

Welcome to Elmonica

Pre-K
Preschool Promise
& Kindergarten
2026-2027



*Inquiry and joyful learning
through purposeful play!*

Introductions

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Principal



Elizabeth Haynes
Behavior Support Specialist



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Bilingual Facilitator



Introductions

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*Amber Williamson
Principal's Secretary*



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Introductions

Sonya Wilson

Kindergarten Teacher



Megan Valentin

Kindergarten Teacher



Marissa Wagner

Kindergarten Teacher



Introductions

Sofia Purro

Preschool Teacher (PSP)



Tammy Robb

Preschool Teacher (PSP)



Elva Negrete-Bruce

Preschool Teacher
(Pre-K)



Preschool

Preschool Core Values



Family + Community
Connection



Play Based Learning



Early Academic Skills



Pre-K Readiness

READ!



PLAY!



TALK!

Welcome to Kindergarten!

Kindergarten is a year of wonder, joy, friendship, and learning.

Beaverton's kindergarten program offers experiences that foster engagement, a sense of belonging, and a deep love of learning. Our curriculum inspires children to think, question, and investigate their curiosities.

We look forward to ensuring that your child's kindergarten experience is positive, nourishing, and filled with joyful experiences!

What to expect in Kindergarten

Getting Started!

- ✓ Focus on community building
- ✓ Learn school routines
- ✓ Play, build, pretend, and storytell
- ✓ Establish going-home routine



What You Can Do NOW!

- ✓ Follow one step directions (the first time)
- ✓ Independent bathroom use
- ✓ Open lunch containers
- ✓ Eat independently in 20 minutes
- ✓ Button and zip pants
- ✓ Zip up jacket
- ✓ Fasten / tie shoes
- ✓ Fine and Gross Motor Skills
- ✓ Use a tissue
- ✓ Count to 20
- ✓ Know and write their first and last name
- ✓ Limit Screen time to 30 minutes a day
- ✓ Practice kindness



How We Learn

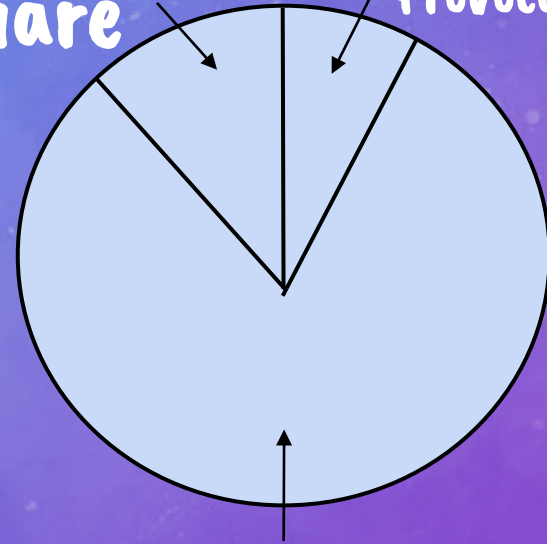
Reading, Writing, and Phonics



Share

Mini-lesson
or

Provocation



Reading/Writing/Math Practice,
Group Work & Collaboration, Playful
Inquiry, Social Emotional Learning

Math

- ✓ Counting and sorting
- ✓ Numeral recognition
- ✓ Shape identification
- ✓ Addition and subtraction
- ✓ Dreambox & games



Science, Social Studies, and Health



✓ Learning through inquiry

✓ Learning about ourselves and others

Play Inquiry



- ✓ Playful inquiry gives all children the chance to explore topics, ask questions, and learn through play.

Scientists have determined that it takes approximately 400 repetitions to create a new synapse in the brain - unless it is done with PLAY, in which case, it takes between 10-20 repetitions.

Karen Purvis, Institute of Child Development

Approach to Learning- Habits of Mind

Through playful inquiry, students will learn:

- ✓ Problem solve
- ✓ Collaborate with peers
- ✓ Persevere
- ✓ Think critically
- ✓ Communicate



Social Emotional Learning

Throughout the school year, kindergarteners are learning how to ...

- ✓ Develop friendships
- ✓ Cooperate with one another
- ✓ Regulate their emotions
- ✓ Communicate with teachers and peers
- ✓ Care for their classroom environment and one another



Family Engagement



You are your child's first teacher, and we want to build a strong, positive partnership with you.



Volunteer and get involved by contacting your child's teacher.

We are so excited to meet you!



Transition to class...

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Kindergarten Teacher



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Kindergarten Registration & Enrollment

Registration & Enrollment are the same!

Verification – every fall year two and beyond

Paperwork

- ✓ birth certificate
- ✓ immunizations
- ✓ proof of address

Call or email Reyna with questions or paperwork.

Reyna_Velazquez-Martinez@beaverton.k12.or.us

If you or your child identify as Native American or are a descendant of a Native American, please contact our office for additional information and available resources.

Enrollment / Registration Resource



Click to watch video.



Haga clic para ver el video.

Pre-K and PSP Registration & Enrollment

Preschool Promise

1. Washington County application year 1 and verify the second year.
2. Washington County sends an acceptance email to Elmonica.
3. Elmonica emails parent/guardian with instructions about how to enroll/register in the Beaverton School District.

Pre - Kindergarten

1. Complete an interest form.
2. Qualifying families will receive an email invitation to enroll/register in the Beaverton School District.

If we are your home school: Register/enroll - **ONLY ONCE**. Complete a **VERIFICATION** every fall after.

The First Weeks in Kindergarten

- ✓ Thursday, August 20th - Open House (3:00pm-5:00pm) - School Supply Drop Off & Back to School Night
- ✓ Tuesday, August 25 & Wednesday Aug. 26 - Kindergarten Connect
- ✓ Students **TENTATIVELY** assigned a classroom teacher
- ✓ Thursday, August 27 - (1/2 class) - Students with last name A-M
- ✓ Friday, August 28 - (1/2 class) - Students with last name L-Z
- ✓ Monday, August 31 - All Kindergarten Students Attend
- ✓ **Friday, September 4 - All Kindergarten students - Classroom Teacher Confirmed**
- ✓ Monday, September 7th - Labor Day No School

First Weeks of Pre-K / PSP

- ✓ Back to School Night and Supply Drop Off Thursday August 20th 3pm - 5pm
 - PSP - no supply request
- ✓ Individual Family Orientation - Tuesday, August 25th to Friday, September 4. Teachers will call you to schedule an appointment.
- ✓ Monday, September 8 - First Day of School

AM Session	PM Session
○ 8:10-8:25 Breakfast	12:00-12:15 Lunch
○ 8:25 -11:10 AM Session	12:15-3:00

Digital Tools

Seesaw Family App



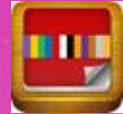
- ✓ Use the app to see classroom updates with photos and videos.
- ✓ Message your child's teacher and view their work.
- ✓ Access details will be shared this fall.

Dreambox Kindergarten



- ✓ The app helps students build skills by completing lessons on their own.
- ✓ They should try to finish 5 to 10 lessons each week.

Epic! & Bookshelf Kindergarten



- ✓ Epic and Bookshelf are apps for reading.
- ✓ On Epic, you can read or listen to books.
- ✓ Bookshelf has books at your reading level.
- ✓ Your teacher will give you your login info.

ParentSquare

- ✓ ParentSquare is our main tool for communication with families.
- ✓ You will get messages from teachers, specialists, the school office, and the district all in one place.
- ✓ Download the ParentSquare app on your phone for easy access.
- ✓ You will receive an email invitation when you enroll or register your child.



ParentSquare

Transportation



- ✓ Your child might be eligible for bus transportation.
- ✓ If your child qualifies, the transportation department will email you in August with bus stop locations and pick-up and drop-off times.
- ✓ The bus will not wait!
- ✓ App for tracking bus

Arrival

All Students

- Buses arrive at 8:10 AM.
- Students may go to the cafeteria for breakfast or walk to class through the front doors or breezeway.

Kindy to 5th - Drop-Off by car

- Drop-off time: 8:10–8:25 AM
- Use the car lane.
- Students must use the crosswalk to enter the building and cafeteria.

Pre-K and PSP Drop-Off

- AM Drop-off time: 8:10–8:25 AM for breakfast.
- AM School Starts 8:25
- Pre-K PM time: 12:00–12:15 for lunch
- Pre-K PM Start time: 12:15
- Park in a marked space.
- Drop off your child at the cafeteria door. We always start with breakfast (or lunch) with our classmates.

Dismissal

Parking Lot Access

- ✓ Cars may not enter the parking lot after 2:40 PM.
- ✓ Entry will reopen after the buses leave.

Vehicle Pick-Up (Begins at 3:10 PM)

- ✓ K-5 students gather in the cafeteria
- ✓ Enter through the bus lane.
- ✓ Pull up to the curb for pick-up

- ✓ Pre-K: outside Teacher Elva's door
- ✓ PSP: at the bottom of the ramp near the Pre-K classroom.

Walk-Up Pick-Up

- ✓ All: Park in the lot before 2:40 PM or in the neighborhood.
- ✓ Kindergarten Parents: Use sidewalks and crosswalks to reach the **East Gate - SHARE or SHOW your family #.**
- ✓ Kindergarteners exit from a classroom door to meet their parent East Gate.

Pre-K & PSP Pick up

- ✓ Pre-K: outside Teacher Elva's door
- ✓ PSP: at the bottom of the ramp near the Pre-K classroom.



Meals @ School

- ✓ Breakfast and lunch are free for all students.
- ✓ Breakfast starts at 8:10 AM at the cafeteria doors.
- ✓ You can send a home lunch, but we do not heat up food.
- ✓ Use containers that are easy for KIDS to open (no glass).
- ✓ Lunch times:
 - Full-day PSP & Kindergarten: around 10:20 AM.
 - PM Pre-K: 12:00 PM
- ✓ Students feed themselves.
- ✓ Practice finishing lunch in 15-20 minutes.

Kindy Academy



- ✓ Elmonica offers an optional 3-day Kindergarten Academy for enrolled students.
- ✓ August 10-12, Monday–Wednesday, 9:00 drop-off, 12:00 pick-up @ the cafeteria doors.
- ✓ Packaged breakfast and Lunchables provided, or bring a lunch.
- ✓ Activities include learning, explore time, and recess.
- ✓ Sign-up link will be sent to enrolled families when it is available.

PTO President

Janelle Goldstein





Volunteers

- ✓ Sign up to be a volunteer! Background Check!
- ✓ See the [BSD Volunteer webpage](#) for more information and to apply.
- ✓ For questions email elmonica.PTOVolunteer@gmail.com



DOWNLOAD THE RAPTOR SAFE APP
Save time when you sign in for volunteering

Step 1 - Use the links to download the Raptor Safe app to your device.
Step 2 - Enter your mobile phone number
Step 3 - Scan your Driver's License, Passport or state-issued ID card
Step 4 - Take a selfie
Step 5 - Swipe up from the bottom of the home screen to reveal your Raptor Passport.



iOS



Android

Jog-A-Thon & the PTO

- ✓ Thursday, October 1st - PSP/Pre-K & Friday, October 2nd - Kindergarten
- ✓ This is our ONLY annual fundraiser.
- ✓ Field trips, teacher appreciation, classroom supplies, and community events.
- ✓ Follow us on socials at: ElmonicaPTO or www.elmonicapto.org
- ✓ Volunteer Background Check



Beaverton City Library!



Barnes Dual Language





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The goal of early
childhood education
should be to activate
the child's own
natural desire to
learn.

Maria Montessori - Educator