

WELCOME TO

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Beecher Road School



Welcome!

Christopher Montini
Superintendent



Administration

Analisa Sherman
Matt Madruga
Cheryl Tafel

- Curriculum and Philosophy
- Transition from Home to School
- School Hours
- Arrival (Use of Buses)/Dismissal
- School Messenger
- PikMyKid

Woodbridge District Website: www.woodbridge.k12.ct.us

Our Kindergarten Certified Staff



Melissa Caporossi
Megan Cofrancesco
Lisa Farnen
Allie Grabowski
Carissa Cadelina
Jackie Scalia

Support Staff

We are a community!

- ★ Paraprofessionals
- ★ Language Arts Support Staff
- ★ Mathematics Support Staff
- ★ Special education & OT/PT
- ★ School Psychologists
- ★ Offices-Administrators and Admin. Assistants
- ★ Custodial
- ★ Nursing
- ★ Superintendent

We are all here for you and your child!



Extended Day Program

Mr. Anthony Taddei, Director
Mr. Tim Rourke, Assistant Director



Extended Day Cell
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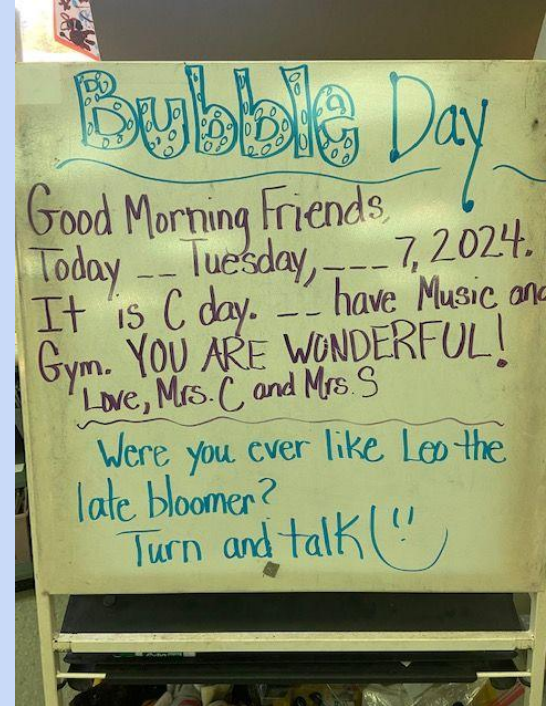
Nina Dean

School Nurse Supervisor



Getting to know your child:

- Pre-school information
- Developmental Inventory
- Fall assessments are completed individually with child's classroom teacher





To build a sense of community, **Beecher Road School** practices a **Responsive Classroom** approach to learning.

This includes:

- Developing classroom rules
- Playing cooperatively with others
- Sharing with others
- Displaying empathy
- Showing independence
- Listening to others
- Learning to be respectful
- Adjusting to new situations/transitions
- Solving problems



First Week of School for Kindergarten Students



Monday, August 24, 2026
Kindergarten Bus Ride

Monday, August 31, 2026
First day of school: 1:10 dismissal

Tuesday, September 1, 2026
Second day of school: 1:10 dismissal

Wednesday September 2, 2026*
Full day of school

Thursday and Friday September 3 and 4, 2026
Full days of school

**September 2: Kindergarten Open House*

General Information

Kindergarten...Here I come!!





Bus Procedure:

Bus Number: A tag will be given to your child and attached to their backpack!

Greeting/Dismissal: Children are escorted to and from buses for the first few days of school.

Schedule Changes: All changes to your child's dismissal **MUST** be made in PikMyKid by 1:50! Teachers follow what is listed in PikMyKid!

Backpacks



- Size: Appropriate to fit folder, lunchbox, and a book.
(18"H x 12"W x 7"D
Suggested size)
- No wheels or handles
- Please practice packing and unzipping with your child.
- Essentials only!



Lunch and Snack



- Monthly Lunch Calendar will be posted online.
- My Payments Plus Account: An individual online account can be used to pay for lunch, ice cream, milk, and a la carte items. Students will be given a 4 digit pin code at the beginning of the school year. They will also be given a paper keypad for practicing. Parents will need their child's 5 digit student ID number in order to set up their child's account online.

Healthy Snacks: Please provide 2 per day plus drinks.

You will be notified in writing if there are specific food restrictions in your child's class due to food allergies.

First week of school please provide a peanut free snack.

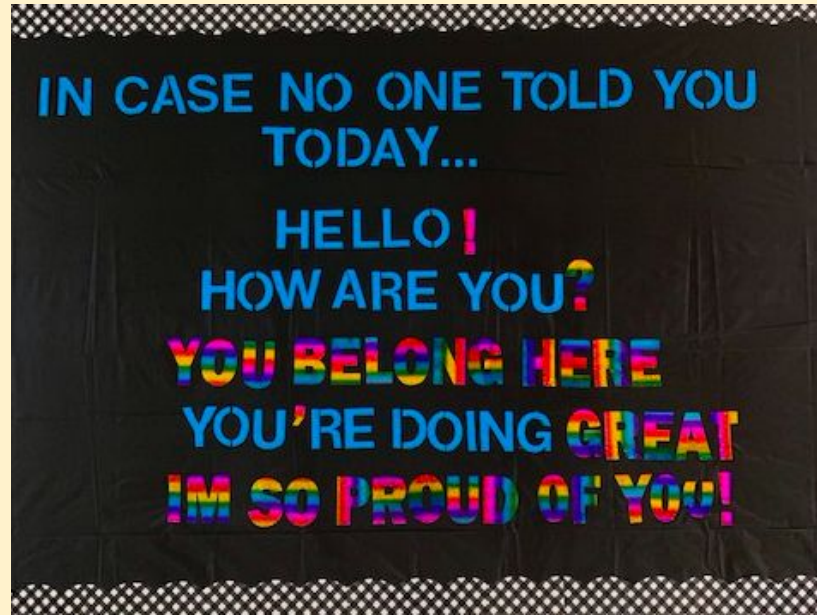


Example of the Lunch Menu

<div>  LUNCH </div> <div> MAY 2025 Beecher Road School <small>This institution is an equal opportunity provider. Menus are subject to change.</small> </div> <div> Available Daily: Yogurt Bento Meal Ham, Turkey, Tuna, Cheese or Sun butter & Jelly </div>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<div> <div>5</div> <div> Chicken Nuggets Sweet Potato Fries Dinner Roll Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk </div> <div>D</div> </div>	<div> <div>6</div> <div> Beef Nachos Seasoned ground beef served over corn chips with cheese, sour cream and jalapenos Vegetable Chow Rice Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk </div> <div>E</div> </div>	<div> <div>7</div> <div> Pizza Wedge Choice of Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Three Bean Salad Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk </div> <div>F</div> </div>	<div> <div>8</div> <div> Hot Dog All Beef hot dog served on whole grain bun Baked Beans Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk </div> <div>B</div> </div>	<div> <div>1</div> <div> National Lunch Super Hero Day Pasta with Meat sauce Whole grain pasta with a ground beef meat sauce Mixed Vegetables Garlic Breadstick Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk </div> <div>C</div> </div>
<div> <div>12</div> <div> Chicken Tenders Whole Grain Breaded Chicken Tenders With choice of dipping sauce Corn Dinner Roll Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk </div> <div>C</div> </div>	<div> <div>13</div> <div> Pulled Pork Sliders Two sliders with bbq pulled pork French Fries Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk </div> <div>D</div> </div>	<div> <div>14</div> <div> French Bread Steamed Broccoli Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk </div> <div>E</div> </div>	<div> <div>15</div> <div> Chicken Fajita Fajita chicken strips Brown Rice Onions and Peppers Tortilla Chips Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk </div> <div>F</div> </div>	<div> <div>9</div> <div> Brunch for Lunch Pancakes Sausage Potato Wedges Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk </div> <div>B</div> </div>
<div> <div>19</div> <div> General Tso's Chicken Brown Rice Broccoli Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk </div> <div>B</div> </div>	<div> <div>20</div> <div> Mozzarella Sticks Whole grain breaded mozzarella sticks served with marinara sauce Garden Salad Garlic Breadstick Choice of Fruit </div> <div>C</div> </div>	<div> <div>21</div> <div> Ernie's Pizza Ernie's Cheese Pizza Quinoa Salad Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk </div> <div>D</div> </div>	<div> <div>22</div> <div> Sloppy Joe Ground Beef seasoned and cooked with onions and tomato sauce served on a whole grain bun Potato Wedges Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk </div> <div>E</div> </div>	<div> <div>16</div> <div> Mac & Cheese Elbow Macaroni in a cheddar cheese sauce Mixed Vegetable Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk </div> <div>A</div> </div>
<div> <div>26</div> <div> No School </div> </div>	<div> <div>27</div> <div> Chicken Bacon Ranch Pasta Diced chicken, diced bacon ranch dressing mixed with pasta Mixed Vegetable Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk </div> <div>A</div> </div>	<div> <div>28</div> <div> Ernie's Pizza Three Bean Salad Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk </div> <div>B</div> </div>	<div> <div>29</div> <div> Grilled Cheese Whole grain bread toasted with melted American cheese Tomato Soup Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk </div> <div>C</div> </div>	<div> <div>30</div> <div> Hot Dog All Beef hot dog served on whole grain bun Colestlaw Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk </div> <div>D</div> </div>

Milk is offered with all meals choice of Fat Free Chocolate, 1% white or Lactaid Free
 Available every day Rainbow Veggie Tray may include: Broccoli, Baby Carrots, Celery, Cucumbers, Tomatoes, Peppers, Bean Salad, Black Beans and Chickpeas
 Three ways to pay: send in cash or check in a labeled envelope or visit mypaymentsplus.com to add money or track your account.
 Ala Carte Snack Items are available daily snacks price range \$.60 - \$1.75 including, milk, assorted chips and Ice Cream
 For menu questions please contact Jessica Hill jhill@woodbridges.org

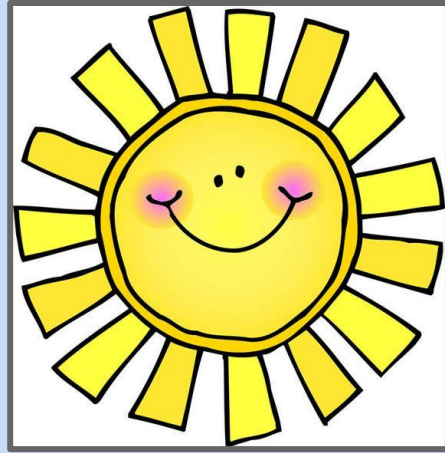
Preparing for Kindergarten



What can parents do?

Summer Enrichment Program

Ms. Jeanne Ciarleglio - Director



"Ready, Set, Grow!"

Five sessions available - 8:30-11:30 M-F & an extended "Stay, Learn, and Play" from 11:30-3:00

Your student will:

- Meet and be taught by current Kindergarten staff
- Begin building relationships with peers
- Practice routines and expectations for daily activities (playground, carpet, small group work, bathroom)

Class size will be limited

Sign up through the parent page of our website



Self-Help Expectations

Bathroom:

- Use the bathroom independently both toileting and handwashing
- Bathrooms are NOT inside of classrooms- classroom doors are locked
- Bathrooms are in hallway outside of room

Clothing/Personal Items:

- Fasten and unfasten clothing
- Put on and take off coat, shoes, etc.
- Pack/unpack backpack, folder, etc.
- Label all clothing with child's name
- Send in a full change of clothing, labeled, and placed in a plastic bag

Lunch and Snack:

- Open and close lunchbox and containers
- Supply utensils, if needed

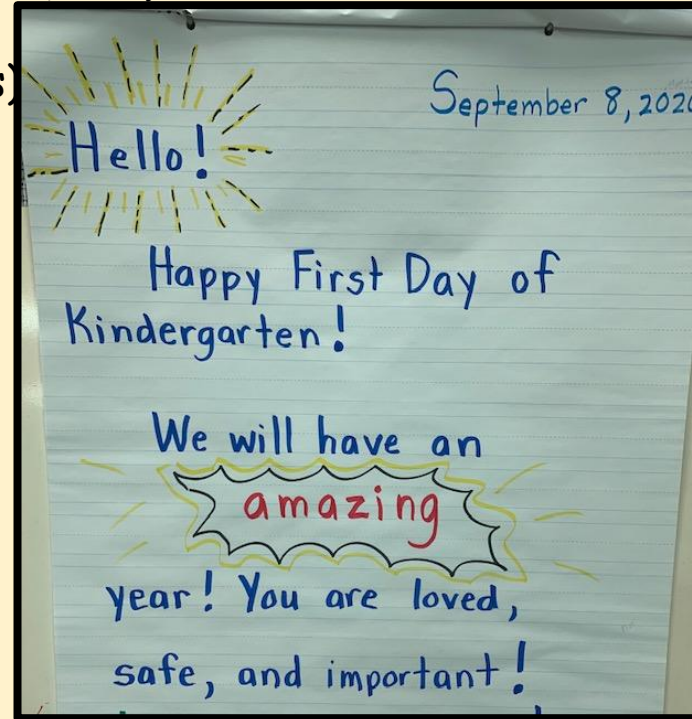


CURRICULUM: A BRIEF NOTE

- Our Literacy curriculum and an overview of our mathematics curriculum can be found at our district website:
 - <https://www.woodbridge.k12.ct.us/teaching-and-learning/curriculum>
- Curriculum expectations, and therefore school expectations, are different than in Pre-K. A typical schedule includes literacy, phonics, writing, mathematics, intervention time, specials and centers.

Oral Language Skills

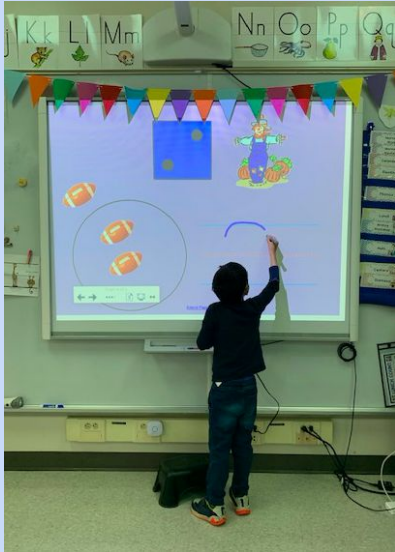
- Engage in conversations with your child (turn-taking).
- Play Games (Candy Land, Bingo, Chutes & Ladders, Go Fish, etc.).
- Build your child's vocabulary (experiences, games, books)
- Talk about books, pictures, TV shows, movies and activities.
- Talk about thoughts and feelings.
- Encourage your child to ask/answer questions.
- Practice important information about self.



Fine Motor Skills

Provide experiences with:

- Scissors
- Pasting
- Coloring
- Painting
- Beading
- Zipping
- Pincer Grasp



KINDERGARTEN PLAY DATE



Saturday

July 26th

10a-12p

Pease Park

Contact Monica Philipp via email
with any questions

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Questions?

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