

Welcome to Cascade Ridge Elementary



Kindergarten Orientation 2026/27

Introductions

- Jennifer Sehlin, Principal (Outgoing)
- Hallie Mills, Dean of Students (Incoming Principal)
- Current Kindergarten Teachers – Carrie Haines & Jennifer Yamamoto
- Paraprofessionals – Ms. Briana, Ms. Chandrani, Mr. Lozano

Agenda

- Students to Classrooms with Teachers
- Kinder Information – Curriculum & August Timeline
- Kinder Playdates & PTSA
- Cascade Ridge General Info
- Q & A



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

To Start the School Year:

- Whole-Child Assessment: September/October
 - Kindergarten teacher observes 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

August 2026

- **Friday, August 7th – Friday, August 14th 2026**
Enrollment Verification Process (EVP) – details in August E News bulletin, required for 1st-5th (**not Kinder**)
- **By Friday, August 14th, 2026**
If your child has a life-threatening health care condition, a completed health care plan & medication should be submitted to the office. Contact school nurse for more questions xuw@issaquah.wednet.edu
- **Grades K-5 teacher names** available via Family Access - Tuesday August 25th @ 4:00 pm
- **Wednesday, August 26th, 2026**
Meet the Teacher Event K-5 9:30-10:30 am
Kindergarten Curriculum Night (Caregivers only) 5:30 - 6:30 pm

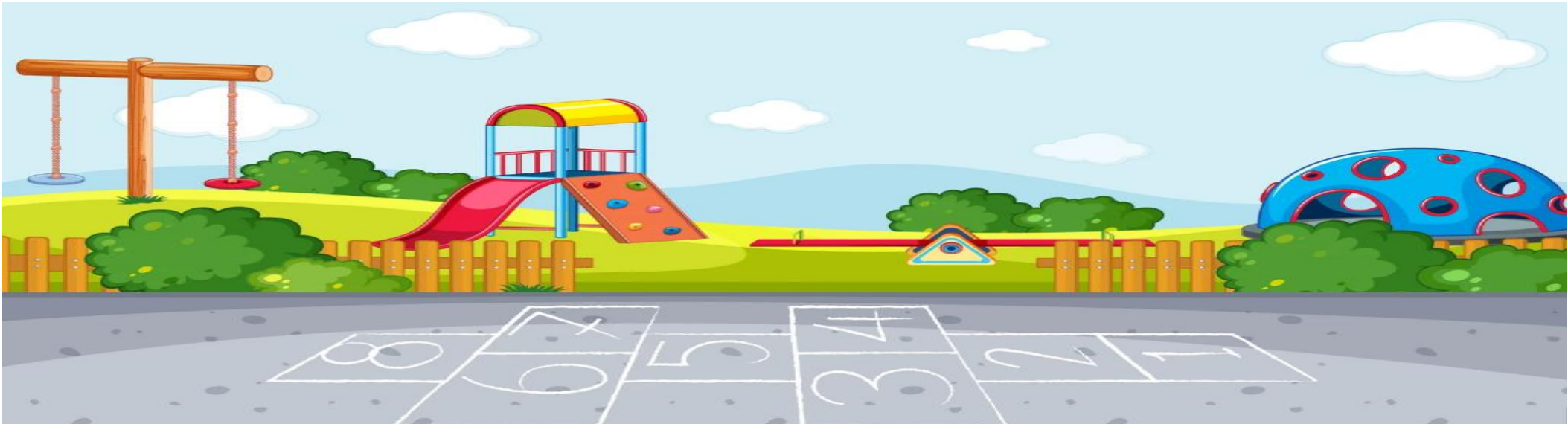
Start of School

- **Thursday, August 27th, 2026**
First day Grades 1st-5th
- **August 27th, 28th & 31st 2026**
Individual caregiver and student meetings
with classroom teacher - watch email for sign up invite
- **Tuesday, September 1st, 2026** - First day of school for
Kindergarten students

Every Wednesday dismissal time is 1:30pm, regular M, T, TH, F hours are 9:15-3:45 pm. Students can be on campus at 9:00 am, when supervision begins. The first bell rings at 9:10 and students are considered tardy (need to come in via office and sign child in) after 9:15 bell.

Incoming Kindergarten Playdates Cascade Ridge Playground

- **Saturday, June 13th 10-11:30 am**
 - **Thursday, July 23rd 5-6:30 pm**
- **Saturday, August 22nd 10-11:30 am**



JOIN THE CASCADE RIDGE PTSA



Curious about what the PTSA does/funds?

Join the PTSA to have a direct impact on your child's school experience - helping make memorable events possible while supporting teachers, and building a stronger, more connected school community. When families come together, our students thrive and our school grows stronger.

Join for your child



<https://cascaderidgeptsa.givebacks.com/>



CLASSROOM
GRANTS



TRUNK & TREAT



SCHOOL
EQUIPMENT



OUTDOOR RECESS
EQUIPMENT



MATH
CHALLENGE



SCIENCE FAIR



5TH GRADE
PARTY



ART DOCENT



HERITAGE FESTIVAL



TEACHER
APPRECIATION WEEK



BACK TO SCHOOL
SOCIALS



BOOK FAIR



KINDER CONNECT



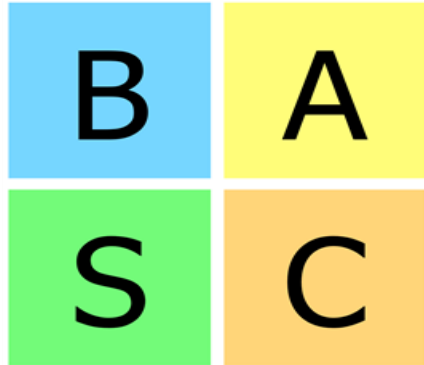
REFLECTIONS



FIELD TRIPS

Cascade Ridge Information

- School supplies – [order online if you choose](#)
- School lunch – see [district website](#) for myschoolbucks.com information
- Drop off/pick up – no buses, walking only school: [Arrival/Dismissal Video](#)
- Coyote Code – [School website](#)
- Health Room communication (Ms. Kari & Nurse Wen)
- Wednesday early release 1:30 pm
- Communication with staff/school - Teacher email, sign up for PTSA, E News bulletin



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**



Family Liaison



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The Family Liaison role:

- Support families transitioning to the Issaquah School district to better understand and navigate our school system. Help with registration.
- Serve as the bridge between staff and families. Connect families with school staff about their child's needs and concerns.
- Provide information regarding resources (financial, meal program, school supplies and more) available in the community to families and students.
- Host district-wide informative events regarding school to parents throughout out the school year.

A Few Months Before Kindergarten My Teacher Gave to Me...

8 Tips to Start
the Year Happily!



8: Teacher/School Communication

- District Communication: District Bulletin (Tuesday) & School Bulletin (Thursday)

Email: allow 48 hour window for response – email is best

- Classroom Phones: before & after school, teacher will not answer while teaching (phone numbers on Cascade Ridge website)
- Newsletters: Emailed to families from teachers

*****If there is a change in your child's routine let your child's teacher know. If it is last minute call the office.*****

**BULLETINS
ISD & CASCADE RIDGE**



7: Office Communication

Office Staff: Sue & Tammie

- Cascade Ridge **425-837-5500**. Call between 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
- Notify the office of all absences. The best way is to use the attendance line OR [email the Cascade Ridge Attendance email address](#) (and **cc the teacher** (include your name, your child's name, the date, and the reason for the absence)
- If your child is absent and the office has not been notified then you will receive a call (check a child)
- Volunteers/visitors **MUST** be background check approved, check in at the office and wear a *visitor's pass*



6: Foster Independence

Lunch/Snack:

- Have your child practice opening and closing commonly used containers and food items

Car:

- Have your child practice unbuckling and buckling seatbelt/car seat buckle

Clothes:

- Have your child practice tying shoes, zipping zippers, buttoning, etc. Opening/closing backpacks and taking on and off



5: Daily Enrichment

Enrichment activities happen mostly in the afternoon

PE: Appropriate clothes and closed toe shoes required

Library:

- Return books on library day or your child will have to wait a week to check out another book
- Damaged or lost books must be paid for by family

Music:

- Students will enjoy learning a wide range of musical skills two times each week
- Concert in the spring

Purposeful Play:

- Science, STEM, Social/Emotional Growth



4: Restrooms and Lost & Found

Restrooms:

- Students are allowed to use the restrooms as needed throughout the day.
- Accidents can happen and in that case your child is sent to the health room for a change of clothes.
- Teach your child how to use a public restroom (urinals included)

Lost and Found:

- To help prevent things from getting lost, be sure to put your child's name on everything!
- Lost and Found is located outside the Library.
- Please check it regularly, as we donate left items several times throughout the year.



3: Volunteers

Volunteers:

- *Classroom:* We love volunteers! More information and sign-ups will be available at the beginning of the year.
- *School:* PTSA is always on the lookout for great volunteers.
- All volunteers will need to fill out the [online application](#) and background check **YEARLY**, information is on the Issaquah School District website via the link above.



2: Zzzz... Bedtime and Nervousness

August - set a routine:

- It is important for your child to be alert and ready to learn each day. Set a bedtime, practice it and be consistent.
- Read a book before bed

Nervousness:

- Remind your child that each day will be fun as they learn new things and make new friends. Build them up with positivity!

Quick goodbyes work best, even if there are tears.

- Watch for signs of stress... please let your teacher know
- Sore stomach
- Sleeplessness
- Changes in behavior/ attitude



1: Enjoy Summer!

- Have a great summer!
- Read and be curious together
- Get lots of social experiences – parks, playgrounds, etc.



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Thanks!



Thank you!

- Questions?
- Contact or visit the main office if you need any assistance.
- Office hours M-F 8:00 am - 4:00pm, starting August 5th
- 425 837-5500