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

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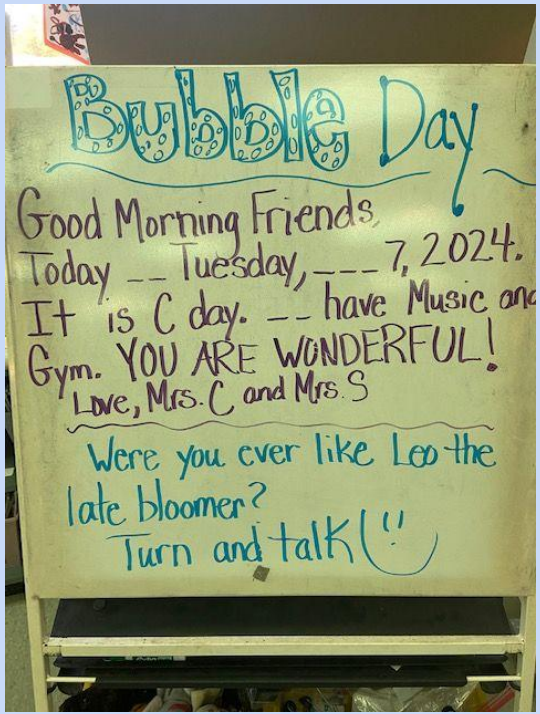
Nina Dean
School Nurse Supervisor

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

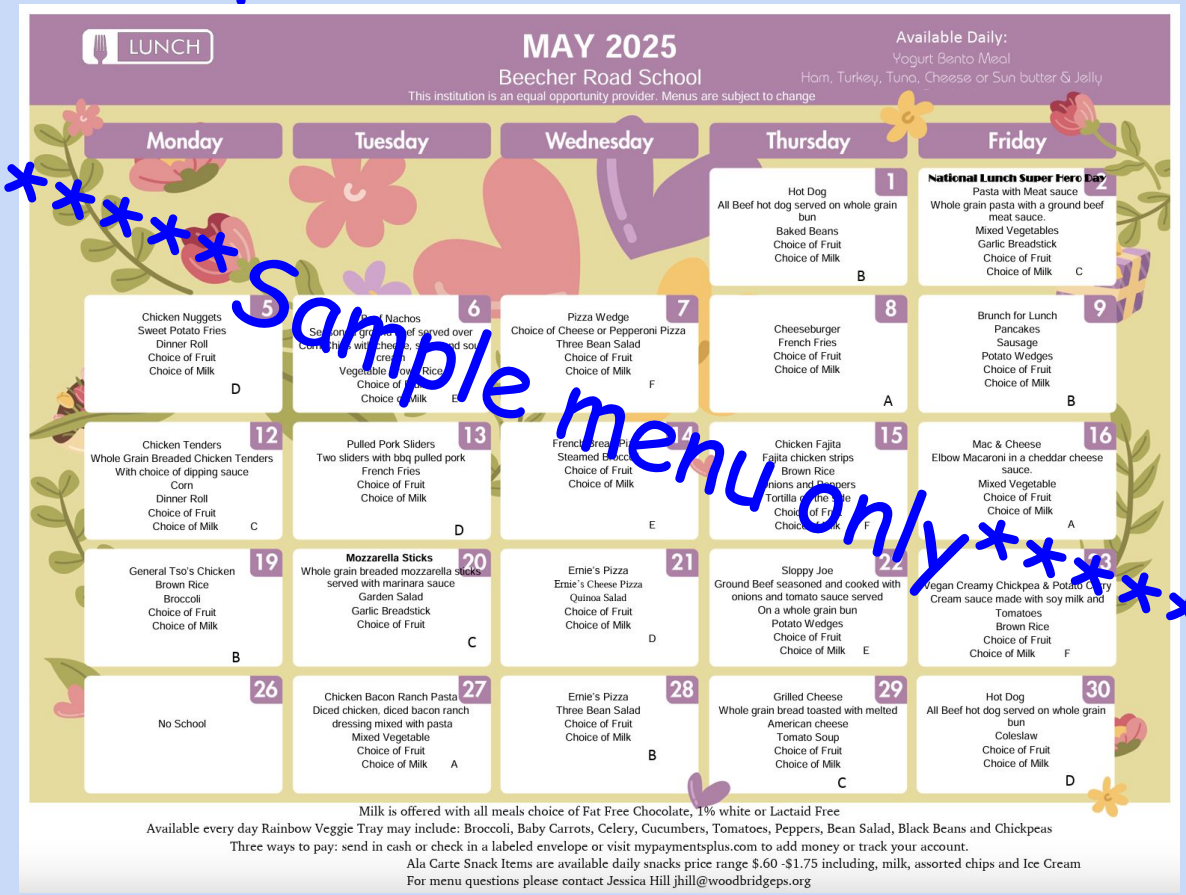
-Monthly Lunch Calendar will be posted online.
-My Payments Plus Account: An individual online account can be used to pay for lunch, ice cream, milk, and a la carte items. Students will be given a 4 digit pin code at the beginning of the school year. They will also be given a paper keypad for practicing. 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



*****Sample menu only*****

Milk is offered with all meals choice of Fat Free Chocolate, 1% white or Lactaid Free

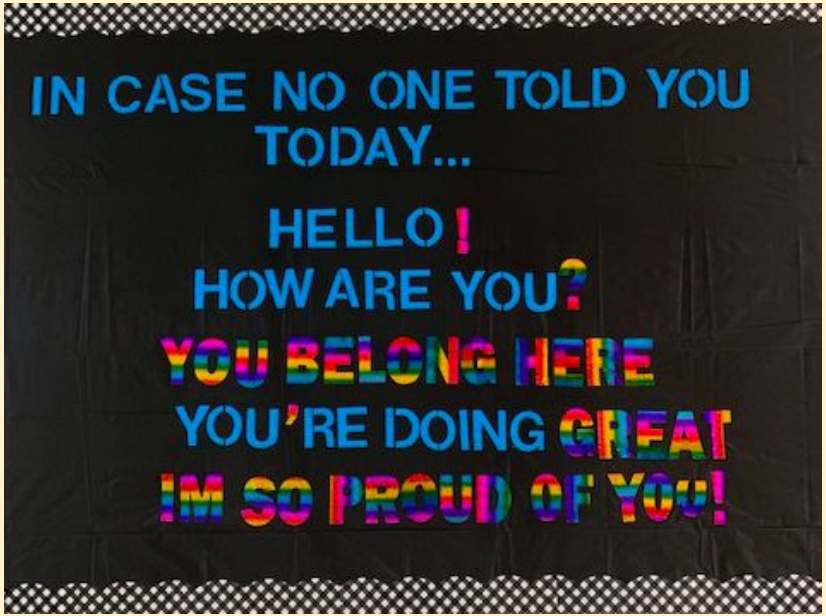
Available every day Rainbow Veggie Tray may include: Broccoli, Baby Carrots, Celery, Cucumbers, Tomatoes, Peppers, Bean Salad, Black Beans and Chickpeas

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@woodbridgeps.org

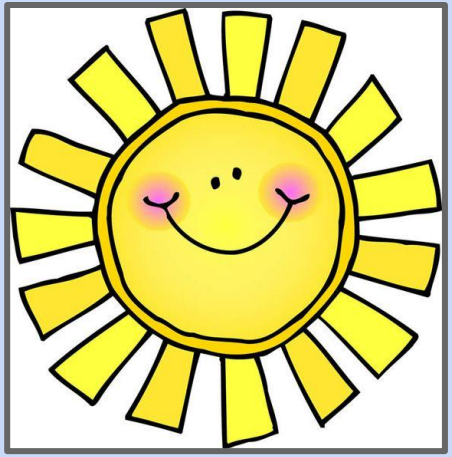
Preparing for Kindergarten



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)

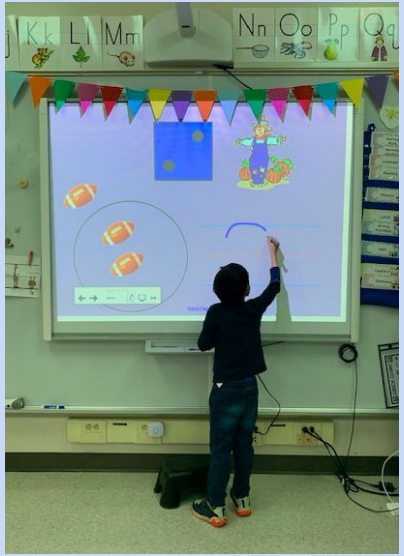
-Talk about books, pictures, TV shows, movies and activities.

-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 (monicasphilipp@gmail.com)

Questions?

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