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TOWNSHIP
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Brass Castle School 2021-2022 Kindergarten Orientation

Mrs. Jessica L. Garcia, Principal

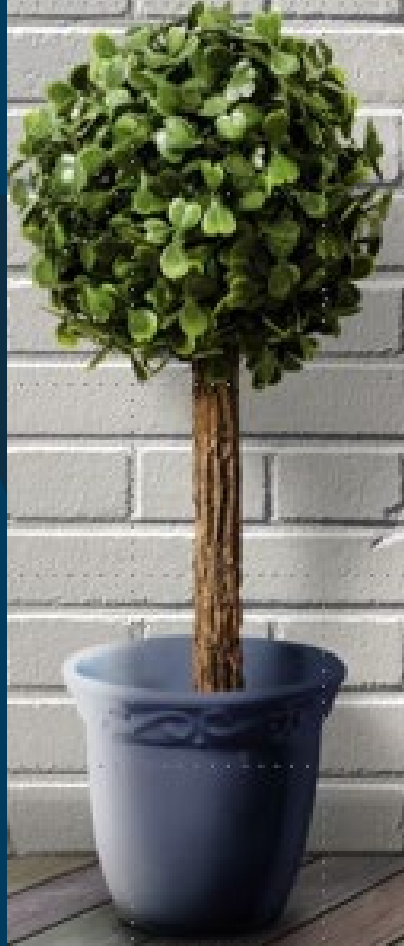
August 2021



WHEN YOU ENTER THIS
OFFICE

You are **SPECIAL** You are **TOUGH**
You are **IMPORTANT** You are **KIND**
You are **INTELLIGENT** You are **LOVED**
You are **STRONG** You are **RESPECTED**
You are **BRAVE** You are **AMAZING**
You are **UNDERSTOOD & CARED FOR**

♥ You are... ♥
THE REASON WHY I AM HERE!





Introductions

⑩ Administration

⑩ Mrs. Garcia – Brass Castle Principal

⑩ Mrs. McDonagh – Port Colden Principal

⑩ Mr. Neuhs – Superintendent

⑩ Kindergarten Team

⑩ Miss Hewitt

⑩ Miss McEvoy

⑩ Ms. O’Cone

⑩ Ms. Renner

⑩ Miss Soles





Special Note



Dear Kindergarten Families,

The district continues to receive updated information from the New Jersey Department of Education and New Jersey Department of Health. The information contained in this presentation is based on guidance received as of August 24, 2021. It is possible school processes and procedures may change from what is described in this presentation, as the district continues to receive updated guidance.

We will notify families as soon as possible if updates are required. It is very important your contact information be accurate in OnCourse Connect to ensure you are receiving district messages.

We appreciate your patience and support!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Garcia

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So much to learn and do!

⑩ Core Subject Areas

- ⑩ Reading/Writing
- ⑩ Math
- ⑩ Science
- ⑩ Social Studies
- ⑩ Gym, Health, & Safety



⑩ Special Areas

- ⑩ Media
- ⑩ Music
- ⑩ World Language (Sign Language)
- ⑩ Art



⑩ Social Emotional Learning

- ⑩ Morning Meetings & More
- ⑩ Technology/STEM
- ⑩ 1:1 iPads
- ⑩ Makerspace / STEM Curriculum
- ⑩ After-School Clubs

⑩ Kindergarten Clubs tentatively scheduled to begin January 2022 – *Health guidelines may impact club availability & schedule*

⑩ Parent Transportation Required

Please visit the district website for more information regarding the district's curriculum!



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 school, documentation must be submitted.
- ⑩ Please ensure all documentation is submitted, prior to the start of the school year. The Brass Castle nurse, Mrs. Roberts, may be contacted via email at droberts@washtwpsd.org or by calling 908-689-1188 ext. 3607 with any questions.
- ⑩ If your child will be out/absent from class, please call the attendance line:
 - ⑩ 908-689-1188 ext. 1





Lunches, snacks, and more...

- ⑩ Kindergarten students will be eating lunch in the cafeteria 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 Student breakfast and lunch is free for all students in the 2021-2022 school year. Students will be able to pick up breakfast, if desired, as they walk into the building each morning. Students will be asked if they would like a school lunch during homeroom and the order will be placed.
- 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 treats (birthday or otherwise) to their classroom.** If a student brings in 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 – Parent Tab
- 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. *Although meals are free this year, approved program applicants may be provided additional assistance as available by various agencies.*





Reopening Plan Review

⑩ Student Schedules

⑩ Students will follow a daily schedule, specific to the homeroom.

⑩ Communication & Learning Platform - Technology

⑩ 1:1 iPad for each student

⑩ At this time, iPads will remain in the classroom for student use. *This may change, as circumstances indicate due to the COVID19 pandemic.*

⑩ Microsoft Teams

⑩ All students have a Microsoft Account, which will provide access to TEAMS. The TEAMS platform is used for any virtual needs.

⑩ OnCourse Connect – Parent Portal

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



Reopening Plan Review

⑩ Classroom Setup

- ⑩ Plastic desk shields will be placed on all student tables with a maximum of 3 students per table.

⑩ Masks

- ⑩ Must be worn on school buses and in school buildings, at all times.
- ⑩ 5-10 minute mask breaks will be provided at minimum, hourly. Every effort will be made to integrate outdoor breaks, weather permitting. Otherwise, breaks will occur behind student desk shields.
- ⑩ It is imperative you do not send your child into school sick. Please review the district website for information regarding the district's reopening plan and more.
- ⑩ Students placed on quarantine due to COVID 19 related symptoms or a confirmed positive, will be able to live stream into the classroom for instruction using TEAMS. Please note, this is only for COVID related absences.



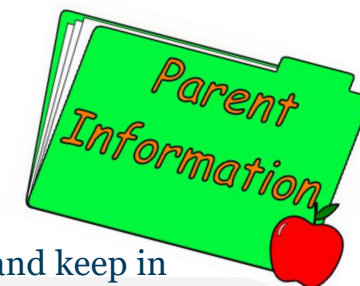
Arrival & Dismissal

⑩ Arrival

- ⑩ Parent drop off begins at 8:30am and ends at 8:45am.
- ⑩ Parent drop off will take place on the Midland Ave. side of the building (closest to the playground). Students and parents must remain in their cars and drive through the Brass Castle Loop. Safety is a priority. Please ensure your child remains in the car, until directed by a staff member to exit the car.
- ⑩ Late arrivals must drop off using the front entrance of the building.
- ⑩ Reminder - 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 and keep in mind, disruptions in the process will cause delays.
- ⑩ Parent Pickup – *We have found it helpful to have a small sign with your child's name for staff to view through windows, as cars are lining up for pickup.*
 - ⑩ Full Day dismissal begins at 3:10pm and ends at 3:20pm
 - ⑩ Half Day dismissal begins at 12:40pm and ends at 12:50pm
- ⑩ Parent pickup will take place on the Midland Ave. side of the building (closest to the playground). Parents should remain in their cars and drive through the Brass Castle Loop. Safety is a priority. Staff will release students to a set of cars, as they are lined up. Please do not call your child to the car, unless directed by a staff member.
- 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, as preferred)



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



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Route A – Alligator



Reminder – Please complete the golden rod form and return on the first day of school!



Housekeeping

⑩ Extra Set of Clothes

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

⑩ OnCourse Connect

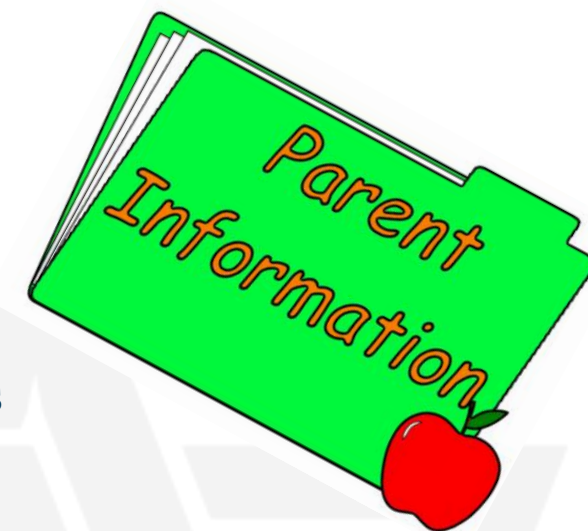
⑩ Please be sure to log into OnCourse Connect to review Student Emergency Contact information, complete/submit necessary documentation, and more.

⑩ Intrado – School Messenger

⑩ Please be sure to keep all contact information up to date in OnCourse Connect, as the district's messaging integrates with this system.

⑩ First Day of School

⑩ Please return the goldenrod form, included in your summer letter, to indicate method of pickup transportation for your child.





Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

⑩ Executive Board

⑩ Jessica Wormeck, President

⑩ TBD, Vice President

⑩ Holly Guido, Secretary

⑩ Tanu Yadav, Treasurer

Please be sure to visit the table outside the classrooms, before leaving today!





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



Meet the
Teacher

