



Welcome Class of 2039!!

Hello! I'm...



Paula Shaw, House
Principal Pre-K and
Kindergarten



Greg Plantner,
Head Principal



Amanda Musselman,
Associate
Superintendent

Tonight we will cover:

- Teacher introductions
- Overview of our Portrait of a Lifelong Learner
- Discuss our kindergarten program options
- Share information about:
 - WES PTA
 - Project Link
- Registration Process

This is our team!



Mrs. Nixon

Years of Teaching: 12
Degree in Early Childhood
Education from Ohio
University & Masters in
Curriculum and Instruction
from University of Akron



Miss Matejcik

Years Teaching: 1
Degree in Early Childhood
Education from Kent State
University
Reading Endorsement K-12



Mrs. D'Ettorre

Years Teaching: 33
Degrees in Elementary
Education & Early Childhood
Education & Masters in
Curriculum and Instruction
from Bowling Green State
University

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Mrs. Harmon
Years Teaching: 23
Degree in Early Childhood
Education & Masters in Reading
from Baldwin-Wallace College



Miss Fischer
Years Teaching: 6
Degree in Early Childhood
Education from Kent State
University



Mrs. Hammer
Years Teaching: 10
Degree in Early Childhood
Education & Masters in
Reading from Ohio
University

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Miss Obral

Years Teaching: 11

Degree in Early Childhood Education
from Kent State & Masters in Special
Education from Walden University



Miss Giangrasso

Years Teaching: 5

Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood
Education from Kent State University &
Masters in Curriculum and Instruction
from Western Governors University



Ms. Zkiab Years

Teaching: 23

Masters in Early Childhood
Education from John Carroll
University

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Mrs. Diso

Years Teaching: 19

Degree in Early Childhood Education & Masters degree in Educational Technology from Baldwin Wallace University



Mrs. Morris

Years Teaching: 20

Degree in Elementary Education from the University of Maryland & two Masters degrees in Elementary Reading & Math and Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment from Walden University

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Mrs. Abfall

Years Teaching: 28

Degree in Elementary and
Special Education from Bowling
Green State University, Master's
Degree in School Psychology
from Kent State University



Mrs. Shepard

Years Teaching: 8

B.A. K-12 Art Education
The University of Akron

MAEd Elem. Education
K-12 Reading Endorsement
Ursuline College



Mrs. Lucius

Years Teaching: 2

B.A. PK-3 Early Childhood
Education
The University of Akron

M.A. Elementary Education with
Literacy Focus
K-12 Reading Endorsement
The University of Akron

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Mrs. Haworth
School Counselor
11 years in School Counseling:
Masters of Education in School
Counseling from CSU
Licensed K-12 School Counselor



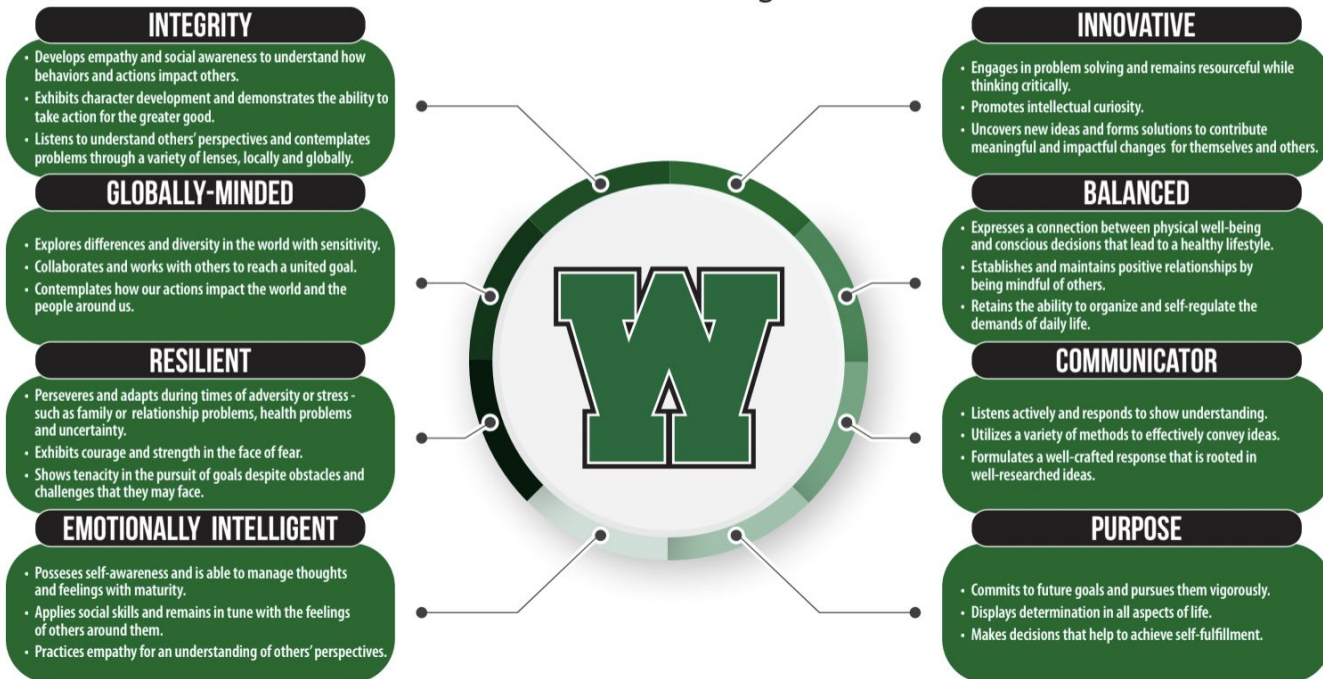
Mrs. Gallo
Years Teaching: 14
Degree in English. Licensed in
7-12 Language Arts, TESOL
Endorsement for PreK-12, and
Certified as a Wilson Dyslexia
Practitioner. Has been teaching at
the elementary level for 11 years.



Miss Baird
Years Teaching: 5
Degree in Early Childhood
Education/Early Childhood
Intervention Specialist from
Youngstown State University and a
4/5 Endorsement from Walsh
University

WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS

Portrait of a Lifelong Learner



Westlake Elementary School (WES)

Kindergarten
House



27555 Center Ridge Road, Westlake, OH 44145.

WES Main Office: 440-250-1200

Kindergarten is all housed together in the same one-story wing.

Our Kindergarten Program Options

Half-Day Program

- State Required Minimum Offering
- AM or PM Sessions

- State KDG Standards
- Curriculum
- Specials
- Highly Qualified Teachers
- Parent Partnership

Full-Day Program

- Tuition-based
- Additional time within day for:
 - Reinforcement of curriculum
 - Practice
 - Intervention
 - Extension
- Lunch, recess, and snack

Kindergarten Readiness

Academics

- Read to your child
- Play games
- Sort objects (by color, size and shape)
- Count
- Have your child follow multi-step directions

Fine Motor

- Drawing
- Coloring
- Writing letters/numbers
- Putting puzzles together
- Practice using scissors
- Name writing

Socialization

- Give your child opportunities to play with other children
- Turn taking
- Model sharing
- Expressing feelings & needs

Independence

- Take on/off coat
- Use the toilet
- Wash hands
- Buttoning
- Zipping pants
- Tying shoes

What can you do at home?

At home:

- Read together
- Encourage your child to express their feelings
- Develop clear expectations and consequences

Talk:

- Talk positively about kindergarten
- Encourage your child to speak in complete sentences

For School:

- Send children in comfortable clothing
- Provide a big backpack without wheels

To Do:

- Provide routines that create healthy habits
- Develop independence
- Communicate consistently with teacher

Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports (PBIS)

The Fab 4

- Be Kind
- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be Safe

School Counseling Program



WES PTA Welcomes You!



- **WES PTA** is a powerful voice for every student.
- Become a member and be a part of an **incredible community** promoting the collaboration and engagement of families and educators while advocating for the well being of every WES child.
- As a member, you can **directly support** PTA programs, events, community service efforts and our school, as well as network with other WES families through *PTA sponsored Summer MeetUps, Kindergarten End of Year Celebration, classroom parties, the Westlake Class of 2039 Facebook group and so much more!*
- **Join** our PTA [WES PTA Store](#)

Facebook/Twitter:
@WlakeESPTA

Project Link

- Available before and after school childcare
- Visit the link on the district website or call 440-835-6306 for more information
 - Our main webpage: wlake.org
 - Click departments → Project Link



New Student Registration

Go to WLAKE.ORG and click on:

 Registration

Then Click on Kindergarten Enrollment:

Kindergarten
Enrollment Page

[\(Click Here\)](#)

- Complete online pre-registration
 - ◆ Select in-person registration time at the completion of pre-registration
- Online pre-registration begins **February 19th**
- In-person appointments begin **March 2nd**
- Instructions for registration can be found on the website under **Registration**
- Once on the registration page click on the **Kindergarten Enrollment link**

Registration Process

- **Step #1:** [Complete Pre-Registration Online](#)
 - A link for in-person registration will be provided after online registration is completed (see next slide)
- **Step #2:** Collect All Required Documents & Make Copies, as needed (proof of residency, etc.)
Please bring in the original birth certificate to your in-person appointment
- **Step #3:** Complete All Required Forms - please bring completed forms to your registration appointment
- **Step #4:** Parent Checklist
- **Step #5:** Submit ALL Required Documents and Forms at your in-person registration appointment and sign up for kindergarten screening. To finalize your registration, your non-refundable deposit of \$250 must also be received to ensure a full day spot. The remaining balance of \$2,250.00 is due by July 1, 2026.
- **Westlake Early Childhood Preschool (WECP)** students that are age-eligible will receive a transition to kindergarten paper packet from their preschool teacher regarding the transition process (neon green cover page).
- **Submit your Kindergarten Paperwork and Full-Day Tuition Non-Refundable Deposit of \$250 (check or money order) by March 31, 2026. Any registrations submitted after this date will be on a first come first served based on placement availability.**
- **NOTE:** Full Day spots are NOT held until the registration process has been completed by the registrar and the deposit has been received. The \$250 deposit is non-refundable and due no later than **March 31, 2026.**

Registration Process - Scheduler

Once pre-registration questions are complete, you will need to click on “scheduler” to bring up available appointments. Below is a screenshot of what you will see. An appointment is needed for each child.

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Westlake Registration Scheduler. The page title is "Schedule Appointment" for "John Doe". The interface includes a sidebar with navigation options like "Main Menu", "Jane Doe", "John Doe", "Signature", "Complete/Seal Record", "Scheduler", "Add a Student", "View Forms", "Account Update", and "Logout". The main content area contains instructions: "Schedule only one appointment for your final registration. A parent/guardian who has scheduled an appointment will be seen as close to the scheduled appointment time as possible. You will be required to present all necessary documentation at your appointment or return with any missing information to complete your enrollment." It also states the appointment location: "Your appointment will be at the Board of Education Building, 2405 Hilliard Boulevard." Below this is a table for selecting an appointment time.

First Name	Last Name	Appointment Type	Appointment Center	Appointment Time
John	Doe	K-12	Elementary through Grade 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">8:00/049:00/0410:00/0411:00/0412:00/04

Would you like to receive an email reminder?
(If your appointment is scheduled for today or tomorrow you will not receive a reminder.)

Yes No

DONE

After March 31st, the registration process will change. Please check our website at <https://www.wlake.org/registration1> for more information.

First Days of Kindergarten

- **Kindergarten Screening**
 - Parents will sign up for a 1 hour screening appointment on August 18th or August 19th at their registration appointments.
 - Parents will participate in an informational meeting during their child's screening appointment.
- **Kindergarten Open House**
 - Full Day and Half Day AM class(es) will have Open House on Monday, August 24th 9:30am-10:30am.
 - Open House for Half Day PM class(es) will be on Monday, August 24th 12:30pm-1:30pm.
- **First Day of Kindergarten**
 - The first day for all kindergarten students is Tuesday, August 25th.

Dates to Remember

- **February 19th-** Online Pre-registration Begins
- **March 2nd** - In-Person Registration Appointments Open (daily appointments available through the month of March)
- **March 31st** - Deposit of \$250 due (Full Day Only)
- **July 1st** - Balance of \$2,250 Due (Full Day Only)
- **August 18th-** Kindergarten Screening
- **August 19th** - Kindergarten Screening
- **August 24th** - Kindergarten Open House
- **August 25th** - First Day of Kindergarten

Kindergarten House Visit