

Things to Know About Kindergarten

Morning Drop-Off

- **What time does school start?**
 - 7:50am
- **Where do I drop my child off in the morning?**
 - Kindergartners will line up by the Kindergarten doors/ramp. (Near the bike racks /gazebo). The Kindergarten teachers and/or Kindergarten Para educators will be outside to welcome students and supervise/help organize!
 - Supervision for students will begin at 7:45am. Students are not allowed to arrive earlier than 7:45 am. Students are also not allowed to play on the playground before school as there is no supervision on the playground.
 - At 7:50am the bell will ring and students will be brought inside by the adults on duty.
 - We recommend that adults dropping off Kindergartners walk their child to the Kindergarten meeting spot for the first few weeks until they know where they are going.
- **Do I walk my child inside?**
 - Sorry, no. We ask that parents and guardians remain outside when students enter the building. This helps not only your own child, but all children make an easier transition into their independent morning routines and days. We know this can be hard, and we thank you for trusting us with your wonderful children! We will take great care of them! 😊
 - If you do need to enter the school for any reason you **MUST** enter through the main office doors. All visitors and volunteers are required to check-in and out with the office staff. This means that we cannot allow you to enter the building through the Kindergarten doors. Thanks for your understanding.

Afternoon Pick-Up

- **What time does school get out? Where do I pick my child up?**
 - School gets out at **2:35**. ALL Kindergarten classes will be dismissed out the Kindergarten doors by the ramp. We ask that adults and siblings picking up students wait in the grass or gazebo so that all students can get out of the rooms and down the ramps safely.
- **What are your “pick-up” procedures?**
 - Students are only allowed to go home with adults on the approved pick-up list that is kept in the office. If you need to add an individual please do so with the office. We cannot release students to adults who are not on the approved contact list.
 - When the bell rings we will have all students remain in line as we check with each child. If they see an adult they know they will say, “I see my ___.” and the teacher will look at the adult, wave, and then give the child a “high-five” indicating they may go.
 - Please make sure you let your child’s teacher know your pick-up plan, especially for the first day!
- **What if I am late?**
 - Occasionally something comes up. Please call the office to let them know if you will be later than 5 minutes. Students who are not picked up by 2:50 will be taken to the office and parents will be contacted. Please be on time to pick your child up!

Universal Breakfast

- **What is Universal Breakfast?**
 - It is a free program for all students. Students eat breakfast in their classroom.
- **We eat at home; does my child have to eat at school?**
 - Students are not required to eat breakfast, but may take a breakfast item to save for snack later if they wish.
- **When is breakfast?**
 - Breakfast begins at 7:50 and finishes around 8:05am.
- **If my child does not eat breakfast at school do they still need to arrive by 7:50am?**
 - Yes. Students who do not eat will begin their classroom routines when they arrive.
- **What if my child arrives to school after 7:50am?**
 - Your child will need to enter through the main school doors and check-in at the office. If your child is late they will be marked tardy and may miss breakfast and important beginning of the day instruction.
- **Can my child bring their own food?**
 - Yes! If your child would rather eat something from home feel free to send it to school with them!
 - More info online! <http://www.bvsd.org/food>

What does my child need for the first FULL day of school?

- At least one snack- we will have a chance to eat a snack in the morning and afternoon.
- A lunch from home or money for hot lunch (if you haven’t set up an online lunch account yet). <http://www.bvsd.org/food>
- A backpack- please make sure your child’s backpack is large enough to fit books and folders.
- Any papers or items that you need to turn in!