

August 14, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to welcome you to the Center Elementary School kindergarten community. In order to get ready for the upcoming school year we are busily preparing routines, classes, and materials. We want this exciting time for your family to be a smooth and welcoming transition.

This letter is packed with information for incoming families, please take your time to read it carefully.

We look forward to meeting you at Kindergarten Meet and Greet on Wednesday, August 30th. This is a time to come with your child to briefly meet the teacher and let your student find their seat and cubbie. Thursday, August 31st will be the first day of school for your kindergartener. Dismissal is at 12:50 pm until September 12th. Long days for all kindergarten students will begin on September 13th. Kindergarteners will have lunch in school every day beginning on August 31st.

At the Kindergarten Meet and Greet, each class has an assigned a rotation schedule. You and your child will have a chance to pick up their bus tag, drop in to meet the teacher, and take a short ride on a school bus together. It is important that you arrive at the designated time.

The schedule for visits is listed below. First grade will be in session, so kindergarten groups will be escorted by school staff. Please adhere to your assigned schedule due to parking and teacher availability. Please remember that siblings are not allowed in classrooms. Parents of multiples are welcome to complete their first rotation with one child and then complete the classroom visit only with the second child if they desire.

9:15-10:00 am

Ms. Colucci
Mrs. Dougherty
Mrs. Pane

10:05-10:50 am

Mrs. Sommerfeld
Mrs. Knapp
Mrs. Richardson

11:00-11:45 am

Mrs. Larson
Mrs. Lynch

At the Meet and Greet, you will receive a bus tag that shows your child's teacher assignment and bus information. The bus numbers and route information will be available on the district website on August 23rd. **Please keep the tag attached to your child's backpack throughout the year.** These tags help teachers organize students at dismissal.

Countless hours have been invested in your child's placement process and the analysis of each class to ensure balanced groupings. Since there were many educational factors involved in the assignment, we cannot change assignments. Please do not request class changes.

Please give your child an opportunity to ride the bus on the first day of school for Kindergarten, August 31st. If it is absolutely necessary for you to drive your child to school, please follow the signs for drop-off around the back of the building and refer to the transportation brochure posted on the CES website for further details. The circular driveway will be reserved for buses.

I am confident your child will have a successful school year. We hope everyone will become involved in our Center School community; in a classroom, or PTO. Anyone interested in volunteering at Center School during the 2017-2018 school year, must complete the Brookfield Public School Volunteer Form(s). The district website will provide all needed information and forms. Approvals may take up to two weeks to process. We appreciate our volunteers, so please complete and return the forms to CES as soon as possible! Volunteer Forms may be found on the Forms page of the Center School website. For further information on this Board of Education policy (Policy #1240), please refer to the Policies page under the District Information tab of our website (www.brookfield.k12.ct.us).

Please complete the enclosed survey and bring it to your kindergarten visit on August 30th. Please go to your child's classroom website by visiting the CES Website and clicking on the Faculty/Staff tab. You will find the link for teacher webpages. On your teacher's webpage you will find directions for scheduling an appointment to bring your child to school to meet individually with the teacher during September. This will allow the teacher the time to individually assess your child's skills to ensure instruction will occur at an appropriate level.

Parent Handbooks are available on-line, or in the front office for parents without computer access. These handbooks contain vital information regarding visiting school, routines, policies, and procedures for school events. It is important that every family read and refer to this document throughout the year. Please sign off digitally that you have read the handbook.

I look forward to greeting you and your child.

Sincerely,

Krys Salon

CES PTO PLAYDATE
Kids Kingdom Playground
Monday, August 28th
3:30-5:30

**Help us Celebrate Our CES
Family!**

**Send a 3x5 photograph of your
family to school with your child
for our
"CES Families" bulletin board.**

Dates To Remember!

August 30th- Kindergarten Meet and Greet

August 31th- Kindergarten First Day of
School 12:50 pm dismissal

September 5th- Kindergarten Evening Open
House for Parents 6:30 pm

September 13th – First 3:25pm Release for
Kindergarten

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Parents,

Prior to coming to visit school on August 30th, please complete this survey. This will help us understand your child. Also, some of the information you have given us may have changed since the spring registration. Please bring this paper to the orientation. Thank you.

The Kindergarten Staff

1. Siblings; ages:

2. Interests (child's):

3. Strengths:

4. Areas that need strengthening:

5. Bedtime habits/routines:

6. Responsibilities:

7. Fears:

8. Family situations (that would help me understand your child):

9. Expectations you have for your child at school this year:

Child's Name _____