June 8, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians of Incoming Kinders,

We are excited to welcome your child to our kindergarten program at the Yakima School District! The success of your child is important to us, and one way to ensure a positive and successful experience for them is the early and ongoing involvement of our parents/guardians in the educational process.

The following information is important for you to know so you can talk to your child and help them understand what their first few days of kindergarten will be like. This reduces anxiety and helps them to be assured that they will be well taken care of at school.

**Kinder Academy | August 8-12 | 8:45 AM - 11:45 AM | At Your Child’s School**

Kinder Academy is a special time of preparation for your child to see and become familiar with the school, meet the teachers and staff, and participate in a Common Assessment Screener to guide us in the best classroom placement for your child. Transportation is **not provided**.

- 8:45-9:00: Breakfast
- 9:00-10:30: Activities
- 10:30-11:00: Snack and Recess
- 11:00-11:45: Activities and Parent Pick-Up

**WIDA Assessment Screener Appointments | August 9-12 | Afternoon | At Your Child’s School**

At your appointment, we will screen to ensure the proper classroom placement for your child.

**Teacher Notification | August 17 | ParentSquare**

Parents will be notified via ParentSquare of their child’s kindergarten teacher. ParentSquare is our parent/guardian communication platform. To signup, visit ysd7.org/parentsquare.

**Appointment With The Teacher | August 24-26 | Morning & Afternoon | At Your Child’s School**

At your appointment, you will meet with your child’s teacher to receive information about school laptops and give the WaKids Assessment Screener.

**First Day of School for Kindergarten | August 29 | 8:45 AM | At Your Child’s School**

We hope this information is helpful to you in preparing your child for their kindergarten experience. If you have questions, please contact your child’s school.

In addition, we’d like to share that we have opened our new Health and Wellness Center (331 N. 1st St.) for students and their families. Some of the services include medical, counseling, and education. For more information, call 509-573-5000.

Sincerely,

Your Kindergarten Team

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