# Cassingham Elementary
# Kindergarten Orientation 2026-2027

## Thursday, April 23 6:00-7:00



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# Nurturing Environment

In Kindergarten, we foster independence and curiosity. At the same time, we realize that our school and classrooms will be new environments for students. We strive to help students feel safe, loved and supported each and every day.

We take the first couple months of school to establish and reinforce our routines. This ensures that students understand the flow of their day and feel secure in the school environment.

- Morning meetings (greeting, activity, share)
- Social-emotional learning and understanding others' feelings
- Spending time together to get to know each other
- Providing ample play time
- Establishing routines

# What will my child do at school?

- Academic and Play Based Centers
  - We believe play is equally as important as the core subjects, as children experience problem solving, leadership, and collaboration
- Core Curriculum (*See later slide for more information*)
  - Reading, Writing, Math, Inquiry (Science/Social Studies)
- Intervention Block
  - An intervention time for ELA and Math that includes no new instruction and small group learning for differentiation.
- Allied Arts- Daily
  - Gym, Music, Library, Art
- Weekly SEL Lessons with School Counselor

**Every day will not be the same. Every child's learning will not be the same.**

Word Study

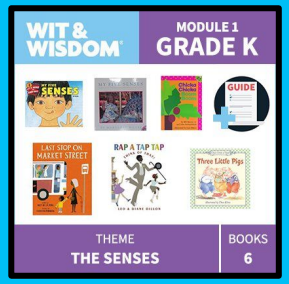
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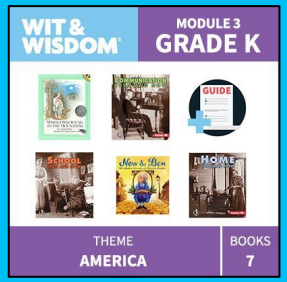
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Social Studies










Reading

Writing

Science

You will learn more about these in the Fall during Curriculum Night.

# Mrs. Sherra Feeny



I have been teaching for 8 years. I graduated from The Ohio State University in 2019 with my Master's in Early Childhood Education and became a Certified Dyslexia Practitioner in 2025.

My husband and I have lived in Bexley for over 20 years. We have two boys. Max is in his 5th year at OSU studying Electrical and Computer Engineering. Hugh graduated from Bexley in 2024.

In our classroom, students will make new friends, learn to think like mathematicians and scientists, and become curious by noticing and wondering about the world by exploring language and reading engaging books!







# Mrs. Kelly

"It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge".
-Albert Einstein

My teaching journey has lead me to being an adjunct professor, director of a childcare center, 3rd grade teacher and 7th grade creative writing teacher. This is my 12th year teaching Kindergarten at Cassingham.

I earned my bachelors in Early Childhood Education and Masters in Reading Education from Miami University. I graduated from The Ohio State University with my Masters in Elementary Administration.

My husband and I have two daughters, Kennedy (6) and Kayla (4). We love to travel, create art, watch movies, and have fun! I love teaching and learning through experiences inside and outside of the classroom.

# Ms. Lovingood



I have been with Cassingham for eleven years in various positions, 7 of which are teaching kindergarten. I studied psychology at Ohio Dominican University and then went back to obtain my teaching license at Ashland University and I am now currently beginning my Masters in Curriculum Development. Since the day I was a guest teacher in kindergarten 11 years ago, I loved the curiosity little ones have for learning and I pride myself on continuing to foster that desire to learn!

# Cassingham PTO

1. **Purpose of the PTO**
   ~ To foster collaboration and open communication between parents, teachers, and the broader
   school community.
   ~ To support and enhance the educational experience for all students through volunteer efforts, events, and fundraising.
   ~ To build a strong sense of connection and community by encouraging families to get involved in meaningful ways.
2. **This summer! Playground & Popsicles** ~ a great opportunity to meet other K families
   i. June 18 at 10:00 am
   ii. July 9 at 6:00 pm
   iii. August 6 10:00 am
3. **School Supply Info** Purchase a Kit through our Supplier - it will be delivered to school — Or shop the list yourself

Follow us on Social Media @cassinghamPTO for updates!










# Cassingham PTO

**Some events to keep on your radar for next year!**

- Tailgate (fall)
- Cardboard challenge (fall)
- Parent - coffee and connects (various months)
- Dudes and donuts (fall)
- Community service event (winter)
- PTO winter social (winter)
- Annual Spaghetti Dinner (spring)
- Skate parties (typically three a year)
- Art Hop (spring)
- Crucial conversation series (spring)
- PTO monthly meetings
- Staff appreciation week - (spring)

**Volunteer opportunities:**

- Lunch and recess duty
- Monthly diversity classroom read-alouds
- Library
- Staff appreciation
- Room parents
- And more!

***Scan QR code to get involved with PTO!***

Scan here!



Cardboard challenge



Seeds of Caring - community service



Staff appreciation - cookies!



Tailgate



PTO meetings

# School Secretary

Welcome to Cassingham!  Our school secretary is here for you!

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.  614-237-4266

Your child's attendance information can be reported by email (csattendance@bexley.us) OR voicemail (614-237-4266, choose option 6 twice).

Please notify the office of absences, late arrivals, early release, or if there will be any change in after school plans.

***We can't wait to meet the Class of 2038!*** 

# Sarah Marrone, Licensed School Counselor

Hello! I am your child's school counselor! Did you know that elementary counselors ...

- Teach Social Emotional Learning (SEL) on growth mindset & goal setting, emotion management, empathy and kindness, and problem solving
- Provide short-term individual counseling and small group counseling
- Collaborate with teachers and assist them in meeting student needs
- Provide support for all students to be successful learners?

I am looking forward to partnering with you and your child as you start your kindergarten journey.



Links

Cassingham School Counseling

The Essential Role of Elementary School Counselors

# Oliver Bellamy, Licensed School Counselor

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- Teach Social Emotional Learning (SEL) on growth mindset & goal setting, emotion management, empathy and kindness, and problem-solving
- Provide short-term individual counseling and small group counseling, as well as provide classroom lessons on SEL-oriented topics
- Collaborate with administration, staff members, and teachers, and assist them in meeting student needs
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# Jackie Kleeberger CMA




Hi! I am your child's clinic aid for Cassingham! I am the main contact for anything health related for your child. My job is to make sure you child happy, healthy, and safe!

For Kindergarten

- Make sure your cub is up-to- date on all required vaccines prior to the start of school!
- Please reach out to discuss any medical concerns and/or if your cub will require medication at school.
- Fill out our emergency medication or Prescription Meds.
- Fill out our Allergy, Seizure and Asthma Action Plans

Please do not hesitate to ask questions!
CSNurses@bexley.us
614-254-6600 Option 1

# What can you work on before kindergarten?

Encourage curiosity and a love for learning!

- Read with them
- Explore letters and numbers
- Practice name writing
- Play Games with them (practice taking turns, being a good sport)
- Build fine motor skills: coloring, drawing, cutting, etc.

Build self help skills

- Shoe tying
- Bathroom skills
- Snaps/zippers
- Opening/closing food containers
- Cleaning up
- Naming feelings (I feel _____, because of _____.)
- Problem Solving Skills

Build your child's confidence by fostering their independence!

- Provide opportunities for your children to try and fail. It's OKAY to fail!

# Kindergarten Tidbits

## EXTRA CLOTHES

Dear Parents,

Learning, eating and using the restroom can be messy for young students. Please send the following items so we can be prepared for a messy situation at school. Thanks!

❑ t-shirt ❑ underwear ❑ pants ❑ socks ❑ in a clear baggie




## LABEL, LABEL, LABEL

### Your Kindergartner's Belongings!

Helping our little ones keep their things!

In addition to labeling coats and jackets (essential for recess!), please also label all water bottles, lunchboxes, hats, mittens, blankets, and full-sized backpacks. Kindergartners are still learning to identify their items!

Please help your child practice checking for their name on their things at home and school. We appreciate your partnership in teaching independence!



# Summer Meet & Greet

## Monday 8/3 - Thursday 8/6

- Each child will sign up for one 60 minute time slot.
- We will pick them up from Door 4 and walk them down to the classroom.
- These sessions help shape expectations for the first day of school and minimize first day jitters!
- This time allows us an opportunity to get to know students and their readiness for instruction while inviting them into the space.
- Please sign up for a slot that can work for your family.
    - Sign up Here!

# School Supply Kits

- We have partnered with a local company, Office City Express, to provide a boxed kit of Teacher Requested school supplies for the year.
- Offered as a convenience to parents so that you can order your kit in May, and it will be delivered to the school in August.
- Kits are available to order today, and throughout the month of May.
- www.MySchoolSupplyKit.com (search for Cassingham Elementary)



# Staggered Start for Kindergarteners

Our goal is to ease into the first day of school with you and your child.




- We will email your child's classroom assignment to you the week before school starts.
- Supply Drop-Off is from 3-4 PM on Wednesday, August 12, 2026.
- Staggered Start dates will be shared via USPS (to the address you provided at Registration)the 1st week of June.
- Start days:
  - ½ class on August 13th
  - ½ class on August 14th
- Parents are able to walk students to their arrival and dismissal door each day.
- Students in grades 1-5 all attend beginning August 13th.

# Arrival/Dismissal

- Our school day begins at 8:15AM
- Students will enter through door 8 (by the playground) and independently walk to their lockers and unpack.
    - Students who attend before school care or breakfast will be walked to the classroom by an adult from the cafeteria.
- If you are late, please enter through the main doors of the Cassingham Complex at the corner of Dale and Cassingham.

BAC PACK
a before and after care program

JCC of Greater Columbus

# Arrival/Dismissal

- Dismissal is at 3:00 PM
  - **It is very important that you let your child's teacher know how your child is getting home at the end of the day *prior* to the first day of school (pick-up, aftercare, bus, etc)**
  - JCC and BACPack **(linked above)** students attending after school care will be picked up by their adults and taken to the designated bus or meeting spot.
  - As students get more comfortable with the school routines, older siblings are able to pick up Kindergarten students from their dismissal door, students are able to be released to meeting locations, etc.

# Food FAQs

- Breakfast is served in our cafe each morning
  - Students are welcome to join at 7:30.
  - Our cafe supervisor will escort them to our classrooms at 8:10AM.
- Lunch
  - Students have an option to pack lunch or buy school lunch.
  - Your child will be assigned a lunch number to buy lunch from the cafeteria.
  - **Pack lunches for the first week of school** until children are comfortable in the lunchroom and understand lunchroom routines and expectations.
- Snack
  - Plan to pack a disposable snack each day.
  - We have snack time with our afternoon recess time. Please be mindful that the snack will be eaten outside most days.










# To-Do List and Links for Families

- ❑ Register your student for school
- ❑ Sign up for Summer Meet and Greet
- ❑ Look for playground meet up dates from PTO for the summer
- ❑ Create a meal account for your student (student ID from PowerSchool needed)
- ❑ Create your child's before and after school plans. Then, email classroom teacher once notified of their placement.

| Resources for Parents | Purpose/Goal | Contact Links and Information |
|---|---|---|
| D.A.R.N.(Developmental Assets Resource Network) | Meet the needs of Bexley community children and families and making efforts to assure access to necessary resources. | Contact - DARN |
| Diverse Learning PTO | The Diverse Learning PTO is an active group of parents, friends, and educators working together as a team to share parent education resources and address the educational, social, and emotional needs of children with disabilities and diverse learning needs in Bexley City Schools. | bexleydiverselearningpto@gmail.com |
| Bexley Rec- aftercare | The Bexley Recreation and Parks Department provides the Before & After Care Programming for Maryland, Cassingham, and Montrose Elementary students | Phone: (614) 559-4300 |
| JCC- aftercare | JCC provides after school care for students across the area<br>Current member registration begins: MARCH 25,<br>General community registration: APRIL 1 | JClub - After School Program |
| One Bexley | Welcoming and provides a sense of belonging for all community members and visitors | One Bexley |
| THE INCREDIBLE CSPTO | Support and enhance student programing across Cassingham | csptoprez@gmail.com |

# We are excited to meet the class of 2039!

Thank you for your time!

It's time for a tour of Cassingham!  We will visit the locations listed below.

- Classrooms
- Cafe
- Allied Arts
- Clinic
- Offices