

Focused on Learning for Every Student Every Day.



Welcome...

To  
KinderCamp  
2026

# Hello! I'm...

Mrs. Jenna Rucker  
School Principal

I'm heading into my 7th year at Richland Elementary School, my 13th year in administration, and my 19th year in education!

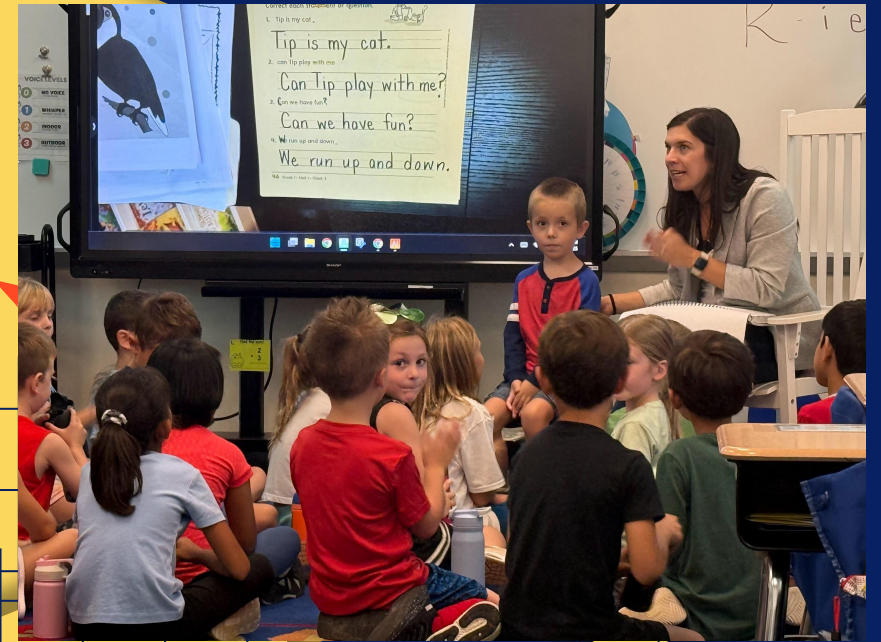


Author visit at PR tomorrow!



# I believe...

That every child has special gifts, and in the right environment, with teachers and staff who are both skilled and loving, they will all learn and grow to be successful.



# Today we will...



Get to know your school and get to know each other!



Connect with PTO, sign up for opportunities to volunteer



Hear about all the great learning experiences your child had in their sessions, and a bit about kindergarten



Light Refreshments, talk with PTO, connect with each other, BOOKS, then reconnect with the kids!

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Let's get to know  
Pine-Richland SD &  
Richland  
Elementary School!



Pine Richland School District Mission: Focus on Learning for Every Student Every day

# Do you know our district Administration?

## Superintendent

Dr. Brian Miller

Superintendent



School: [724-625-7773](tel:724-625-7773) ext. 6101

Barbara Williams

Superintendent's Administrative Assistant and  
Board Secretary



School: [724-625-7773](tel:724-625-7773) ext. 6100

## Assistant Superintendents

Dr. Kristen Justus

Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education  
and Curriculum



School: [724-625-7773](tel:724-625-7773) ext. 6121

Dr. Michael Pasquinelli

Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education  
and Curriculum



School: [724-625-7773](tel:724-625-7773) ext. 6111

# Do you know our district Administration?

## Special Education and Student Services

Dr. Maura Paczan

Director of Student Services



School: [724-443-1558 ext. 6503](tel:724-443-1558)

Dr. Greta Kuzilla

Assistant Director of Student Services and Special Education



School: [724-443-1558 ext. 6502](tel:724-443-1558)

Dr. Melissa Ramirez

School Psychologist



School: [724-443-1558 ext. 6504](tel:724-443-1558)

Dr. Alysha Kaparakos

School Psychologist—K-6



School: [724-443-1558 ext. 6508](tel:724-443-1558)

Dr. Taylour Kimmel

School Psychologist—K-6



School: [724-443-1558 ext. 6505](tel:724-443-1558)



Click the Box for a link to our Special Education Page

# Did you know?

## PR By the Numbers\*



4,519  
Students K-12



522  
Full-time Employees



338  
Teachers



105  
Bus/Van Drivers



49  
HS Clubs/Activities



25  
Athletic Teams 7-12



17  
MS Clubs/Activities



6  
Schools

*\*as of June 30, 2024*

# Secondary Schools

## [Pine-Richland High School](#)

700 Warrendale Road  
Gibsonia, PA 15044-6040  
Telephone: 724-625-4444 | Fax: 724-625-4640  
Principal: Dr. Frank Hernandez  
Grades 9-12 (Enrollment: 1,436)  
Hours: 7:45 am – 2:36 pm



## [Pine-Richland Middle School](#)

100 Logan Road  
Gibsonia, PA 15044-6040  
Telephone: 724-625-3111 | Fax: 724-625-3144  
Principal: Dr. David Kristofic  
Grades 7-8 (Enrollment: 698)  
Hours: 7:45 am – 2:36 pm



# Upper Elementary School

## [Eden Hall Upper Elementary](#)

3900 Bakerstown Road

Gibsonia, PA 15044

Telephone: 724-443-1450 | Fax: 724-443-1451

Principal: Mrs. Colleen Berezo

Grades 4-6 (Enrollment: 1,036)

Hours: 8:35 am - 3:10 pm



# Lower Elementary Schools

## [Hance Elementary School](#)

5518 Molnar Drive  
Gibsonia, PA 15044  
Telephone: 724-443-1541 | Fax: 724-443-1290  
Principal: Mrs. Paula Giran  
Grades K-3 (Enrollment: 426)  
Hours: 9:20 am – 3:50 pm  
Kindergarten Hours: 9:20 am – 12:00 pm (AM) | 1:00 pm – 3:50 pm (PM)

## [Richland Elementary School](#)

3811 Bakerstown Road  
Gibsonia, PA 15044  
Telephone: 724-443-1558 | Fax: 724-443-2180  
Principal: Mrs. Jenna Rucker  
Grades K-3 (Enrollment: 481)  
Hours: 9:20 am – 3:40 pm  
Kindergarten Hours: 9:20 am – 12:00 pm (AM) | 1:00 pm – 3:50 pm (PM)

## [Wexford Elementary](#)

250 Brown Road  
Wexford, PA 15090-8558  
Telephone: 724-935-4631 | Fax: 724-935-3733  
Principal: Mrs. Kelly Gustafson  
Grades K-3 (Enrollment: 442)  
Hours: 9:20 am – 3:40 pm  
Kindergarten Hours: 9:20 am – 12:00 pm (AM) | 1:00 pm – 3:50 pm (PM)



# Did you know?

**Richland Elementary School is the original high School of the district?**

- A K-3 Public School serving students in the Gibsonia and Wexford areas
- Home to almost 500 students in kindergarten through third grade ; Richland is home to our K-3 District Autistic Support Hub
- Class size typically ranges from approximately 18-25 students
- Typical number of homeroom teachers (K-3) is approximately 21-23 with usually 5-6 sections per grade level
- Approximately 35-40 additional staff members, including the office staff, nurses, School counselor, special education teachers, reading specialists, intervention specialist, special area teachers, speech pathologist, occupational therapist, physical therapist, para-educators, cafeteria staff, and custodial staff
- Currently hiring paraprofessionals and custodians



Click [HERE](#) to visit our homePage and [HERE](#) to visit our News!

# Did you know?

We've been making upgrades to our building and learning spaces:

- We have a new playground as of summer of 2023
- A new entryway mural as of Spring of 2022
- A newly renovated Library as of Summer of 2022
- Summer 2026 starts phase 2 of 2 of a 5 million dollar HVAC update across the building

Click [HERE](#) to visit our HomePage!



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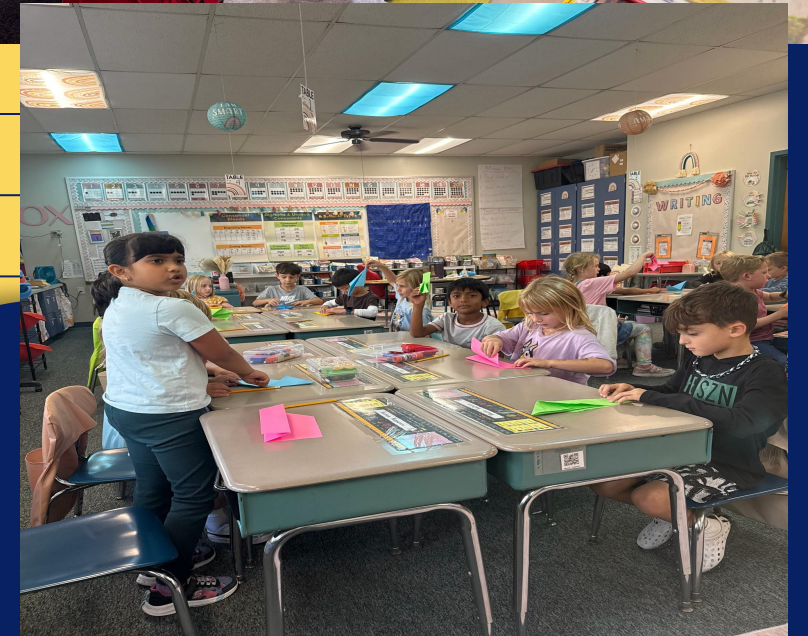
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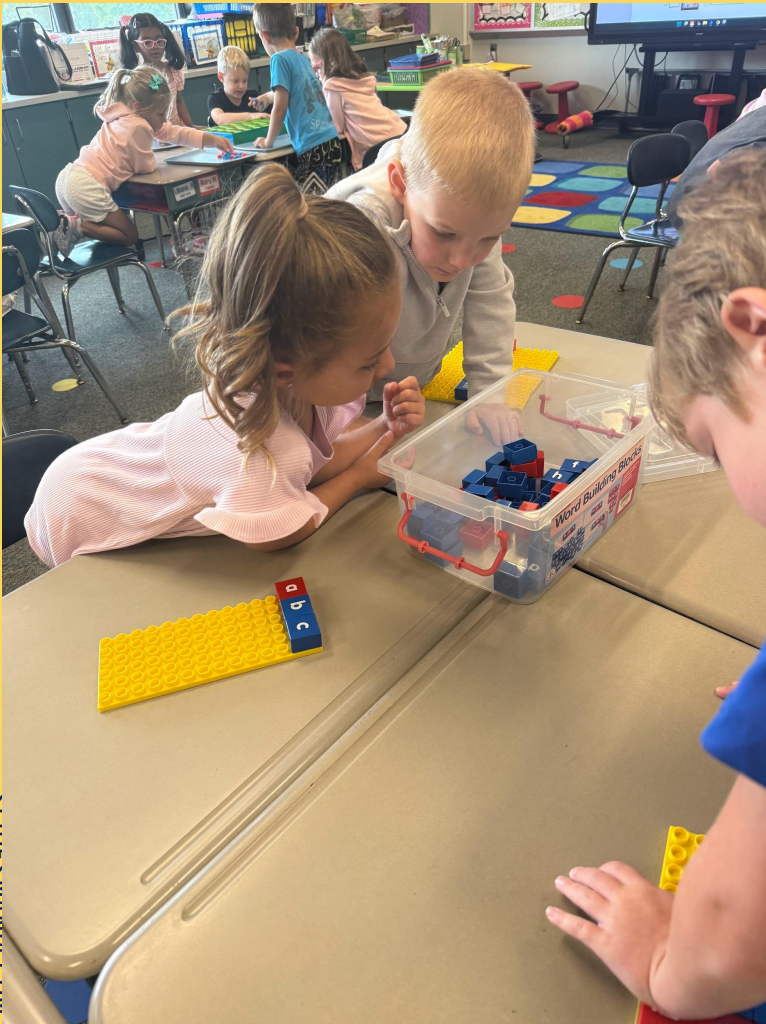
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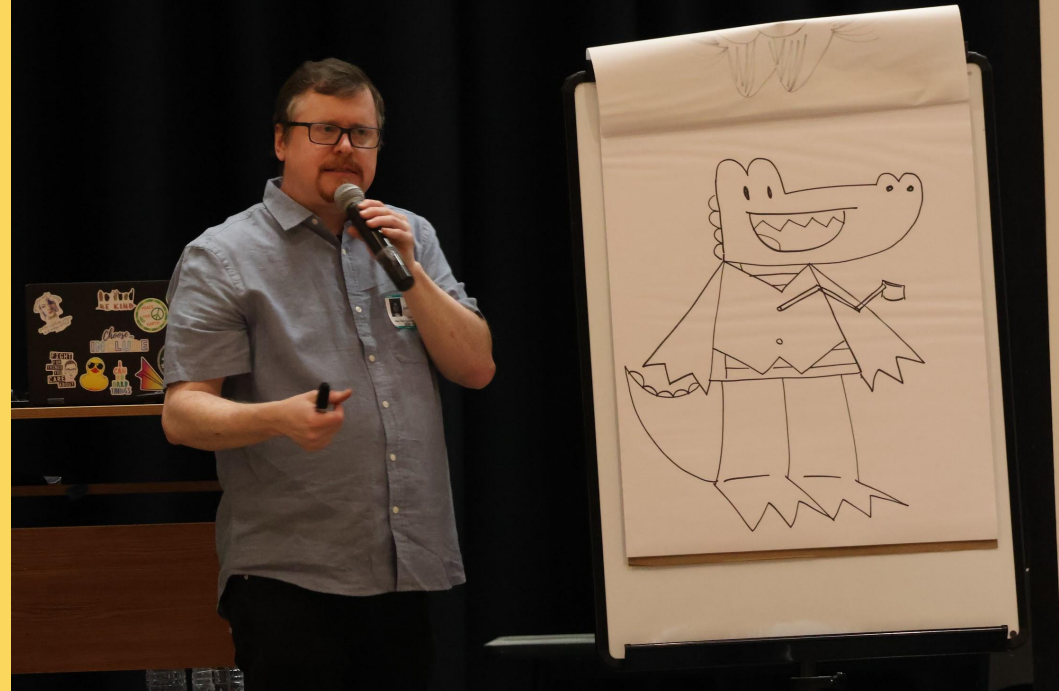
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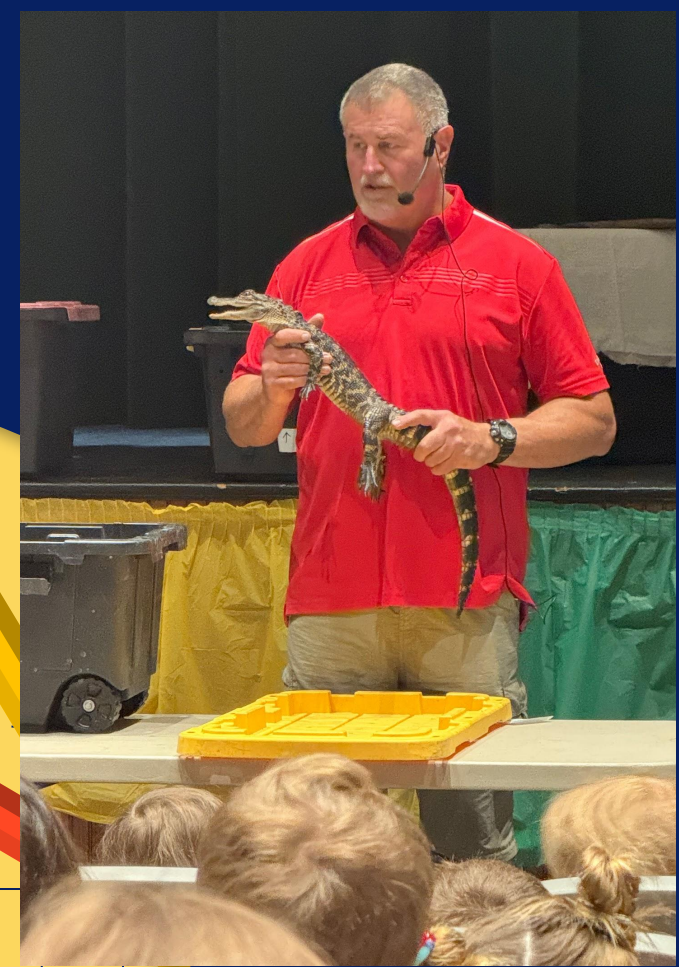
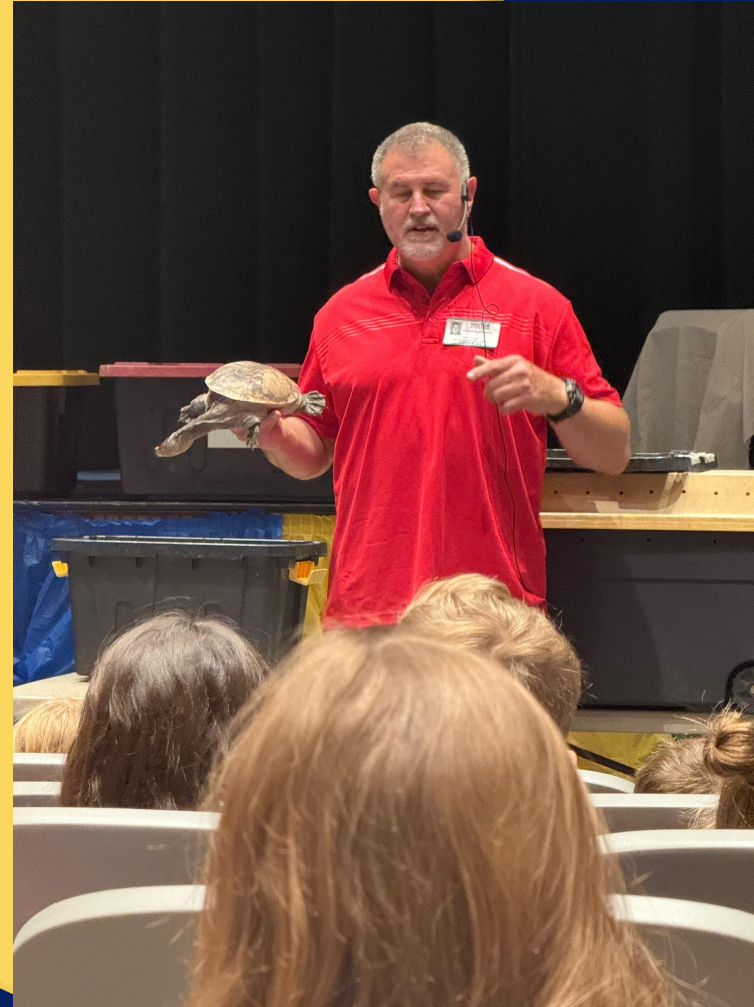
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Let's get to know  
EACH OTHER!

# Office Team Contact Information:



Jenna Rucker- Principal

[jerucker@pinerichland.org](mailto:jerucker@pinerichland.org)

Beth Cassandro - School Nurse

[bcassandro@pinerichland.org](mailto:bcassandro@pinerichland.org)

Amy Molitor - School Counselor

[amolitor@pinerichland.org](mailto:amolitor@pinerichland.org)

Judy Wolverton - School Security Officer

[jwolverton@pinerichland.org](mailto:jwolverton@pinerichland.org)

Gina Hoffman - Building Secretary

[vhoffman@pinerichland.org](mailto:vhoffman@pinerichland.org)

Nikki Woodrow - Building Secretary

[nwoodrow@pinerichland.org](mailto:nwoodrow@pinerichland.org)

# Do you know our office team?

## Mrs. Gina Hoffman

Year round office secretary

Can answer or guide you on any needs throughout the school year and summer

Extension 4802 when you call the building number (724)442-1558



## Mrs. Nikki Woodrow

Ten month office secretary

Focuses on attendance - daily calls and records, letters and truancy compliance

Extension 4801 when you call the building number (724)443-1558



# Hello! I'm...

Mrs. Beth Cassandro ~ Certified School Nurse

Health Office Hours

Monday through Friday

8:30 am to 4:15 pm

724-443-1558, Ext. 4805

[bcassandro@pinerichland.org](mailto:bcassandro@pinerichland.org)

PR Website

"Parent Resources"

"Health Services"



I'm heading into my 17th  
year here at Richland  
Elementary School!



# SCHOOL NURSE

## EASY STEPS FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES

### 1 YOUR NAME

**NURSE**  
**MRS. CASSANDRO**



MRS. CASSANDRO

### 2 YOUR JOB TITLE

**SCHOOL NURSE**



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NURSE

### 3 CONTACT INFO (FRIENDLY)



**PHONE: 724-443-1558**  
Best to call for illness



**EMAIL: bcassandro@pinerichland.org**  
For general questions



### 4 SCHOOL & GRADE LEVEL

**RICHLAND ELEMENTARY**



**GRADES: K - 3RD**



### 5 HEALTHY REMINDERS



WASH HANDS  
OFTEN



EAT HEALTHY  
& PLAY!



GET PLENTY  
OF SLEEP

### 6 OFFICE HOURS



**DAILY HOURS**

Mon-Fri: 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

**STAY HEALTHY, BE HAPPY!**

FROM YOUR SCHOOL NURSE

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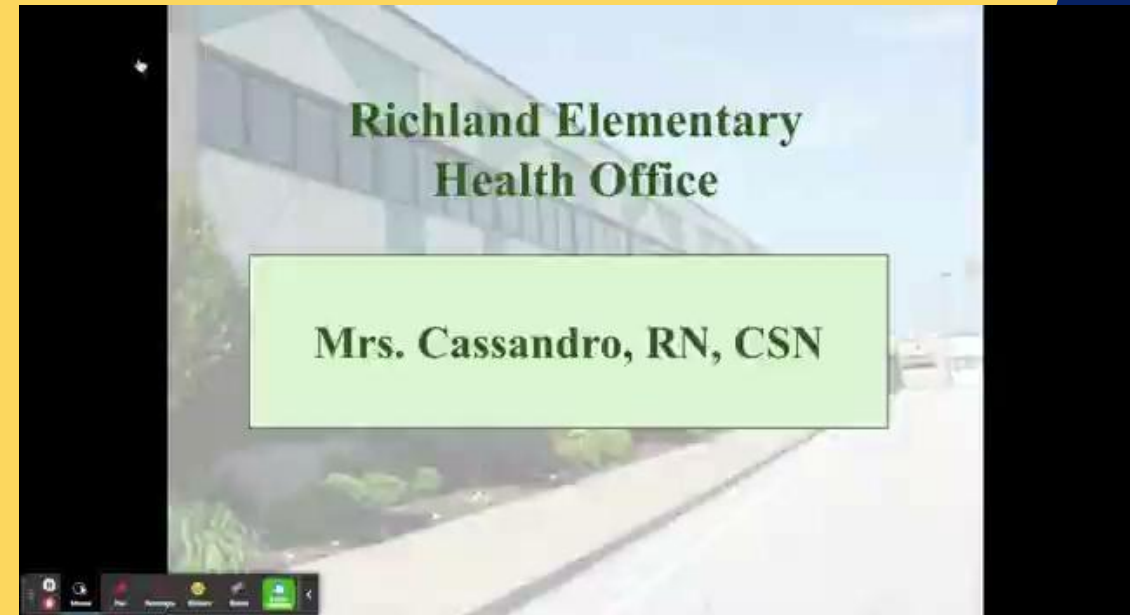
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[bcassandro@pinerichland.org](mailto:bcassandro@pinerichland.org)



# Examinations

•The following examinations are mandated by the state of Pennsylvania and may be performed by your child's personal physician or dentist:

•Physical examinations – K, 6<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>

•Dental examinations – K, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>

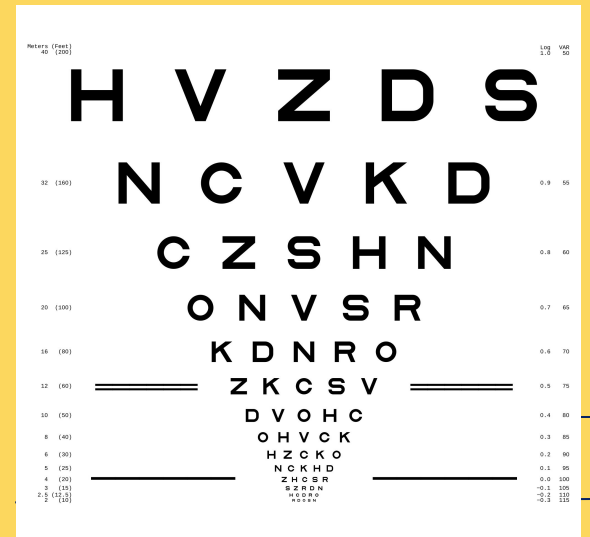
\*\*School examinations – available upon request and also done if a private examination is not returned

# Immunizations

- Five required series - Dtap, Polio, HepB, MMR, & Varicella
- Five day provisional enrollment
- Types of exemption: Medical, Religious & Moral/Philosophical
- Documentation – the sooner the better!

# State Mandated Health Screenings

- Each student is weighed and measured every year. In addition, a Body Mass Index (BMI) for age percentile is calculated on all students.
- Each student has a near and far vision test every year.
- Each student has a hearing test in kindergarten through third grade and in seventh and eleventh grades.
- Mass Screening, Referrals, and Communication.



# Medication Policy

- Medication must be accompanied by a medication permission form which includes a physician and parent/guardian signature.
- Medications are not available in school unless provided by parent/guardian in the original container.
- This includes over the counter medication.
- Forms are available from the nurse or district website.



# Sick Guidelines

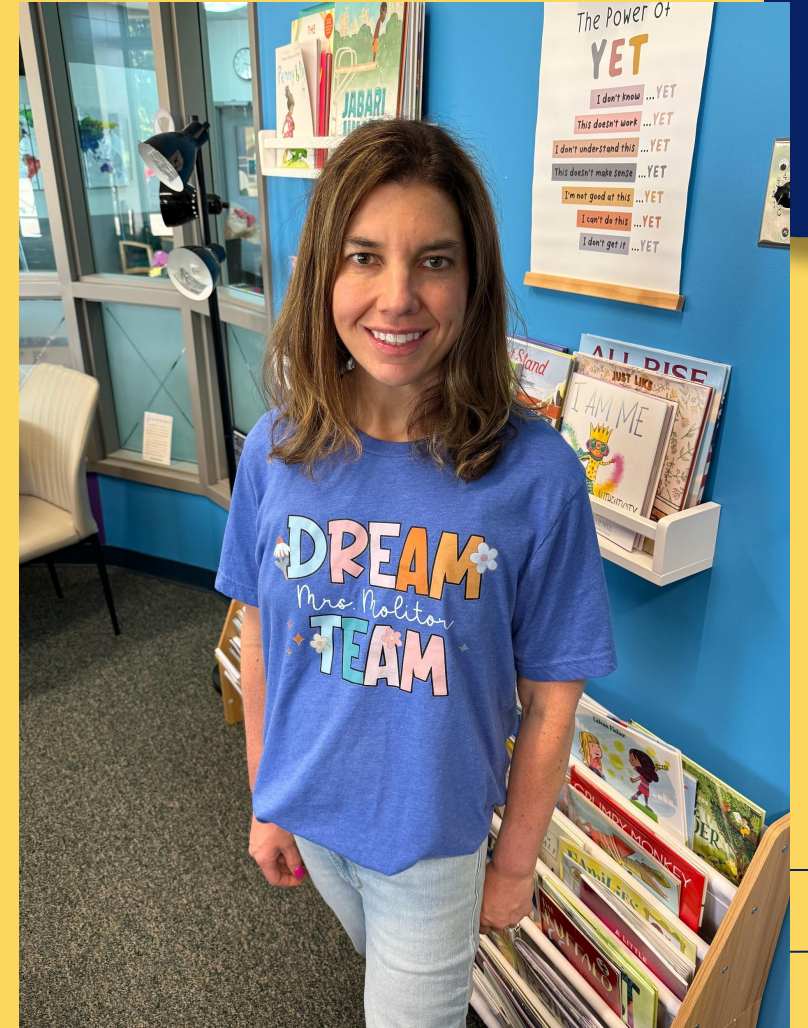
- Please consider the following guidelines when making the decision to send your child to school:
  - Fever of 100 degrees or higher: children should be fever free for 24 hours without fever – reducing medication.
  - Uncontrollable coughing.
  - Vomiting/Diarrhea: children should be free of symptoms for 24 hours before returning to school.
  - Inability to sleep most of the night because they don't feel well.
- Infectious Diseases:
  - Follow the AGHD Guidelines.



# Do you know our School Counselor?

Mrs. Amy Molitor: [amolitor@pinerichland.org](mailto:amolitor@pinerichland.org)

- Individual Counseling
- Group Counseling
- Classroom Lessons
- Educational Support - MTSS
- RAMS Way Team Coach
- SO4 Plan Case Manager
- SAP Team Leader



# Do you know our School Counselor?

Mrs. Amy Molitor: [amolitor@pinerichland.org](mailto:amolitor@pinerichland.org)

## School Counseling - K-12 Tier I Lessons

### School Counseling Lessons - Kindergarten

#	Lesson	Time	Location	Teacher's Role
1	<a href="#">Promoting Good Emotional, Physical, and Behavioral Health</a>	30 Minutes	General Education Class	Observe/Assist
2	<a href="#">Internet Safety &amp; Cyberbullying</a>	30 minutes	General Education Class WEX/HA Library RES	Observe/Assist
3	<a href="#">Resiliency (trusted adults &amp; bucket filling)</a>	30 minutes	General Education Class	Observe/Assist
4	<a href="#">Career Education &amp; Work</a>	30 minutes	Library	Observe/Assist

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# School Security Team:

**Kori Phillips - NRPD Officer - PRHS**

**Sonny Litwiler - NRPD Officer - PRMS**

**Brad Nowosielski - NRPD Officer - EHUE**

**David Harajda - School Security Officer - HES**

**Judy Wolverton - School Security Officer - RES**

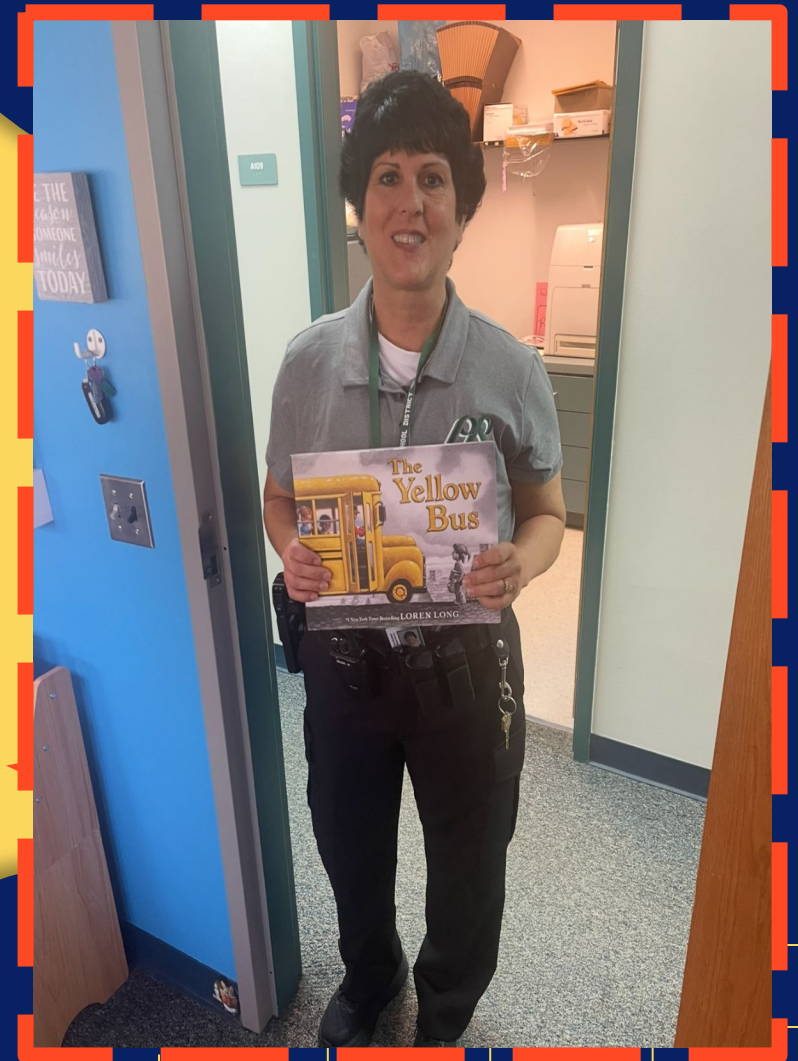
**Jason Zak - School Security Officer - WES**



# Officer Judy:

Responsibilities (not limited to):

- form relationships across the building
- armed security for the building
- lead and support safety drills
- situational awareness for campus
- stay trained and train others on safety protocols and expectations
- indoor and outdoor security



## ▪ Safety Procedures

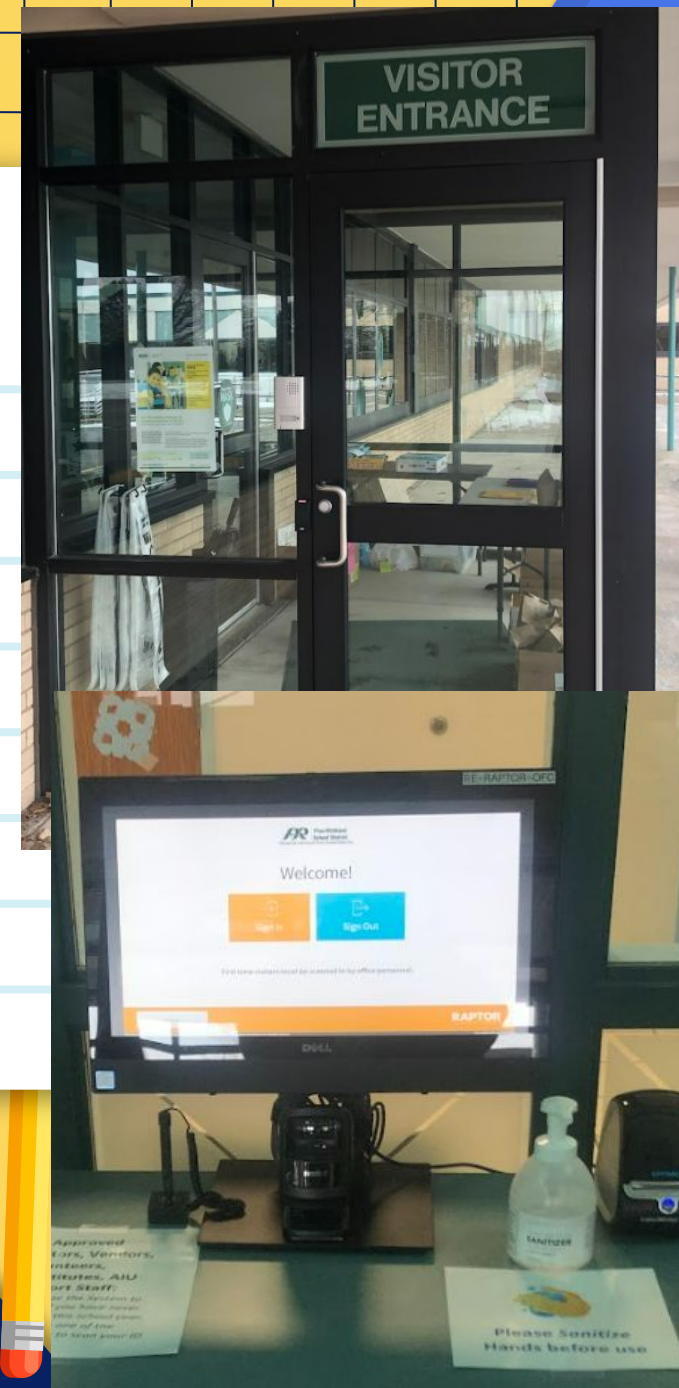
- ❑ Building locked
- ❑ Ring bell to enter
- ❑ Must sign-in with license and have a visitor's badge (ID)
- ❑ Office staff will get your child

## ▪ Early Dismissal

- ❑ Send an email and upload into Sapphire
- ❑ Ring bell to speak to front office secretaries - Office staff will get your child

## ▪ Odds and Ends

- ❑ Backpacks labeled
- ❑ Written excuse when absent - upload to Sapphire
- ❑ Written note for any change in dismissal i.e. riding home with a friend via car or bus - limited approval due to space on busses



# Visitor Policy - click [HERE](#)

Includes the expectations for safety and security from the building:

You are not permitted to take photos of children, even your own, while volunteering or visiting in the school. We want your attention to be on the children and the task you are here to volunteer for, and we have families who do not want their children photographed at school.

You are not permitted to take your child from the location where you are volunteering or visiting without prior approval through the teacher and office. We ask that everyone who plans to take their child from an event contact the office and teacher ahead of time, and exit through the main office, unless otherwise directed. This maintains our accountability of your children at all times.



# Do you know?

## Your Kindergarten Teaching Team:

Mrs. Becky Fickes - rm 112

[rfickes@pinerichland.org](mailto:rfickes@pinerichland.org)

Mrs. Jenn Kinross- rm 110

[jkinross@pinerichland.org](mailto:jkinross@pinerichland.org)

Mrs. Patty Kuremsky - rm 103

[pkuremsky@pinerichland.org](mailto:pkuremsky@pinerichland.org)

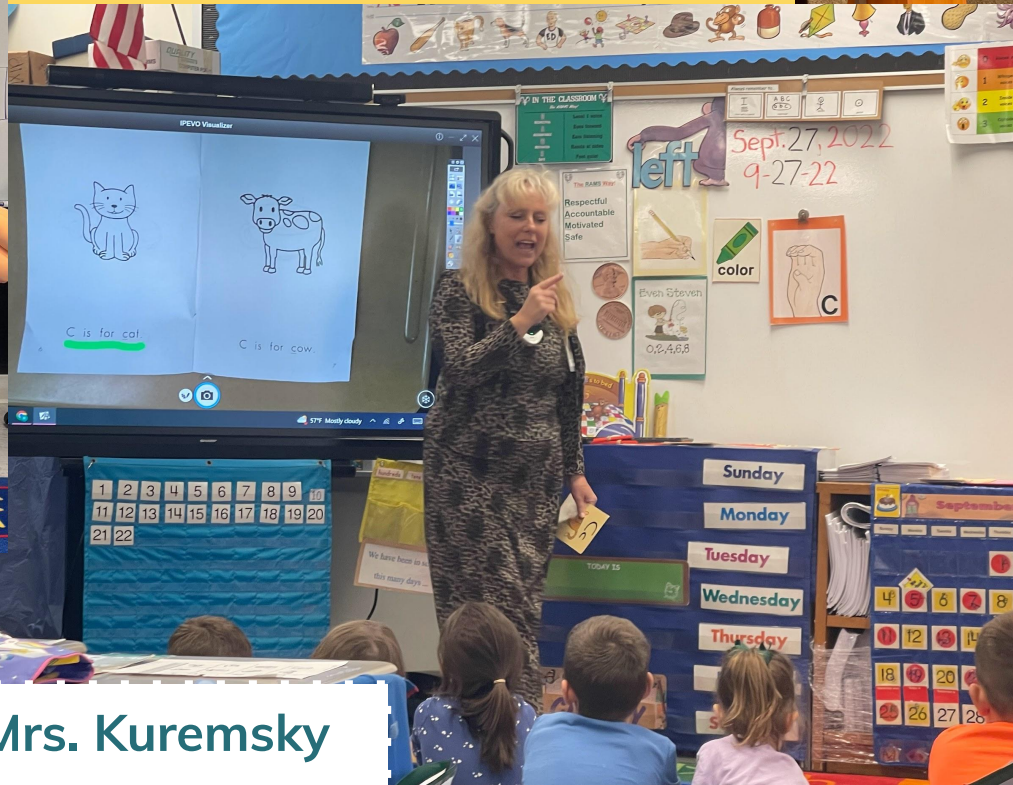


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Mrs. Kinross



Mrs. Fickes



Mrs. Kuremsky



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Get connected to  
the PTO

# Did you know? The PTO does that!

## Student Enrichment

- Funding Assemblies and Field Trips
- Helping with RAMS WAY initiatives and School Store
- Coordinating After-School Programs such as Baker's Dozen, Spanish Enrichment Club, Kids of STEEL and MAD Science.
- Refreshing outdoor and indoor recess equipment
- Celebrating student birthdays with the Birthday Book Cart
- Coordinating Book Fairs, Holiday Shop, Family Fun Night and more.



# Did you know? The PTO does that!

## Staff Appreciation

- Providing Back to School Start-up funds for teachers.
- Classroom support for events and parties
- Supplying new books and classroom materials
- Organizing and providing Teacher Appreciation luncheons and celebrations throughout the year



# Did you know? The PTO does that!

## Fundraising

- Coordinating fundraisers such as Spirit Wear, Gift of Time and BLOOM flower sale.
- Organizing our Main PTO Fundraiser - Move-A-Thon
- Raising money for building improvements, curriculum materials, recess equipment, classroom needs and more



### Chick-fil-A Receipts

Turn in receipts you collect from the Wexford and Cranberry Chick-fil-A locations, and the PTO will be able to collect 20% of the totals to earn money towards school events. Place receipts in an envelope marked "Chick-fil-A PTO" and send to school.



# Did you know? The PTO does that!

## Building Community

- Hosting Family Fun Night, Movie Night and Heart Ball
- Organizing Dine Out Nights and Family Meet Up Days
- Assisting with School/Community Involvement such as PR Days at Pirates/Penguins Games and more
- Food Drives and charity work throughout our community



# Support The RES PTO by Volunteering



## Ways to Stay Connected



- Volunteer for an event - click link below or scan QR code
- Follow us on Social Media - [Richland Elementary PTO](#) on Facebook and [richlandramspto](#) on Instagram
- Become a Classroom Parent - stay tuned in the Friday Flash
- Donate \$\$ or Supplies - Amazon wishlists QR code
- Support our Fundraisers
- Join a Committee - click link below or scan QR code
- Stay connected by signing up for Membership Toolkit - at info desk
- Any questions - email [richlandramspto@gmail.com](mailto:richlandramspto@gmail.com)



Staff Lounge Wishlist

[Click here to Sign Up](#)



Scan to Volunteer

# Meet the 2026-27 PTO Executive Board

**President** - Jessica Kogut

**VP - Student Programs** - Shawna Linderman

**Treasurer** - Lona Kubik

**Secretary** - Amanda Hammel

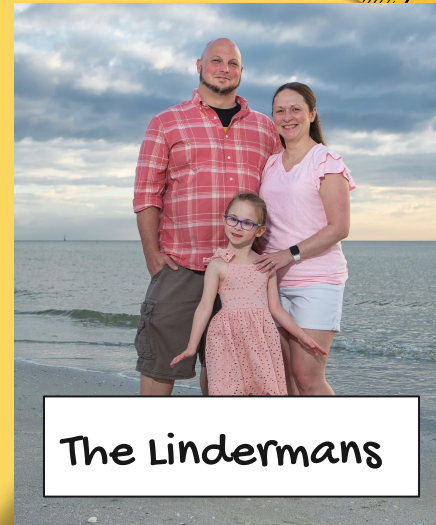
Email the board: [richlandramspto@gmail.com](mailto:richlandramspto@gmail.com)

Visit the RES PTO website to learn more.

[bit.ly/RESPTOweb](https://bit.ly/RESPTOweb)



SCAN ME



# Register Today for Membership Toolkit



The screenshot shows the Richland Elementary PTO website. At the top, there is a banner with four photos: a library, a classroom, a stage performance, and a school bus. Below the banner is the text "RICHLAND ELEMENTARY PTO" in green. A navigation bar contains "Home", "Our PTO", "Calendar", and "My Account". On the left, there are "Quick Links" with a "Register/Login" button, "Upcoming Events" for "Wednesday, August 20" with a "First Day of School" event, and a "Full Calendar" button. The main content area features the Richland Elementary logo, a "REGISTER TODAY FOR RICHLAND PTO NEWS!" heading, and a "Register/Login" button. Below this is a note: "You will be prompted to login. If you already have a Membership Toolkit account login with another organization, you can use the same log-in here." At the bottom, there is a "FIRST PTO MEETING" section with a "Join us!" graphic and text: "Join us to kick-off the school year at our first PTO Meeting on Wednesday, September 17th at 6:30pm (location TBD). We invite you to become involved at your child's school through the many opportunities provided by the Richland Elementary PTO."



Scan the QR Code to Register!

# Volunteer Policy - click HERE

## **Independent Volunteers**

**Direct contact with kids.**

**Need Clearances!!**

## **Assistive Volunteers**

**No unsupervised contact with kids**

**Training Sessions and information can be found on the district website.**

***\*Volunteers for cafeteria or other purpose outside of the classrooms are not permitted to go to classrooms during the school day.***

***\*\*For questions about clearances or the volunteer paperwork, please email Abby Cercone at the administration office - [acercone@pinerichland.org](mailto:acercone@pinerichland.org)***

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**You are not permitted to bring younger siblings/children with you when volunteering.**

**Stretch Break:**

**Your goal is to meet someone new and possibly even exchange numbers to setup a summer playdate! Connecting with each other is a goal of KinderCamp!**

**When the video concludes, please return to your seats!**



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What are the kids up to  
at kindercamp and what  
will kindergarten look  
like?

# KinderCamp Learning Stations:

Simon Says - following directions and resiliency

Free Play - sharing, cooperation and communication with peers

Watermelon Cutting Activity - scissor skills

# KinderCamp Learning Stations:

Early Numeracy - do they know numbers and 1:1 correspondence

Self Portrait - following directions and speech/articulation

Story Reading - Comprehension and retell check

# Goals of KinderCamp:

Begin building relationships

Become familiar with Richland Elementary

Students to meet teachers and staff

Get a snapshot of students as learners

Provide feedback to families based on the skills that are observed

Help students experience the riding the bus!





# **School Year Kindergarten Information:**

# Daily Kindergarten Schedule: AM

		Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
8:30-9:00	30	Team Collaboration/Meetings				
9:10-9:20	10	Arrival Time for Students				
9:20-9:25	10 (5)	Read Aloud	Read Aloud	Read Aloud	Read Aloud	Read Aloud
9:25-9:55	30	95% & Heggerty	95% & Heggerty	Music - Cycle A	Library	Art - Cycle B
9:55-10:10	10	Science/SS	Science/SS	95% & Heggerty	95% & Heggerty	95% & Heggerty
10:10-10:40	30	RAM	RAM	RAM	RAM	RAM
10:40-11:20	40	Wonders	Wonders	Wonders	Wonders	Wonders
11:20-11:50	30	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math
11:50-12:00	10	Dismissal				

Schedule is a sample from the 2023-2024 school year:

# Kindergarten: AM

- Bus Transportation to School Only
- Arrival 9:10 am – 9:20 am - side auditorium doors
- Instructional Day Begins 9:20am
- Dismissal 12:00pm - do not arrive before 11:45 - Front Door pick up line (Auditorium)

# Daily Kindergarten Schedule: PM

		Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
12:30-1:00	30	Team Collaboration/Meetings				
1:00-1:15	15	Arrival Time for Students				
1:15-1:20	10 (5)	Read Aloud	Read Aloud	Read Aloud	Read Aloud	Read Aloud
1:20-1:50	30	95% & Heggerty	95% & Heggerty	Music - Cycle	Library	Art - Cycle B
1:50-2:00	10	Science/SS	Science/SS	95% & Heggerty	95% & Heggerty	95% & Heggerty
2:00-2:30	30	RAM	RAM	RAM	RAM	RAM
2:30-3:10	40	Wonders	Wonders	Wonders	Wonders	Wonders
3:10-3:40	30	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math
3:40-3:45	10	Dismissal				

Schedule is a sample from the 2023-2024 school year:

# Kindergarten: PM

- Bus Transportation Home Only
- Arrival 12:55-1:05pm
- Front Door Drop Off (Auditorium doors)
- Instructional Day Begins 1:05pm
- Dismissal 3:45pm (car & bus riders)

# Kindergarten: PM

***Critical - Orange band must be on backpack all year for PM students only!***

- Helps driver recognize student is in Kindergarten and ***must*** be greeted by an adult at bus stop in the PM
- Keep this on backpack in a visible area
- Request new band if needed through Mrs. Hoffman in the main office

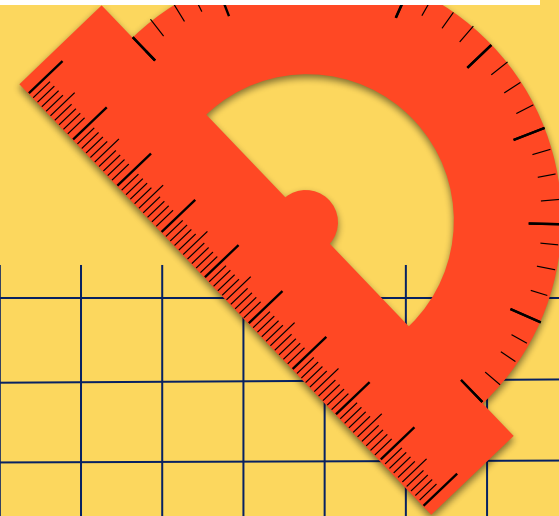


John Stoughton  
Director of Transportation  
[jstoughton@pinerichland.org](mailto:jstoughton@pinerichland.org)

# Kindergarten: PM

## ***Dismissal:***

- ***Inform your child's teacher how your child will typically get home - bus (pm only) or car rider - there will be a Sapphire form this year!***
- ***If there is a change on a particular day, please send a note in your child's folder AND email the teacher AND secretaries***
- ***This is only needed if it is a change in your child's regular transportation***



# Delays, Cancellations, or Learning from Home

## Kindergarten 2-Hour Delay Schedule:

AM session - 11:15-1:00

PM session - 2:05-3:45

Information:

PR-TV


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

Local TV

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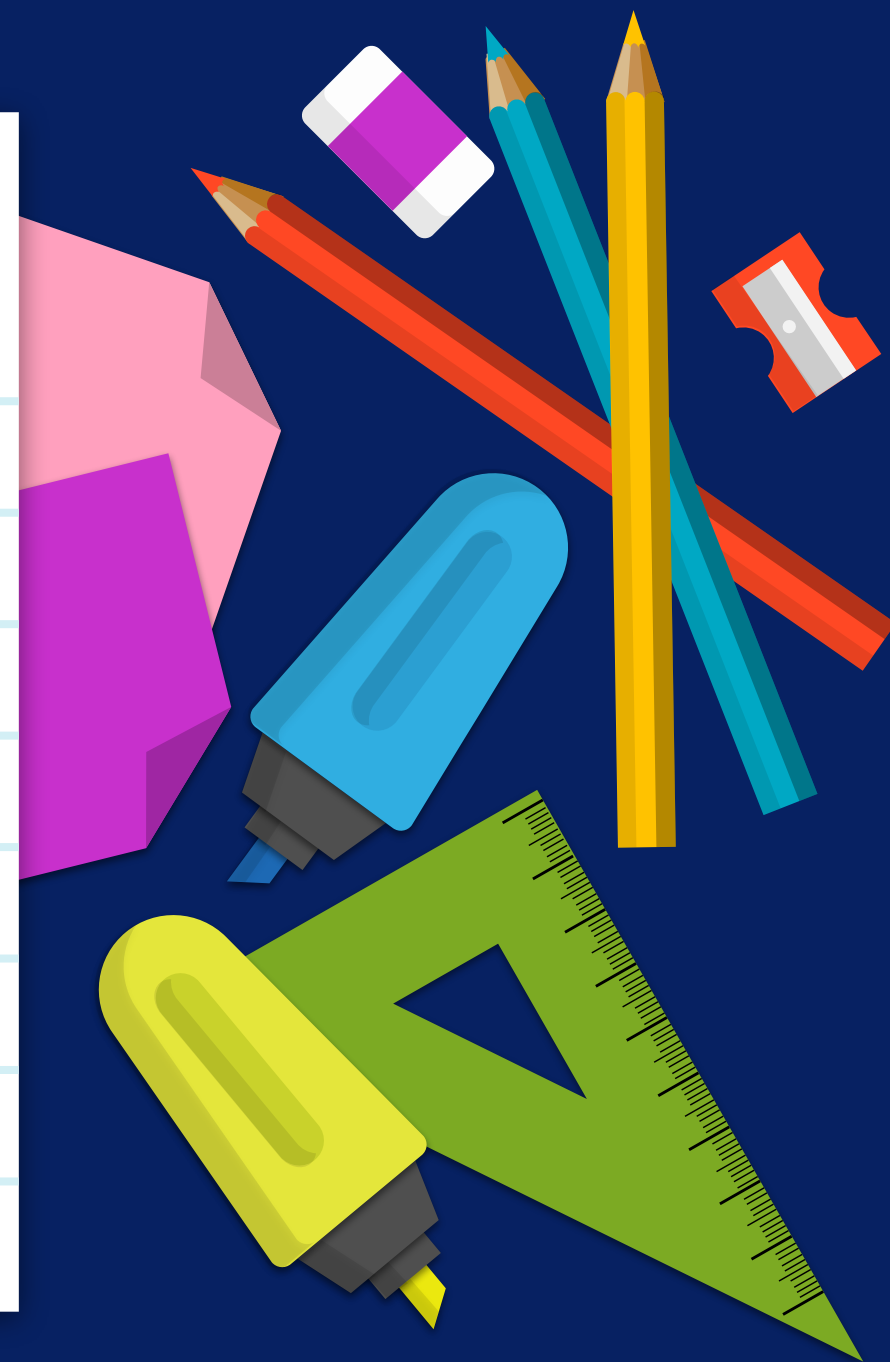


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**Curriculum and  
Resources  
Read the K-3  
Curriculum HERE**

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# Literacy:

**Phonemic Awareness: Phonemic awareness is the ability to understand that spoken words are made up of individual sounds called phonemes, and it's one of the best early predictors for reading success. (Heggerty - click [HERE](#))**

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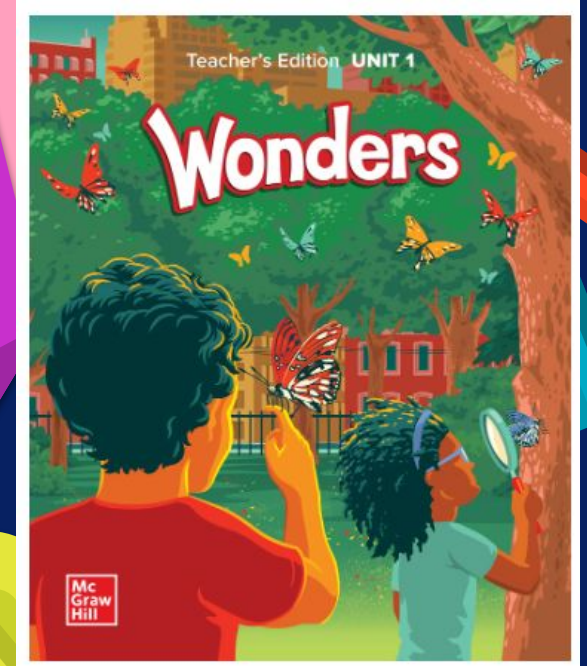
## Phonics:

- The relationship between the letters (graphemes) of written language and the individual sounds (phonemes) of spoken language. This is called the alphabetic principle.
- Using the letter-sound pairings to sound out printed words.
- The understanding that there are systematic and predictable relationships between written letters and spoken sounds.
- Click [HERE](#) to read more about our resource, 95% Group



# Literacy:

- **The English Language Arts program encompasses the areas of reading, writing, language, spelling, and speaking. Students are involved in activities beginning in Kindergarten that are designed to help them explore their interests, share their experiences, and develop a lifelong love of reading.**

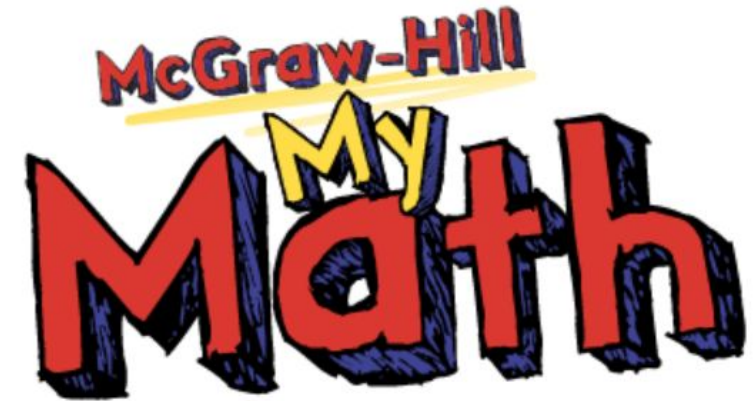


# Math:

**Made for Student Success**

**Built around the Standards for Mathematical Practices, McGraw-Hill My Math engages students with the focus, coherence and rigor required by state standards. The program has an intuitive lesson format and digital tools to develop customized content. Digital accessibility with any device help you to plan, sequence, and deliver instruction that works best for your students anytime, anywhere.**

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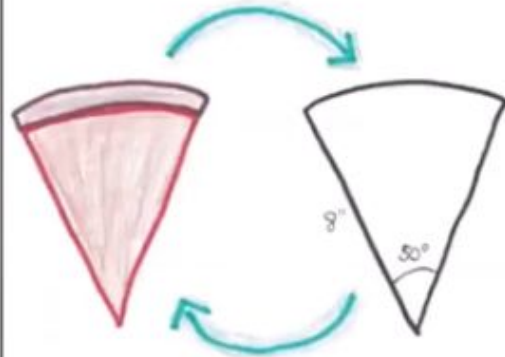
## **Units of Study:**

- Unit 1: Counting and Cardinality
- Unit 2: Operations and Algebraic Thinking
- Unit 3: Numbers and Operations in Base 10
- Unit 4: Geometry
- Unit 5: Measurement and Data
- Unit 6: Calendar Math

MP1: Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.



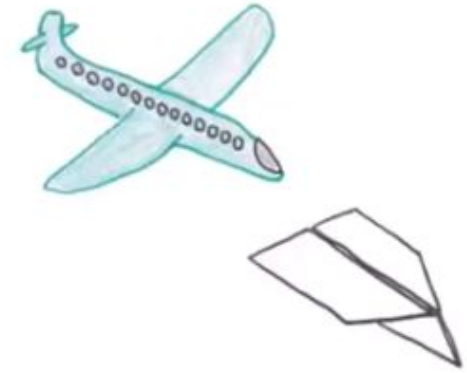
MP2: Reason abstractly and quantitatively.



MP3: Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.



MP4: Model with mathematics.



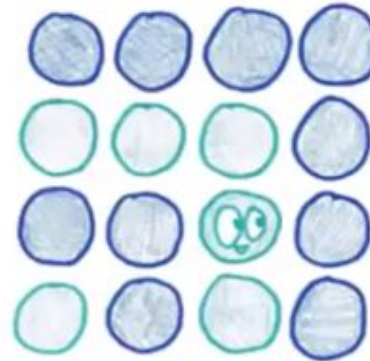
MP5: Use appropriate tools strategically.



MP6: Attend to precision.



MP7: Look for and make use of structure.

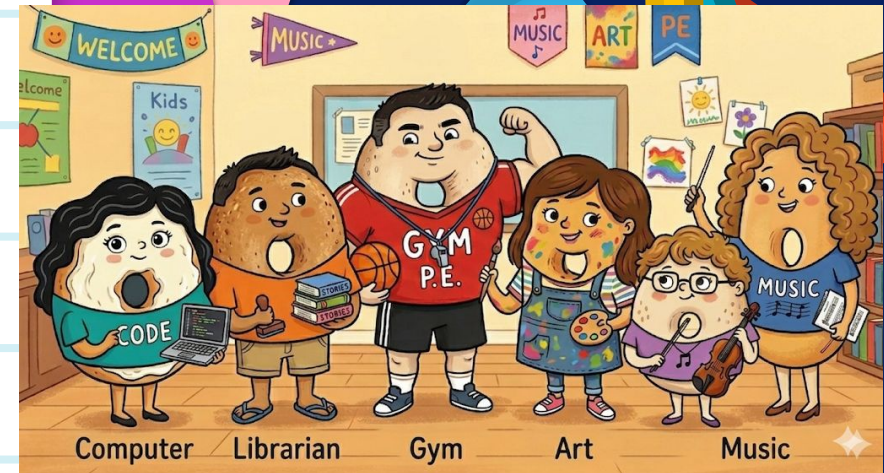


MP8: Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning.



Images courtesy of the Minnesota Council of Teachers of Mathematics (MCTM), the MN Math Leaders Group and Minnesota artist Ben Orlin

**Special Area Classes:  
Library – 30 minutes/5  
day cycle  
Art or Music– 30  
minutes/5 day cycle**



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## Health & PE | GR 1-3 Mr. Matteson

- ◆ Follow the RAMS Way
- ◆ Remember to wear sneakers
- ◆ Have a positive attitude & good sportsmanship
- ◆ Participate in various physical activities

## Music Education | K-3 Mrs. Campbell & Miss Tansimore

- ◆ Follow the RAMS Way
- ◆ Will expand music literacy, enhance performance skills, and build musicality by participating in various activities
- ◆ Learn to understand form and expression through movement
- ◆ Explore different musical genres

## Library | K-3 | Mr. Hovanec

- ◆ Follow the RAMS Way
- ◆ Book checkout weekly
- ◆ Book renewal options available
- ◆ Explore the magical world of books



## Computer | K-3 Miss Kohler

- ◆ Follow the RAMS Way
- ◆ Bring headphones
- ◆ Learn to code & keyboard

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## Art | K-3 | Mrs. Laslavic

- ◆ Follow the RAMS Way
- ◆ Earn RAMS Way behavioral incentives
- ◆ Come dress for a mess on art days
- ◆ Will paint, draw, do fiber arts, sculpture, and clay
- ◆ Parents are welcome to volunteer to hang artwork
- ◆ Student artwork is displayed throughout the year, main showcase is in the spring at Open House



# RAM Time:

**“Reading and Math”**

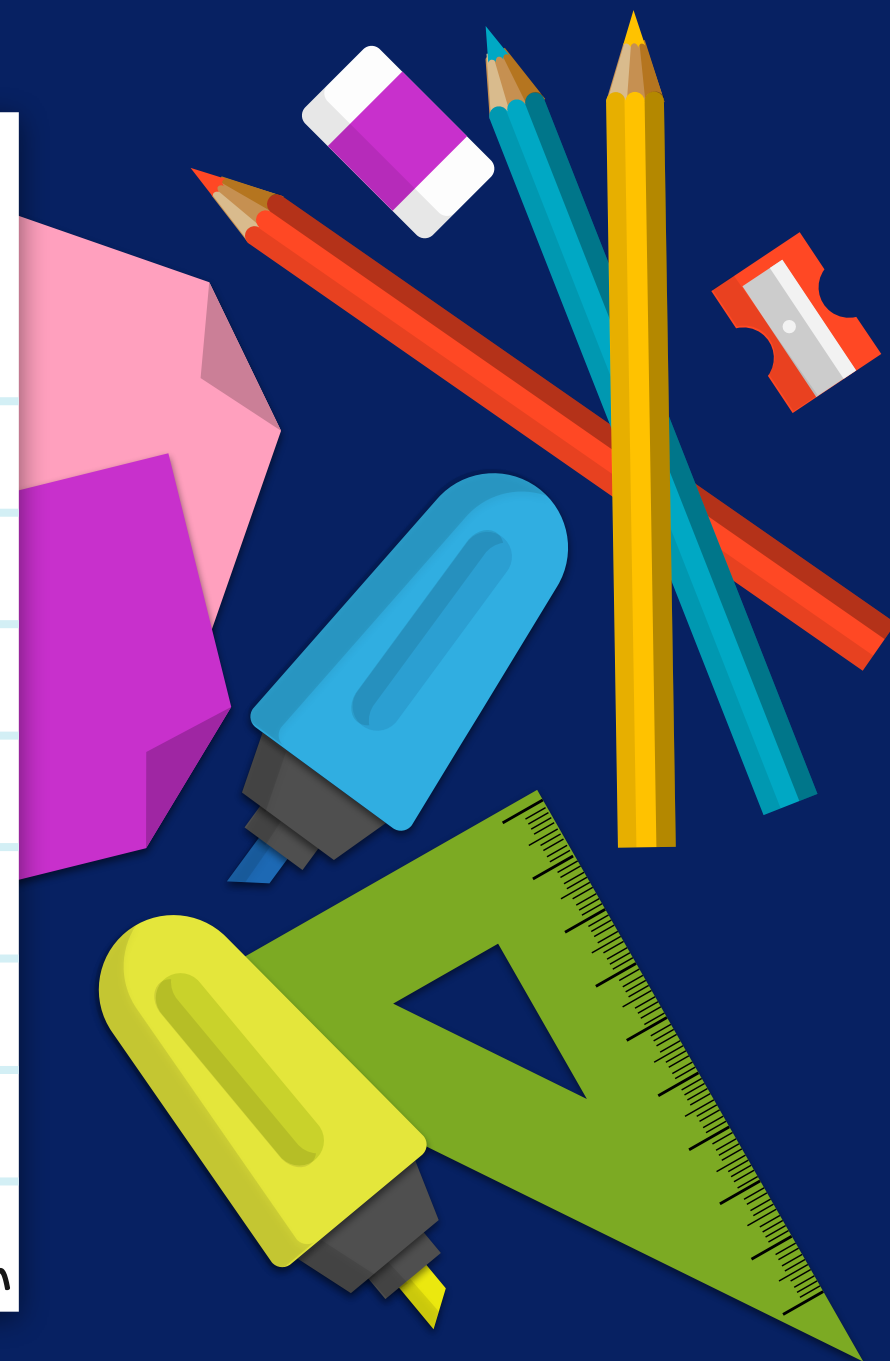
**Common intervention and  
enrichment time**

**20-30 minutes for AM and PM K**

**No core instruction missed**

**Supplemental to core  
instruction from curriculum**

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# Assessments:

- **Informal and Formal Assessments**
  - Throughout the year
  - Progress Reports quarterly
- **STAR 360 Early Literacy**
  - Letter Identification
  - Letters as Sound Symbols
  - Initial Medial & Ending Sounds
  - Phonemic Awareness
  - Alphabetic Principle

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**RAMS Way**  
**Building a positive**  
**school culture with**  
**consistent**  
**expectations for all!**



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# Behavioral Matrix

Click [HERE](#) to read

more about PBIS:

Lessons to learn

Assemblies to celebrate

Shoutouts to acknowledge

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## The RAMS Way

**R**ESPECTFUL

**A**CCOUNTABLE

**M**OTIVATED

**S**AFE



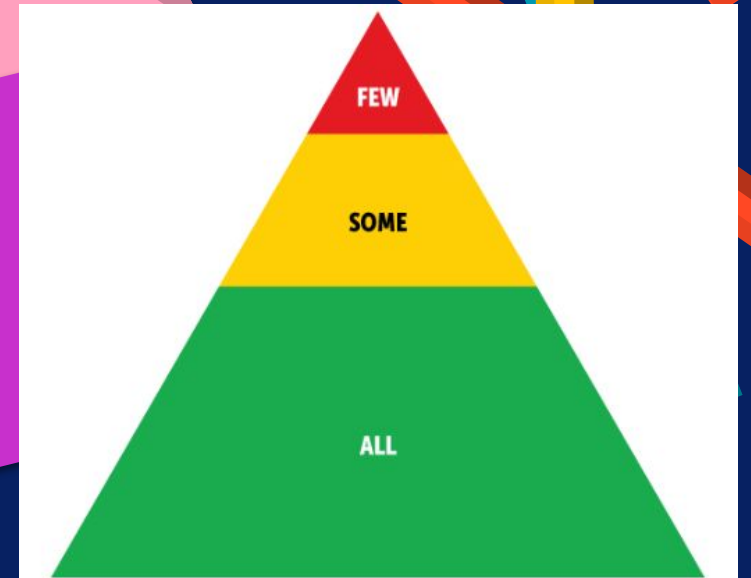
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# MTSS - Multi-tiered System

## of Supports:

systematic, collaborative team approach to ensuring all students are accessing learning and growth opportunities

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Light Refreshments  
with the PTO... but  
first some important  
info!

# Countdown to Kindergarten

## *School Preparations:*

- KinderCamp - great job, step 1 is almost over!
- A.M/P.M Placement Notification (late June)
- Student Placement (Mid August Notification)
- Find Your Classroom Day - TBD, week of 8/17; 9-3pm - visit the building and find the students' classroom together!
- RE - Kindergarten Parent Meet the Teacher Night - August 20, 2026

First Day of School August 25, 2026

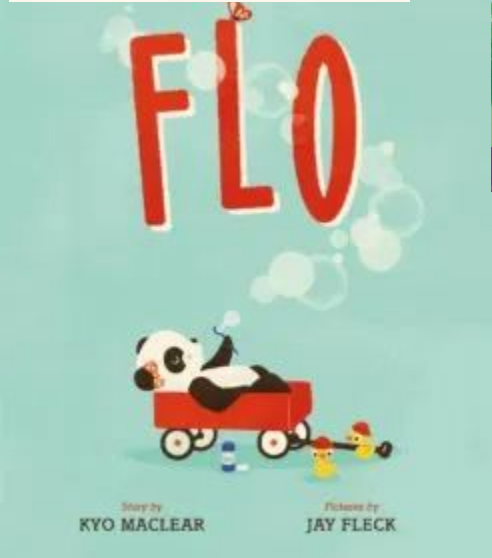
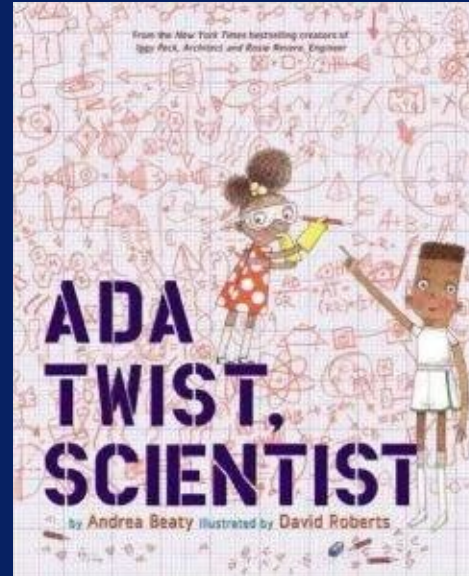
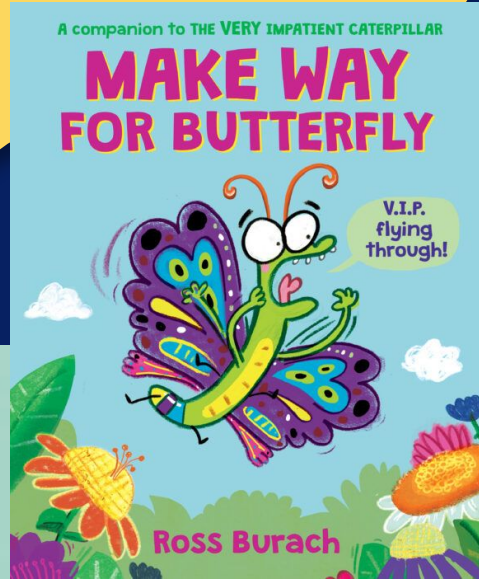
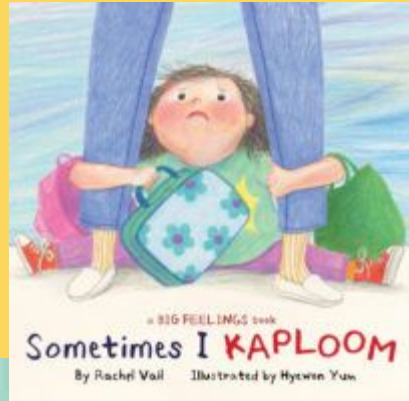
## How to help with the transition:

- *Communication/Connect with school*
- *Website, Friday Flash*
- *Support feelings*
- *Realistic Expectations*
- *Make connections with peers - summer playdates at RES Playground!*
- *Routines (Get lots of sleep!)*
- *Memory Box, New Traditions, Map of Neighborhood, Safety Plan*

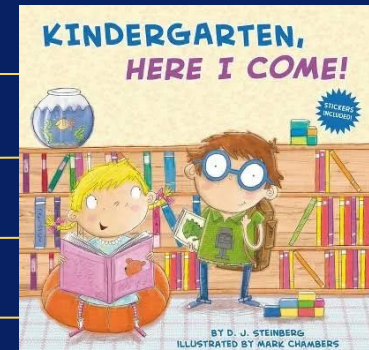
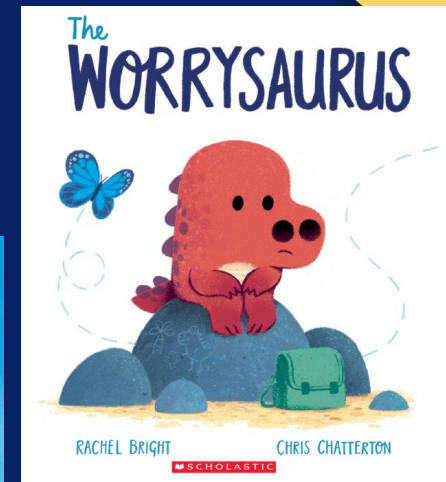
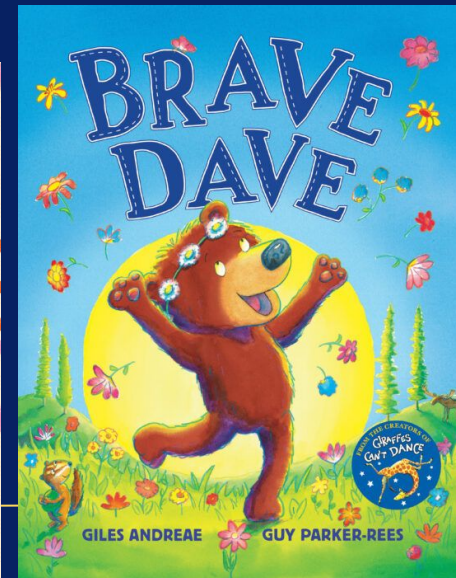
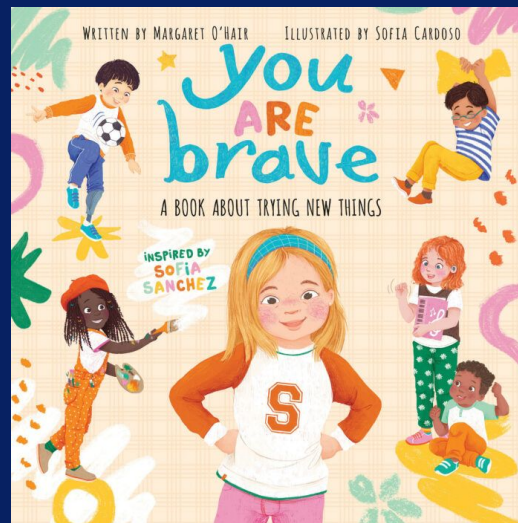
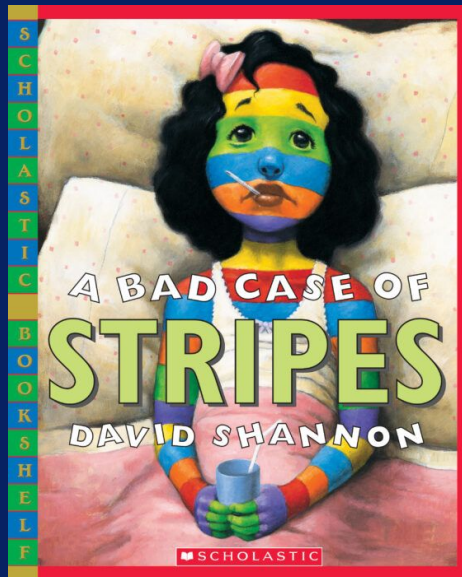
## What if my child is nervous?

- *Talking with your child is the best way to combat nervousness before the first day of school!*
- *Make sure your child knows that it's totally normal to feel nervous*
- *Encourage your child to be open and honest about his/her feelings about coming to school*
- *Reassure your child that school is new for their classmates too*
- *There will be a lot of new people and new things, so there will be a lot of learning happening for everyone*
- *Read books over the summer about school and kindergarten*
- *If there is any way that we can support your child, please call or email the school office. We are here for you!*

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# Great Summer Reads!



## Things to do over the summer:

### Practice:

- Identifying letters and their sounds
- Identifying numbers and corresponding them with amounts (counting items)
- Cutting with scissors
- Name writing and any handwriting
- Read each night to establish a routine and love for literacy!
- Build stamina with attention to task

# Keep Learning:

## Additional Resources:

PRSD Strategic Plan 2023-2027  
Stepping Stones - Key partner that provides programming before and after school as well as the half day opposite your child's kindergarten half day. We are separate entities, but they do operate in our building for convenience to families. Registration for PRSD opens soon and is first come first served.

**PARENT RESOURCES**  
**HERE**

**Sign Up for Communications**  
**HERE**  
**Community Web Portal - for access to grades and records in Sapphire**

## Policies and Regulations:

Academic Calendar - 26-27

Attendance - 10 parent excused days per school year, includes educational trips (approved vacations) and sick days without a medical note

Delays and Closings

Discipline Code

Food Service - Chartwells

Student Handbooks

Volunteers

RAMS Way

## STEPPING STONES CHILDREN'S CENTER

### Offering Before School Kindergarten & After School Programming

#### QUESTIONS:

Email: [registration@stepstonescc.org](mailto:registration@stepstonescc.org)

Call: (724)625-2199 x235



#### Kindergarten

Our program offers a unique curriculum that supplements the district curriculum with lessons based on the early learning standards. We engage children in play-based learning in reading, writing, math, science, social studies, STEM, creative arts, gross motor, and much more!

#### Hours & Locations

All of our programs are located directly in each of the three elementary schools within the Pine-Richland School District. Our hours of operation are 7:00am-6:00pm.

Before School: 7:00am-9:00am

AM Kindergarten: 9:00am-1:00pm

PM Kindergarten: 11:50am-3:30pm

After School: 3:45pm-6:00pm

#### Enrollment

TWO OPTIONS:

1. "Full-Time": 2- 5 days per week. A two day weekly minimum is required for enrollment. Days are required to stay consistent through the month.

2. "As needed": Care is provided on a daily need; if space is available. Prior notification and approval is needed before attending.

#### Before & After School

The before and after school programs provide safe and engaging childcare for working parents. Our programs offer hands on activities based on the early learning standards. Students are exposed to STEM, creative arts, gross motor, problem solving, and creative play. Students in the after school program will also receive a daily snack and time to complete homework with adult assistance, if needed.

#### Registration Details

What you will need for  
Registration

- Completed registration form
- Health Assessment
- Payment Information

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Information!

They understand that some  
adjustments may need to be made  
regarding AM/PM placements.



**Thank you!**

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