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TOWNSHIP  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Brass Castle School 2020-2021 Virtual Kindergarten Orientation

**Mrs. Jessica L. Garcia, Principal**

**August 2020**



# Introductions

## ⑩ Administration

⑩ Mrs. Garcia – Brass Castle Principal

⑩ Mr. Neu – Port Colden Principal

⑩ Mr. Neuhs – Superintendent

## ⑩ Kindergarten Team

⑩ Miss Acierno (Homerom Teacher – Remote Learners)

⑩ Mrs. Maurer (Special Education Teacher)

⑩ Miss McEvoy (Homerom Teacher – In Person)

⑩ Ms. O’Cone (Basic Skills & Reading Intervention)

⑩ Ms. Renner (Homerom Teacher – In Person)

⑩ Miss Soles (Homerom Teacher – In Person)





Meet the  
Teacher





# Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

## ⑩ Executive Board

⑩ Jessica Wormeck, President

⑩ Melina Ramos, Vice President

⑩ Holly Guido, Secretary

⑩ Tanu Yadav, Treasurer





# So much to learn and do!

⑩ Students in all platforms will participate in:

⑩ Reading/Writing

⑩ Math

⑩ Science

⑩ Social Studies

⑩ Gym, Health, & Safety

⑩ Music & Movement

⑩ 1 Special per Marking Period

⑩ Media – Marking Period 1

⑩ Music – Marking Period 2

⑩ World Language (Spanish) – Marking Period 3

⑩ Art – Marking Period 4



# Kindergarten Remote Learner Schedule

| 2020-2021   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kindergarten Remote Learner - Marking Period 1 - Schedule   |   |   |   |   |   |
|   | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday                                       | Thursday  | Friday  |
| 9:00-9:30   | Student Logs Into Teams (after 9:30 late)       |   |   |   |   |
| 9:30-9:50   | Language Arts (9:30-9:50) - Miss Acierno        |   |   |   |   |
| 9:50-10:00  | Stretch Break / Go Noodle                       |   |   |   |   |
| 10:00-10:20   | Independent Work                                |   |   |   |   |
| 10:20-10:30   | Snack Break                                     |   |   |   |   |
| 10:30-10:50   | Science/Health<br>Miss Acierno<br>(10:30-10:50) | Social<br>Studies/Literacy<br>Miss Acierno<br>(10:30-10:50) | Science/Health<br>Miss Acierno<br>(10:30-10:50) | Social<br>Studies/Literacy<br>Miss Acierno<br>(10:30-10:50) | Music &<br>Movement<br>Mr. Rizzo<br>(10:30-10:50) |
| 10:50-11:00   | Stretch Break / Go Noodle                       |   |   | Gym Mr. Scism<br>(10:50-11:10)                              | Stretch Break                                     |
| 11:00-11:20   | Math Miss Acierno (11:00-11:20)                 |   |   | Math Miss<br>Acierno<br>(11:15-11:35)                       | Math Miss<br>Acierno<br>(11:00-11:20)             |
| 11:20-11:40   | Independent Work                                | Media<br>Mrs. Kaiven<br>(11:20-11:40)                       | Independent<br>Work                             |   | Independent<br>Work                               |
| 11:40-12:00   |   | Independent<br>Work   |   | Independent<br>Work   |   |
| Teachers may request small group/1:1 instruction with students, during scheduled Independent Work time. |   |   |   |   |   |

# Kindergarten In Person Sample Schedule

| 2020-2021  |  |               |   |   |   |
|--|--|---------------|---|---|---|
| Sample - Kindergarten (Marking Period 1)                             |  |               |   |   |   |
|  | Monday   | Tuesday       | Wednesday                                       | Thursday  | Friday  |
| 8:30-9:30  | Homeroom / Morning Meeting                     |               |   |   |   |
| 9:30-9:55  |  |               |   |   |   |
| 10:00-10:40  |  |               |   |   |   |
| 10:45-11:00  |  |               |   |   |   |
| 11:00-11:15  | Recess - Use Classroom Exit Door (10:50-11:15) |               | Health & Safety<br>Mr. Scism                    | Recess - Use Classroom<br>Exit Door (10:50-11:15) |   |
| 11:15-11:30  | Prep for Lunch                                 |               |   |   |   |
| 11:35-12:05  | Lunch  |               |   |   |   |
| 12:10-12:40  |  |               |   |   |   |
| 12:40-1:10   |  |               |   | Media Mrs. Kaiven                                 |   |
| 1:15-1:30  | Media Mrs. Kaiven<br>(1:15-1:55)               |               | Recess - Use Classroom<br>Exit Door (1:15-1:40) |   | Recess - Use Classroom<br>Exit Door (1:15-1:40) |
| 1:30-2:00  |  | Gym Mr. Scism |   |   |   |
| 2:00-2:40  |  |               |   |   | Music & Movement w/<br>Rizzo                    |
| 2:45-3:25  | Homeroom Dismissal                             |               |   |   |   |
| TB Scheduled: Math, ELA, Science, Social Studies, & 1 Health/Safety. |  |               |   |   |   |

# Kindergarten In Person to Remote Schedule

| 2020-2021   |   |         |                                    |                               |                  |
|---|---|---------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Sample - Kindergarten - Marking Period 1 - In Person to Remote Learning Schedule                        |   |         |                                    |                               |                  |
|   | Monday                                    | Tuesday | Wednesday                          | Thursday                      | Friday           |
| 9:00-9:30   | Student Logs Into Teams (after 9:30 late) |         |                                    |                               |                  |
| 9:30-9:50   | Language Arts                             |         |                                    |                               |                  |
| 9:50-10:00  | Stretch Break / Go Noodle                 |         |                                    |                               |                  |
| 10:00-10:20   | Math                                      |         |                                    |                               |                  |
| 10:20-10:30   | Snack Break                               |         |                                    |                               |                  |
| 10:30-10:50   | Independent Work                          |         |                                    |                               |                  |
| 10:50-11:10   | Health Mr. Scism                          | Science | Media Mrs. Kaiven<br>(11:00-11:20) | Social Studies                | Gym Mr. Scism    |
| 11:10-11:20   | Stretch Break / Go Noodle                 |         | Stretch Break / Go Noodle          | Music & Movement<br>Mr. Rizzo | Independent Work |
| 11:20-11:30   | Independent Work                          |         |                                    |                               |                  |
| 11:30-12:00   | Literacy                                  |         |                                    |                               |                  |
| Teachers may request small group/1:1 instruction with students, during scheduled Independent Work time. |   |         |                                    |                               |                  |





# Nurse / Health Reminders

- ⑩ The New Jersey Health Department mandates certain health documentation for students entering Kindergarten. We are not able to make exceptions to these mandates. For your child to begin schooling, in person or remotely, documentation must be submitted.
- ⑩ Please ensure all documentation is submitted, prior to the start of the school year.
- ⑩ If your child will be out/absent from class, please call the attendance line.





# Lunches, snacks, and more...

- ⑩ Kindergarten students will be eating lunch and snack in the classroom.
  - ⑩ You may receive a notice regarding an allergy in your child's classroom setting. Please be mindful of this, when preparing snacks and lunches for your child.
  - ⑩ All items should be easy for your child to open/eat independently.
  - ⑩ Send in needed spoons or forks. Do not send in knives (including plastic) for meals. If needed, food should be precut, at home.
  - ⑩ If ordering lunch from the cafeteria, it will be delivered to the classroom.
- ⑩ To align to state guidelines regarding food in the classroom, please note the following district policies:
  - ⑩ In order 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.





# Maschio's Food Service

- ⑩ Visit the district website, [www.washtwpsd.org](http://www.washtwpsd.org) – Parent Tab
- ⑩ Account information will be sent. Parents are asked to apply monies to their child's account for breakfast/lunch purchases, to every extent possible.
- ⑩ Breakfast program available
- ⑩ Reminder – Please complete the Free & Reduced Meal Application located on the district website, if your family is in need of financial assistance for meals, at any time during the school year.





# Reopening Plan Review

## ⑩ Classroom Setup

- ⑩ Non-essential furniture has been removed from classrooms to accommodate distancing between student desks
- ⑩ Plastic desk shields will be placed on all student desks

## ⑩ Masks

- ⑩ Must be worn on school buses and in school buildings
- ⑩ 5-10 minute mask breaks will be provided, hourly. Every effort will be made to integrate outdoor breaks, weather permitting. Otherwise, breaks will occur behind student desk shields.



# Reopening Plan Review

## ⑩ Student Schedules

⑩ Students will follow a daily schedule, specific to the homeroom (in-person or remote).

⑩ Please note, in-person students will have 2 schedules.

⑩ Schedule 1 – In-person instruction

⑩ Schedule 2 – Remote Learning (this schedule will take effect if the class, school or district is placed in sudden Remote Learning by the governor, health department or district need).

## ⑩ Communication & Learning Platform - Technology

⑩ 1:1 iPad for each student

⑩ iPads will be traveling back and forth. Students should charge iPads at home, to prepare for the school day.

⑩ Microsoft Teams

⑩ All students have a Microsoft Account, which will provide access to TEAMS. Teachers will video conference, organize instructional materials, etc. using this platform.

⑩ OnCourse Connect – Parent Portal

⑩ Student grades, teacher assignments, annual registration updates, and more



# Housekeeping

## ⑩ Arrival

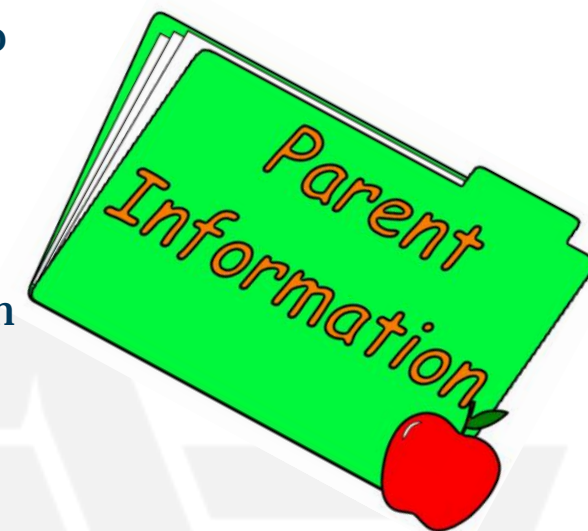
- ⑩ Parent Dropoff begins at 8:45am and ends at 9:00am (after bus arrival)
- ⑩ On time arrival is crucial for a good start to the school day. Please do your best to arrive on time daily!

## ⑩ Dismissal

- ⑩ The safety and security of our students and staff is of utmost importance. Therefore, please follow dismissal procedures. Please keep in mind, disruptions in the process will cause delays.

## ⑩ Parent Pickup

- ⑩ Full Day begins at 2:45pm and ends at 3:05pm
- ⑩ Half Day begins at 12:15pm and ends at 12:35pm
- ⑩ If pickup must be earlier due to an appt, the office must be notified in advance (email to homeroom teacher and [rrhinehart@washtwpsd.org](mailto:rrhinehart@washtwpsd.org) preferred)





# Housekeeping

## ⑩ Extra Set of Clothes

⑩ All in person students should have a Ziplock bag, labeled with the student's name, with an extra set of clothes. This will be kept in the student's cubby area.

## ⑩ Instant Alert/Honeywell

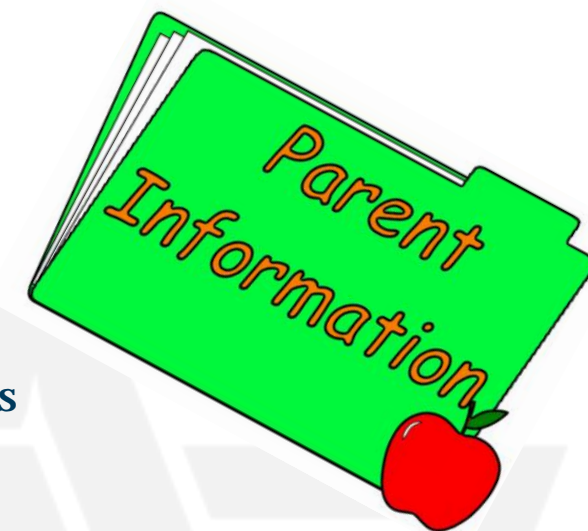
⑩ Please be sure to sign up to receive instant alerts regarding delayed openings, special announcements, etc.

## ⑩ Getting to Know Your Child

⑩ Please be sure to complete the Getting to Know Your Child form. This will help us learn a little bit about child, as we prepare for their first day!

## ⑩ OnCourse Connect

⑩ Please be sure to log into OnCourse Connect to review Student Emergency Contact information, complete/submit necessary documentation, and more.



# Transportation

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

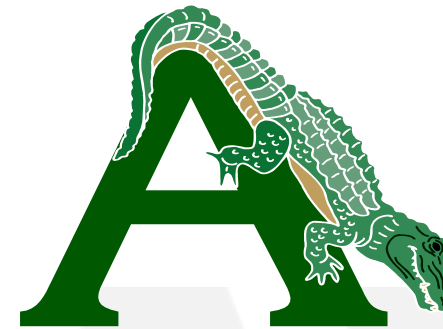
Dropoff Time 3:32 PM

*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](mailto:pedmiston@washtwpsd.org)*



## Washington Twp.

## Route A – Alligator



**If your child is NOT going to be a bus rider, you must send in a note on the first day of school and/or submit the transportation waiver no later than Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup> !**





## Bus Tips for Kindergarten Families

1. If you would like to take a picture on the 1<sup>st</sup> day, please be quick so students are not late for their first day of school.
2. All students will be seated on the bus, as they are picked up, regardless of age/grade. Siblings will sit together.
3. Masks must be worn while on the bus.
4. Fear of the bus is normal. Keep a positive attitude and know with time, anxieties will lessen.
5. Parents must meet the bus. Kindergarten students will **NOT** be dropped off at a stop, unless there is someone to meet them.
6. If you authorize someone else to meet your child at the bus stop, please notify the office.
7. Any bus change requests should go to the transportation office, not the driver.
8. Eating is not permitted on the bus.
9. Parents **by law** are not permitted on the bus.
10. Medication is not permitted on the bus. If you child has a medical need, it should be directed to the school nurse by a parent/guardian.
11. Babysitting arrangements, within town, may be accommodated if:
  - a. Request is on a 5 day basis AND
  - b. Sitter lives on a designed route AND
  - c. There is room on the bus
12. Township daycare centers that we pick up:
  - a. Half Pint Learning and Child Care Center
  - b. Little Bears Learning Center
  - c. Little Shepherds Early Learning Community
13. Buses may run late the first 10 days of school, both for pickup and dropoff. Please be patient.
14. Have your child ready and waiting for the bus at least 10 min. before their designated pick up time.
15. Any problems on the bus should be discussed with the teacher or the principal.
16. Buses will be sanitized between routes and cleaned at the end of each day.

Have a safe and happy year!





# MEET and GREET

- ⑩ A mini Meet & Greet has been scheduled for **Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>** for all in-person Kindergarten students, as detailed below:
  - ⑩ **Ms. Renner: 3:30pm – 3:45pm**
  - ⑩ **Miss McEvoy & Mrs. Maurer: 3:50pm – 4:05pm**
  - ⑩ **Miss Soles: 4:10pm – 4:25pm**
- ⑩ The Meet & Greet will allow students to meet their homeroom teachers, enter the building as they would during morning arrival and visit the classroom.
- ⑩ Students may be accompanied by 1 parent, to meet on the Midland Avenue side of the building. Students will have their temperature taken, prior to entering the building and will be escorted into the classroom by the homeroom teacher. Parents will be requested to wait outside in the parking lot area.
- ⑩ Please note, all students and parents are required to wear masks.



# Q&A

- ⑩ Any questions?
- ⑩ Please write them in the chat area



⑩ Mr. Neuhs, Superintendent





⑩ Don't forget

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

⑩ Visit our website for school information: [www.washtwpsd.org](http://www.washtwpsd.org)

⑩ Mrs. Jessica L. Garcia, Brass Castle Principal: [jgarcia@washtwpsd.org](mailto:jgarcia@washtwpsd.org)

⑩ Mr. Michael J. Neu, Port Colden Principal: [mneu@washtwpsd.org](mailto:mneu@washtwpsd.org)

⑩ Mr. Keith T. Neuhs, Superintendent: [kneuhs@washtwpsd.org](mailto:kneuhs@washtwpsd.org)

