



**Kindergarten
Information
2022-23**

District Presentation

Welcome to the District

Everyone here and at your child's school is invested in the success and happiness of your child.

Kindergarten! ... here I come!



Goals

The goal of this presentation is simple. We are hoping to prepare first time kindergarten parents.

Typical Kindergarten Day



Typical Kindergarten Day

- Drop off
 - Getting Settled
 - Morning Meeting
 - Calendar
 - Thematic Songs
 - Thematic Poetry
 - Phonemic Awareness Activities
 - Letter Sound Drill and Practice (Foundations)
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Typical Kindergarten Day

- Academic Activities
 - Read Aloud
 - Language Arts
 - Literacy centers and guided reading
 - Writing
 - Explorations in Nonfiction Writing
 - Writer's Workshop
 - Journal Writing
 - Math
 - Science / Social Studies
 - Extension / Intervention Block
 - Specials (Art, Gym, Music)
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Typical Kindergarten Day

- Social Snack - in the classroom
- Lunch - in the cafeteria with other K classes
- Recess - on the playground

**Due to allergies, classroom snacks may not contain
peanuts.**

Typical Kindergarten Day

- Clothing - loose, comfortable
- Bathroom - work on using bathroom Independently
- Supplies - provided by BPS
- Backpack - appropriate size



Parent Communication/Engagement

- **Conferences:** November/December and Spring (as needed)
 - **Report Cards:** January and June
 - **Blogs/Apps:** Teacher specific
 - **Volunteer opportunities** (school/classroom specific):
 - CORI's need to be completed in Superintendent's office
 - Field Trips-school specific related to themes
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Readiness



How to Prepare My Child

- Talk to your child about going to kindergarten
 - be enthusiastic to decrease anxiety
 - Visit the school, play on the playground
 - Develop routines - sleeping and eating
 - Encourage socialization as health/safety allows
 - Work on being responsible
 - cleaning up after play, dressing themselves, using the bathroom independently
 - Social Stories for children who have difficulty with new situations
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How to Prepare My Child

- read to your child every day
 - tell stories to your child
 - have conversations with your child, encouraging them to ask questions
 - let your child see you read
 - talk math
 - make math fun
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Social Skill Development

My child is able to:

- Listen to simple adult directions and follow through
 - Can attend for 10-15 minutes
 - Can play independently
 - Is interested in peers and is interested in playing in small group activities
 - Can separate from their caregiver
 - Can anticipate change and is able to transition between activities
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Kindergarten Screening

The state of Massachusetts (Chapter 766) and federal law (PL 94-142) requires that all students are screened as a process to understand the development of all children participating in kindergarten programming. Please keep in mind that the screening is exactly that - just an opportunity to give us a snapshot of what your child is able to demonstrate. This is not in any way a formal assessment of skills or any type of intellectual testing. A screening typically lasts about thirty minutes and will be conducted at your neighborhood school.

In Burlington, we will be conducting our screenings at a date to be determined. We will reach out to all kindergarten registered families by late spring with specific details including dates, locations, procedures, etc.

Logistics



School Start and End Times

- Memorial, Fox Hill & Pine Glen 8:10 am - 2:15 pm
- Francis Wyman 8:35 am - 2:40 pm



Buses

Bus Lists

- Posted in late August on our website burlingtonpublicschools.org

To and from School

- Neighborhood stop where K-5 students ride together



School Lunch Program

Burlington Cafeterias are Cashless!

- Parents set up a “Paypams Account” and load money onto the account using a debit or credit card.
 - If you prefer to pay by check, you can send in a check to school with your child addressed to: *Burlington Public School Lunch*
- All families receive a handout on setting up an account at the beginning of the school year.



School Lunch Program

Free and Reduced Lunch Eligibility:

- Forms are sent home to ALL students at the beginning of the school year.
 - Please fill out the form and send it back to your child's school as soon as possible if you believe you qualify.
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Before and After School Care



Burlington Public Schools

Before and After School Program*

This is based on our current plan, but please be advised this is subject to change.

Locations

- After School Program
 - Pine Glen K - 5
 - Francis Wyman K - 5
 - Fox Hill K - 5
 - Memorial K - 5
 - Marshall Simonds Middle School 6-8
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 - Before School Program
 - Francis Wyman, Fox Hill, Pine Glen & Memorial
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Before and After School Program

Hours

- ASP - open dismissal until 6:00 PM
- BSP - open 7:05 AM until teachers are on duty
- Vacation & Summer open from 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM
- Multiple day options available (ex. M,W,F or T,W)
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Sample Activities

Choice, Circle Time, Story, Snack, Outside, Art, Seasonal Activities, Enrichment such as Ms. Theresa, Healthy Eating, Animal Adventures, Kids Dance, Kidstock Theater...

YMCA After School Program*

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Locations

- Francis Wyman
 - Grades K - 5 Students attending Fox Hill, Francis Wyman and Pine Glen.
 - Grade 6 students attending MSMS
- Memorial
 - Grades K - 5 students attending Memorial

Hours

- YMCA - open dismissal until 6:00 PM
- Vacation weeks from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Snow Days 9:00 AM- 5:00 PM held at North Suburban YMCA 137 Lexington Street Woburn
- Summer Camp held at North Suburban YMCA 137 Lexington Street Woburn

Contact:

Kathleen Baker, Program Administrator kbaker@ymcaboston.org

Kindergarten Registration



Registration
Information

When do I register?

Pine Glen:	March 2	9:00 am - 2:30 pm
Fox Hill:	March 9	9:00 am - 2:30 pm
Memorial:	March 23	9:00 am - 2:30 pm
Francis Wyman:	March 30	9:00 am - 2:30 pm
Evening Registration:		
	March 16	4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

All registrations are by appointment only and are held at Burlington High School (123 Cambridge Street)

What do I bring to register?

Required Documents for Registration

- Original Birth Certificate
 - Two Proofs of Residency
 - accepted documents outlined in the registration packet.
 - Health Record
 - a copy of the most recent Physical Exam
 - a copy of Immunization Record
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School Nurse

- Physical and Lead Screening Results
- Immunizations

*If your child has any medical concerns, you should contact their attending schools' nurse.

Current BECC Families

If your child is currently attending the Burlington Early Childhood Center (BECC), you do not need to complete the registration information as your child is already a registered student with the Burlington Public Schools. We will forward your child's registration information to their attending school as well as your child's medical records that we have on file. Please note that when your child turns 5, they will require an updated physical and immunization record to complete their registration.

Questions???

Registration / Enrollment or Other Questions:

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Before / After School Questions:

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Website

Our District Website is...

www.burlingtonpublicschools.org

Click on the link that says...

BPS Departments, then “Registration and Student Information”

You'll find this presentation as well as links to important documents and forms.
