

Drew Elementary School

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Hello Bobcat Parents,

Welcome to the exciting journey of kindergarten! We are delighted to have your child join us in August. The year will be filled with new experiences, learning opportunities, and joyful moments. Starting kindergarten is a significant milestone, and we are committed to ensuring that it is a positive and enriching experience for your child. Our Kindergarten Team of teachers are: Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. McKoin, Mrs. Walton, & Mrs. Works. We are here to support your child's academic, social, and emotional growth.

We are excited to announce the dates of our 3rd Annual Kinder Camp - Bobcat Beginnings. The purpose of the camp is to ensure each child has a positive and successful start to the school year. Teachers will guide students through fun and engaging activities that assess basic beginning kindergarten skills such as tracing letters & numbers, coloring, and sorting, etc. They will also explore the campus to learn where the cafeteria, nurse's office, library, and playground are located. These activities will help us learn each child's strengths and needs so that we can create balanced classrooms where all students can thrive. Please see next page the back to school schedule for our Kindergarten Bobcats.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR KINDERGARTEN PARENTS:

- **Monday, August 10** - Parents and students can meet our Kindergarten team and drop off supplies anytime between 7:30 am - 11:30 pm. Our Kindergarten teachers will be set up to greet you in the multi-purpose room. (This is the same location where we had Kindergarten Round-Up.) Please make sure the box or bag containing school supplies is labeled with your child's name.
- **Tuesday, August 11** - Kinder Camp - All Kindergarten **GIRLS** will attend for a full day. Parents will bring students to the multi-purpose room 7:25 am - 7:50 am. No Kindergarten boys will attend this day. Dismissal begins at 3:00 pm.
- **Wednesday, August 12** - Kinder CAMP - All Kindergarten **BOYS** will attend for a full day. Parents will bring students to the multi-purpose room 7:25 am - 7:50 am. No Kindergarten girls will attend this day. Dismissal begins at 3:00 pm.
- **Thursday, August 13** - **NO** Kindergarten students attend this day. Teachers and administration will use this day to divide classes evenly based on assessment results and student needs. Parents will receive a call from your child's teacher letting you know who their teacher will be.
- **Friday, August 14** - **ALL** Kindergarten students attend this day. Kindergarten parents can park and walk your child to their classroom from 7:25 am - 7:50 am. Dismissal begins at 3:00 pm.
- **Monday, August 17** - Kindergarten parents can park and walk your child to their classroom from 7:25 am - 7:50 am. This is a full day for all students.
- **Tuesday, August 18** - Kindergarten students will walk to their classroom by themselves. Good-byes are said at the main car drop entrance or before they exit the car.
- **Monday, August 24** - Kindergarten Parent Night: We will have an open house from 5:15 - 6:00 in our multi-purpose room.

To help you and your child transition smoothly into the school year, here are a few important details:

1. **School Supplies:** A list of Kindergarten school supplies can be found on our website. Please make sure the following supplies are labeled with student's name: marker box and headphones. We have partnered with schooltoolbox.com if you are interested in having school supplies shipped to your house.
2. **Communication:** We believe in open and ongoing communication. You will receive regular updates via Finalsite (OPSB messaging platform) about classroom activities, important dates, and any other relevant information. Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions or concerns.
3. **Attendance:** Regular attendance is crucial for your child's success. If your child will be absent due to illness, please notify the school nurse as soon as possible.
4. **Health and Safety:** The health and safety of our students are our top priorities. Please make sure to inform us of any allergies or medical conditions your child may have.

We are excited to partner with you in making this year a wonderful experience for your child. Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. We look forward to an amazing year ahead!

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