

Welcome!

Greenwood Kindergarten and PEEP Orientation

March 4, 2026

Hello!



I am the principal

E. Sikaundi



Agenda

- Information about Kindergarten
- Information about PreKindergarten (PEEP)
- Information about Greenwood
- Information about KPS
- How to enroll your child
- Q and A & Tour

Hello!



I am the kindergarten
teacher at Greenwood

Mrs. Williams-Whitson



What will my child be doing in kindergarten?

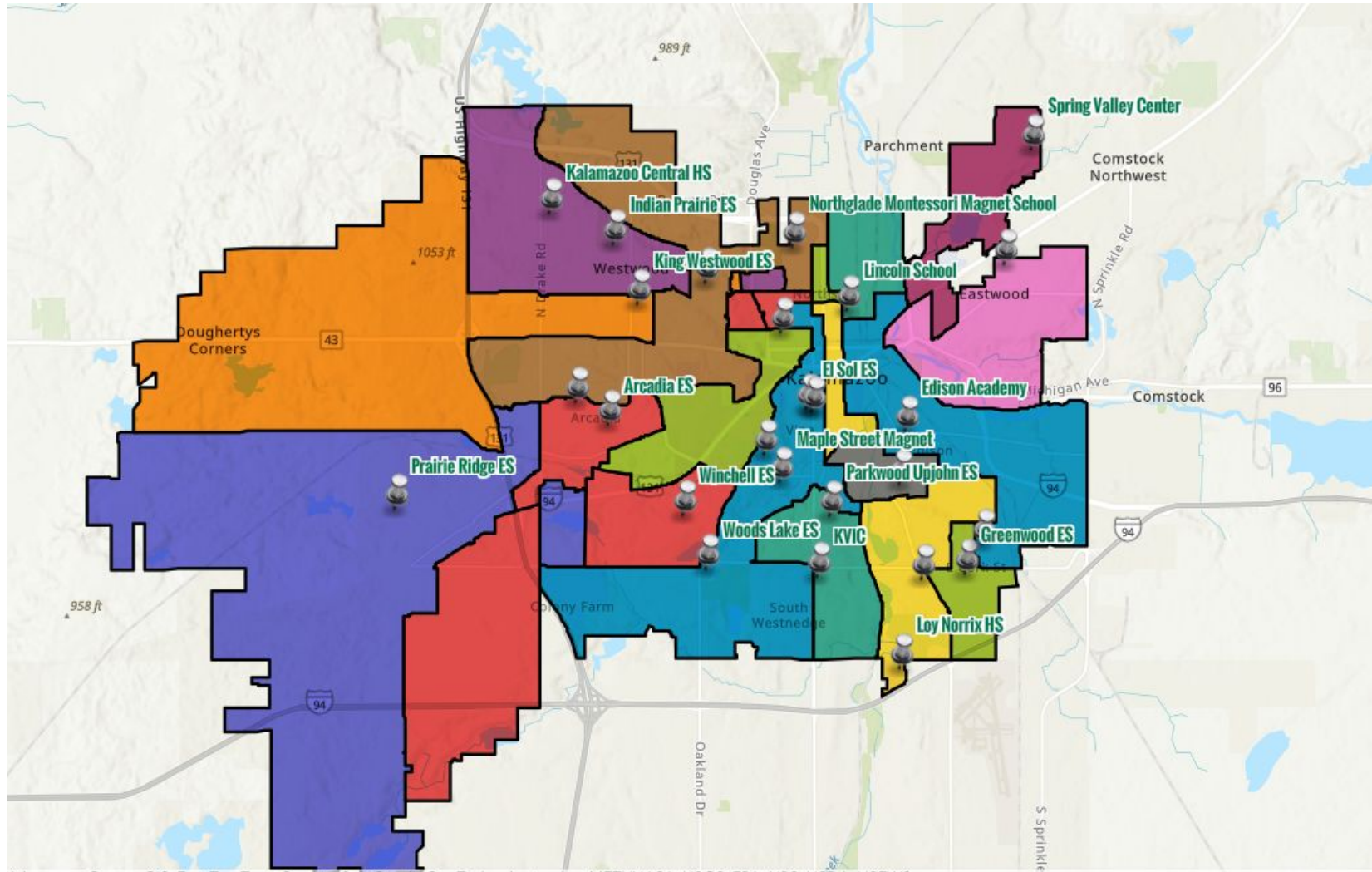
- Sharing and reading books
- Letter recognition, A-B-C's
- Counting
- Identifying sounds and words
- Drawing and writing
- Writing sentences
- Gross and fine motor
- Speech/language
- Cooperation in working with peers



Kindergarten eligibility



- Students who will be five years old by Sept. 1 may enroll in kindergarten
- Waivers are available, per principal approval, for students who will be five between Sept. 1 and Dec. 1, but does not guarantee enrollment
- All schools offer full-day kindergarten
- Students are initially assigned to schools based on their home address.
- School assignment [look-up](#)



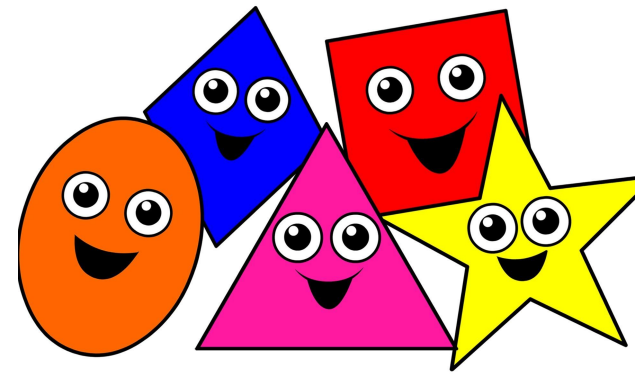
Hello!



**I am Elizabeth
Jackson-Spaner, Coordinator
for Early Childhood Programs**

PEEP/PreK eligibility

- Students who will be four years old by December 1 may enroll in the KPS Pre-Kindergarten Early Education Program (PEEP)
- Full-day, morning or afternoon classes offered in most elementary schools across the district
- Classes are full-day, morning, or afternoon
- Transportation and meals provided
- PEEP office: (269) 337-0095



Full Day Classroom Daily Schedule

Greeting time

Breakfast

Large Group

Planning, Choice, Clean up, and Recall

Small Group

Outside

Lunch

Rest

Planning, Choice and Snack, Clean up, and Recall

Small group

Outside



PEEP has classrooms in the following elementary schools:

**Arcadia , Edison, Greenwood ,
Indian Prairie , Lincoln , Parkwood-Upjohn,
Prairie Ridge , Spring Valley , Washington ,
Winchell, and Woodward**

Greenwood Staff



Hello Greenwood Families,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! This letter will help your return or entry to Greenwood Elementary, as we prepare for a year filled with fun and learning.

Our School Structure

At Greenwood Elementary, we are scheduled to have the following classes for 2024-2025.

PEEP	ECSE	K	1st	2nd	3rd
2 Classes	1 Class	1 Class	1 Class	1 Class	1 Class

We also have shared support with our School Psychologist, Clinical Social Worker, Speech Therapists, Teacher Consultant, and Instructional Coaches for Reading and Math.

Arrival and Dismissal

Full Day of School

Student Instruction begins at 8:50 AM

Student Dismissal at 3:50 PM

Half-Day Schedule

Student Instruction begins at 8:50 AM

Half Day School Ends at 12:06 pm (NO PEEP or ECSE)

Students are not supervised until 8:44 am. Students are expected to line up with their peers until directed by staff to enter the building.

Walkers/ Car Riders

K-3 Students who are walkers/car riders will go with their Teacher(s) and are dismissed when given a signal at a designated area. PEEP and Kindergarten meet at the basketball court, while First-Third grades meet at the main entrance.



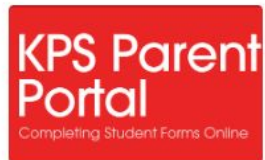
Bus Riders

Upon arrival K-3 Bus Riders will arrive in the parking lot and line up at their grade level line. Upon dismissal Bus Riders will wait at the south parking lot door and be dismissed by staff.

Communication

KPS Parent Portal is used for the completion of forms. The contact information submitted here is used to communicate with families. From the parent portal you are able to select your preferred way of communication for school-wide communication from Mrs. Sikaundi.

Directions for Parent Portal <https://www.smore.com/awpcs>



Family Communication

We use a variety of methods to communicate daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly important events.

Among them are:

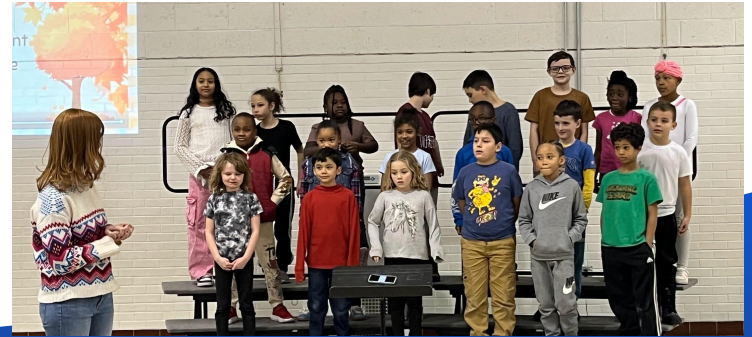
- School Messenger - Usually sent by your principal with reminders about important upcoming activities and events. It is vital that you keep KPS Parent Portal and our office updated with your contact information including phone and email.
- Classroom Newsletters - Teachers send information home specific to their Students and Parents.
- Greenwood Home Page - This platform is used to communicate school-wide events, celebrations, and activities. Mrs. Sikaundi's newsletter will be posted here. ([KPS- Greenwood Homepage](#))
- Google Classroom - Used by teachers to post/share assignments and other specific classroom information. Parents find it helpful to stay aware of their Student's activities.

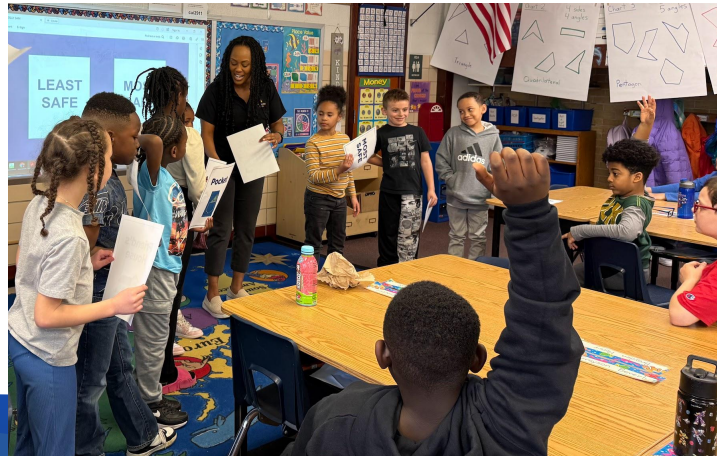
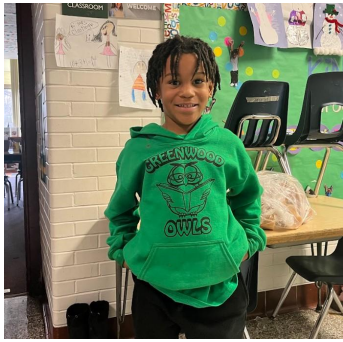
Fun Times @ GW

















PTO: Get involved!

- More than just fundraising; we build community
- When parents are involved, children benefit academically, behaviorally, and socially
- Promotes strong collaboration between parents and staff
- There is a place for everyone!
- ptogreenwoodelementary@gmail.com

Transportation

Elementary students (PK-5) are eligible for transportation if they reside more than one mile from the school, and they are attending their designated boundary school or a magnet school.



Hello!

I am Dr. Darrin Slade,
Superintendent Kalamazoo
Public Schools



About KPS

- Over 12,000 students
- 17 elementary schools (PK-5), 4 middle schools (6-8), and 4 high schools (9-12)
- One virtual program (K-12)
- Seven member Board of Education

Kalamazoo Public Schools



The Kalamazoo Promise provides 100% benefit for students who maintain continuous residency and enrollment at KPS from K-12.

The Promise covers tuition and mandatory fees at Michigan post-secondary institutions.



**CLASS
OF 2039**

Next steps: How to enroll

Documents needed to be uploaded to finalize enrollment:

- ❖ Your child's birth certificate
- ❖ Immunization record
- ❖ Proof of hearing and vision screen (if available)
- ❖ Two proofs of address (examples: utility bill, lease agreement, mortgage)
- ❖ **Dental Records for all kindergarten children**
- ❖ For PEEP registration, proof of yearly family income needed

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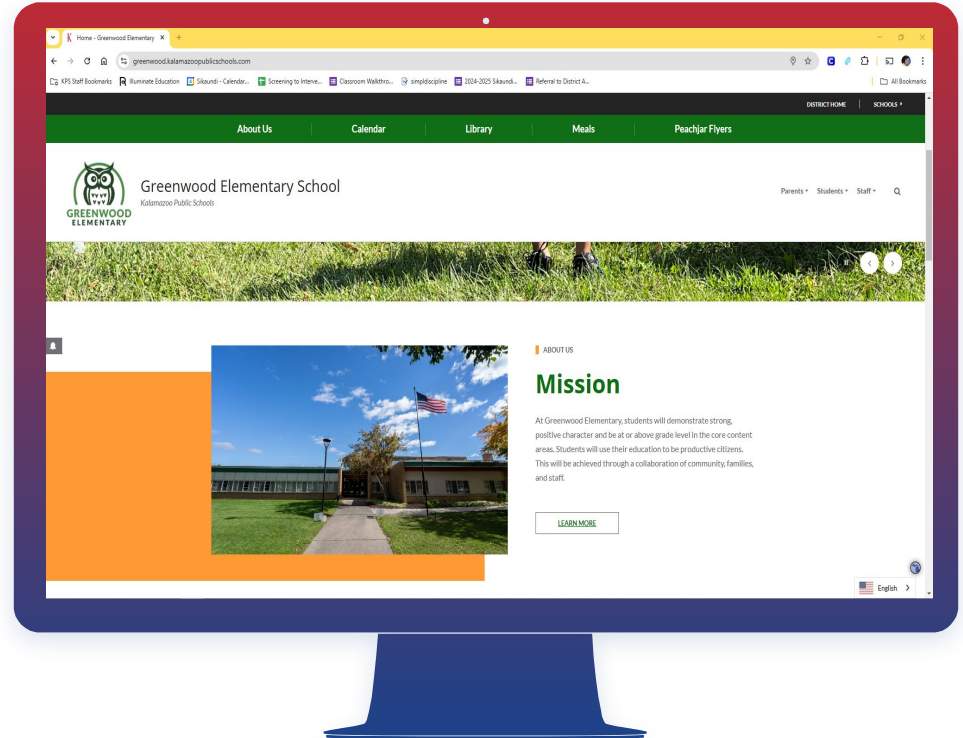
Grades PK-3

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(269) 337-0560

Principal Name: Ebony Sikaundi

Secretary Name: Felechia Taylor



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After completing your application, feel free to talk with our staff and take a tour.