



# Special Note from Mrs. Garcia

Dear 2021-2022 Kindergarten Families,

First, I'd like to welcome you and your child(ren) to the Brass Castle School family. The information contained in this presentation and folder will help you and your child begin to prepare for the 2021-2022 Kindergarten school year. You will find a school pamphlet, teacher presentation, supplies list, summer activity packet (this is not mandatory, but helpful), and more!

Unfortunately, we do not have specific guidance from the New Jersey Department of Education and Department of Health relating to the 2021-2022 school year, yet. The information contained in this folder is based on school processes and health guidelines, as of April 2021. **Note: It is possible school processes and procedures may change from what is described in this presentation.**

Please ensure parent/guardian contact information and email address are up to date with our main office. School messages will be sent throughout the summer, regarding Kindergarten and other important district information.

I'm excited to get to know our 2021-2022 Kindergarten students, soon!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jessica Garcia

Brass Castle School Principal



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TOWNSHIP  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Brass Castle School 2021-2022 Kindergarten

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

**April 2021**



# 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 Acierno

⑩ Miss McEvoy

⑩ Mrs. Maurer

⑩ Ms. O'Cone

⑩ Miss Soles

⑩ Ms. Renner



# 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 1:1 iPads
- ⑩ Makerspace (STEM) – *Activities currently held in the homeroom classroom*
- ⑩ After-School Clubs (Parent transportation required) – *On hold due to current health guidelines*





# 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.) - *On hold due to current health guidelines*
- 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 (908-689-1188 ext. 1).
- ⑩ All students must wear a face mask during school hours (building, bus, and school related outdoor activities, where distancing is not possible).





# Maschio's Food Service

- ⑩ Visit the district website, [www.washtwpsd.org](http://www.washtwpsd.org) – Parent Tab
- ⑩ Account information – Online Payments – Visit the district website, Parent Tab – Cafeteria
- ⑩ Breakfast Program available







# 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.

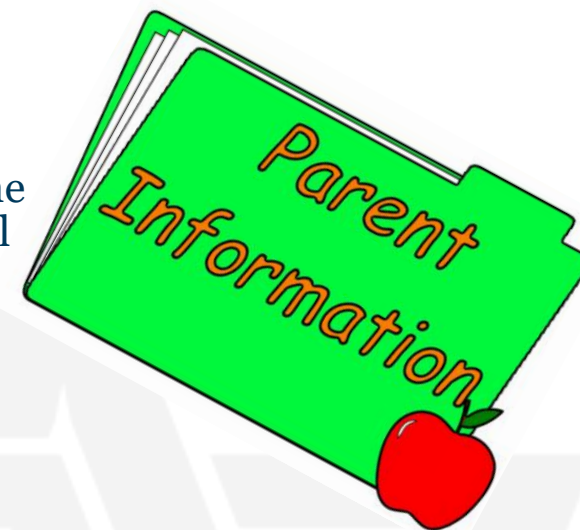
- ⑩ The school will be revising parent pickup procedures. More information to come!

- ⑩ If pickup must be earlier than dismissal time, the office must be notified in advance. Pickup time must not interfere with bus pickups (before 3 pm).

## ⑩ School Messenger System

- ⑩ Please be sure to maintain current contact information 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](mailto: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!**



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, Principal: [jgarcia@washtwpsd.org](mailto:jgarcia@washtwpsd.org)

⑩ Mrs. Rachael Rhinehart, Brass Castle Main Office Secretary: [rrhinehart@washtwpsd.org](mailto:rrhinehart@washtwpsd.org)

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