



Special Note from Mrs. Garcia

Dear 2020-2021 Kindergarten Families,

While we are not able to provide our typical Kindergarten Registration and Orientation experiences due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, please know the Brass Castle Kindergarten Team and I are very much looking forward to meeting you and your child. We appreciate your patience and support, as we continue to navigate this ever-evolving situation.

In the meantime, the items contained in this presentation and folder will help you and your child begin to prepare for the 2020-2021 Kindergarten school year. You will find a school pamphlet with some very helpful information, in addition to a teacher presentation, supplies list, summer activity packet (this is not mandatory, but helpful), and more!

Please ensure your contact information with email address is up to date with our main office. We will be creating a Honeywell Instant Alert group for registered students, to notify parents of upcoming events, needs, etc.

Note: It is possible school processes and procedures may change from what is described in this presentation.

I'm excited to meet our future Kindergarten students, soon!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jessica Garcia

Brass Castle School Principal



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TOWNSHIP
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Brass Castle School 2020-2021 Kindergarten Orientation

Mrs. Jessica L. Garcia, Principal

May 2020



Who's Who?

⑩ Welcome & Introduction

⑩ Administration

⑩ Mrs. Garcia – Brass Castle Principal

⑩ Mr. Neu – Port Colden Principal

⑩ Mr. Neuhs – Superintendent

⑩ Kindergarten Team

⑩ Miss McEvoy

⑩ Mrs. Femia

⑩ Miss Soles

⑩ Ms. Renner

⑩ Ms. O'Cone



Lighthouse District Distinction

- ⑩ The Washington Township School District was chosen as 1 of the initial 7 Lighthouse Districts in the state of New Jersey, out of over 650 school districts!
- ⑩ Lighthouse Districts
 - ⑩ Demonstrated significant student growth, with all students, in Reading, Writing, and Math
 - ⑩ Provide innovative school programs, which support 21st Century Skills
 - ⑩ Provide a student-centered approach to learning, which builds critical thinking and collaboration skills

So much to learn and do!



- ⑩ Reading & Writing
- ⑩ Mathematics
- ⑩ Science
- ⑩ Social Studies
- ⑩ Health
- ⑩ Specials
 - ⑩ Physical Education
 - ⑩ Music
 - ⑩ Art
 - ⑩ Spanish
 - ⑩ Media
- ⑩ iPads in each Kindergarten Classroom
- ⑩ Makerspace (STEM)
- ⑩ After-School Clubs (Parent transportation required)





Food Policy

- ⑩ To align to state guidelines regarding food in the classroom, please note the following district policies:
 - ⑩ In order to provide a safe environment for all students and to comply with nutritional regulations, **students should not bring in birthday treats to their classroom.** If a student brings in birthday treats to share with the class, the treats will be sent to the office and parents / guardians will be called to pick up the items.
- ⑩ Special Events (i.e. Halloween Class Party, Winter Class Party, etc.)
 - ⑩ All food must be prepackaged and/or sold by a vendor. Food may not be homemade. Please see list of suggested food items on the district website.





Nurse / Health Reminders

- ⑩ Please ensure all documentation is submitted, prior to the start of the school year.
- ⑩ See folders for specific information, if needed.
- ⑩ If your child will be out, please call the attendance line.





Before & After School Programs

- ⑩ Visit the district website, www.washtwpsd.org – Parent Tab
- ⑩ Registration for the program is completed online
- ⑩ Please sign your child up, even if you are unsure if aftercare will be needed (you will only be charged, when the child is in attendance)





Housekeeping

⑩ Arrival

- ⑩ On time arrival is crucial for a good start to the school day. Please do your best to arrive on time daily!

⑩ Dismissal

- ⑩ The safety and security of our students and staff is of utmost importance. Therefore, please follow dismissal procedures. As students and drivers become accustomed to the routine, dismissal will be quicker. Please keep in mind, disruptions in the process will cause delays.

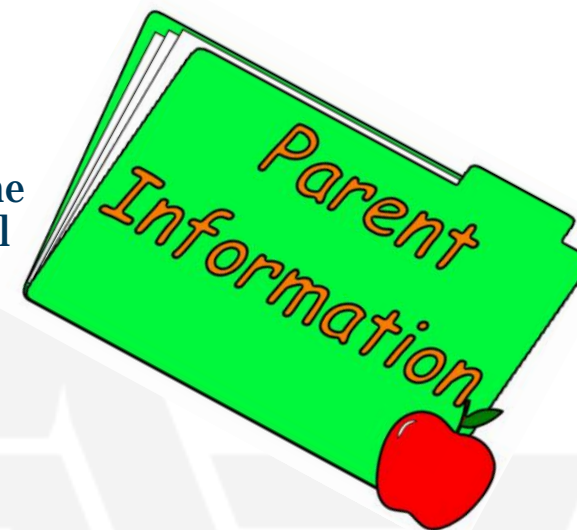
- ⑩ Parent Pickup begins at 3:20pm – after buses are dismissed

- ⑩ If pickup must be earlier due to an appt, office must be notified in advance (send in a note) and pickup must be no later than 3:00pm.

⑩ Instant Alert/Honeywell (Setup Information will be sent on 1st Day of School)

- ⑩ Please be sure to sign up to receive instant alerts regarding delayed openings, special announcements, etc.

⑩ Daily Folder Review



Transportation

Students return to the all-purpose room!



⑩ Mrs. Peggy Edmiston

Transportation Department
1 East Front St
Washington, NJ 07882

JACK BOX
1 EAST FRONT STREET
WASHINGTON, NJ 07882



Grade K

BRASS CASTLE ES

Route #: J-AM

Stop: PC SCHOOL BUS STOP

Pickup Time 8:04 AM

Route #: J-PM

Stop: PC SCHOOL BUS STOP

Dropoff Time 3:32 PM

Bus times are approximate. Students should be at bus stop 10 min. prior to pick up time. Request for transportation changes MUST be submitted in writing to pedmiston@washtwpsd.org

Washington Twp.

Route J - Jack in the Box



If your child is NOT going to be a bus rider, you must send in a note on the first day of school!

If your child is signed up for aftercare, send in a note on the first day of school!



Transportation Presentation

Bus Safety Video

⑩ This presentation is posted on our school website: washtwpsd.org., if you would like to view the Bus Safety Video.





⑩ Don't forget

⑩ Like us on Facebook: [@washtwpsd.wc](https://www.facebook.com/washtwpsd.wc)

⑩ Follow us on Twitter: [@washtwpsd](https://twitter.com/washtwpsd)

⑩ Visit our website for school information: www.washtwpsd.org

⑩ Mrs. Jessica L. Garcia, Principal: jgarcia@washtwpsd.org

⑩ Mr. Keith T. Neuhs, Superintendent: kneuhs@washtwpsd.org

