, playground, and multi-purpose room. In addition to our well stocked club rooms, we provide a designated homework time, morning and afternoon snacks, family nights, enrichment activities, school break care, and summer day camps.

## **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

[www.isd411.org](http://www.isd411.org)

Programs and Services ->  
Before and After School Care ->  
Registration Information

## **QUESTIONS?**

Email Michelle Morrison  
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# Kindergarten Immunization & Health Concerns

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# Immunizations & Life-Threatening Health Conditions

*Requirements for Incoming Students*

**2026-27 School Year**



# Proof of Immunization Required

- New students need to provide a **medically verified immunization record** at the time of registration.
- A medically verified record can come directly from:
  - The **Washington State Immunization Information System (WAIS)**.
  - A medical clinic or office where immunizations were given
  - Pharmacy records of immunizations given
  - Another state's or country's formal immunization database
  - Immunizations verified by the State Dept.



# Required Immunizations for K-6 Students

- 5 doses of DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus & pertussis) given in the appropriate time frames
  - 1 Tdap for students 7th grade and above
- 3 doses of Hepatitis B, given in the appropriate time frames
- 4 doses of polio (IPV) given in a specific time frames
- 2 doses of MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) given in the appropriate time frames
- 2 doses of varicella given in the appropriate time frames

# Missing Doses

- If students are missing doses, they will need to get **all the doses they are eligible** to receive **before** starting school.
- They can then attend school in a **Conditional Status** until the minimum valid date of the next vaccine is reached.
- They then have 30 calendar days to turn in documentation of having received the dose.
- This continues on until all vaccines have been administered and documented.

## Example

- If a child has all their immunizations except the 2-dose MMR series, and they get dose 1 of MMR the day before school starts (and it is documented with the school that day) the child can enter school because...
  - Dose 2 of the MMR cannot be given until 28 days after the first dose.
  - Beginning on day 29 after the first dose, the child has 30 days to get MMR dose #2.


# Exemptions

## Parent and Child's Provider signatures

- Medical Exemption
- Philosophical/Personal Exemption
- Religious Exemption

## Religion restricting care from medical professional

- Religious Membership Exemption


**Certificate of Exemption—Personal/Religious**  
 For School, Child Care, and Preschool Immunization Requirements

Child's Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate (MM/DD/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTICE:** A parent or guardian may exempt their child from the vaccinations listed below by submitting this completed form to the child's school and/or child care. A person who has been exempted from a vaccination is considered at risk for the disease or diseases for which the vaccination offers protection. An exempted child/student may be excluded from school or child care settings and activities during an outbreak of the disease that they have not been fully vaccinated against. Vaccine-preventable diseases still exist, and can spread quickly in school and child care settings. Immunization is one of the best ways to protect people from getting and spreading diseases that may result in serious illness, disability, or death.

**Personal/Philosophical or Religious Exemption**  
 I am exempting my child from the requirement my child be vaccinated against the following disease(s) to attend school or child care. (Select an exemption type and the vaccinations you wish to exempt your child from):

PERSONAL/PHILOSOPHICAL EXEMPTION*			
<input type="checkbox"/> Diphtheria	<input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis B	<input type="checkbox"/> Hib	<input type="checkbox"/> Pneumococcal
<input type="checkbox"/> Polio	<input type="checkbox"/> Pertussis (whooping cough)	<input type="checkbox"/> Tetanus	<input type="checkbox"/> Varicella (chickenpox)
<i>*Measles, mumps, or rubella may not be exempted for personal/philosophical reasons per state law</i>			
RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION			
<input type="checkbox"/> Diphtheria	<input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis B	<input type="checkbox"/> Hib	<input type="checkbox"/> Pneumococcal
<input type="checkbox"/> Polio	<input type="checkbox"/> Pertussis (whooping cough)	<input type="checkbox"/> Tetanus	<input type="checkbox"/> Varicella (chickenpox)
<input type="checkbox"/> Measles	<input type="checkbox"/> Mumps	<input type="checkbox"/> Rubella	

**Parent/Guardian Declaration**  
 One or more of the required vaccines are in conflict with my personal, philosophical, or religious beliefs. I have discussed the benefits and risks of immunizations with the health care practitioner (signed below). I have been told if an outbreak of vaccine-preventable disease occurs for which my child is exempted, my child may be excluded from their school or child care for the duration of the outbreak. The information on this form is complete and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent/Guardian Name (print) Parent/Guardian Signature Date

**Health Care Practitioner Declaration**  
 I have discussed the benefits and risks of immunizations with the parent/legal guardian as a condition for exempting their child. I certify I am a qualified MD, ND, DO, ARNP, or PA licensed in Washington State.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Licensed Health Care Practitioner Name (print) Licensed Health Care Practitioner Signature Date

MD  ND  DO  ARNP  PA Washington License # \_\_\_\_\_

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**RELIGIOUS MEMBERSHIP EXEMPTION**  
 Complete this section ONLY if you belong to a church or religion that objects to the use of medical treatment. Use the section above if you have a religious objection to vaccinations but the beliefs or teachings of your church or religion allow for your child to be treated by medical professionals such as doctors and nurses.

**Parent/Guardian Declaration**  
 I am the parent or legal guardian of the above-named child. I affirm I am a member of a church or religion whose teaching does not allow health care practitioners to give medical treatment to my child. I have been told if an outbreak of vaccine-preventable disease occurs for which my child is exempted, my child may be excluded from their school or child care for the duration of the outbreak. The information on this form is complete and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent/Guardian Name (print) Parent/Guardian Signature Date

# Is My Kindergartener Too Young?

Children can receive their school immunizations at age 4. Contact your healthcare provider to schedule your appointment.



# Where Can I Get My Child Immunized?

- Your child's healthcare provider
- WithinReach, Family Health Hotline:  
800-322-2588  
<http://www.withinreachwa.org/>
- Community Health Access Program:  
206-284-0331 or 800-756-5437  
<https://kingcounty.gov/en/dept/dph/health-safety/health-centers-programs-services/access-outreach-program/community-health-access-program>
- Your school nurse is a resource for you if you need assistance



# SUMMARY of IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION

- Your student may register for school, **but MAY NOT attend school until provider-verified immunizations** have been received and validated by the school nurse.
- The child must have all immunizations they are eligible to receive prior to starting school.
- Or there is a **Certificate of Exemption** on file signed by the parent AND the licensed healthcare provider.



# Notify the School if your Child has a Life-Threatening Health Condition such as:

- Allergy requiring an EpiPen™
- Insulin-dependent Diabetes
- Severe Asthma
- A Seizure disorder
- A Cardiac condition
- Adrenal Insufficiency
- Other conditions

# Why does the school need to know?

- If your child has a life-threatening condition, **WA state law** says there must be an **emergency care plan and any associated medication** in place in the school building **before the child can attend school**.
- This is to keep the student safe in the event they experience a medical emergency during the school day.
- If your child has a life-threatening condition, let the school nurse know:
  - School Care Plan signed by provider, parent and RN
  - Medication prescribed by provider with ISD paperwork

# Questions?

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