Medford Public Schools

Time To Get Ready For Kindergarten

2021                 2022
Welcome Parents and Guardians!

Today you will learn information about:

- How to register your new Kindergartner?
- Transportation to and from school.
- What activities happen before the First Day of Kindergarten?
- What activities happen after the First day of school?
- What your child will be doing during a typical school day?
- Ways teachers support student learning.
- Ways parents and guardians can support their child’s learning.
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How to register your child for Kindergarten.....

- Registrations for the 2021-2022 school year will begin on **January 25, 2021**

- Please know that children must be five (5) years of age by August 31, 2021 in order to register for kindergarten.

- Registrations can take place
  - online at [https://www.mps02155.org/school-registration/](https://www.mps02155.org/school-registration/)
  - or in person at the Parent Information Center (PIC) located at Medford High School
    - Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
    - Tuesdays from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
    - For in person registration call Maria Ibrahim at 781- 393-2132 to schedule an appointment
    - Extended Hours on the following dates: Feb. 2 and Feb. 9 from 10:00 AM- 6:30 PM

- School Brains registration for our student data system can be completed at
  - [https://medford.schoolbrains.com/enrollment/](https://medford.schoolbrains.com/enrollment/)
The following are helpful links and resources to help guide you through the registration process for the Medford Public Schools:

- **Kindergarten Registration Process**
  - Detailed Slides Presentation to walk you through step by step
  - Contains helpful directions!

- **Medford Public Schools Registration Checklist**
  - Guide to help you stay organized through the registration process
  - Contains links for all needed documents to complete the registration process

Home to School Transition forms will be emailed to you after your child’s registration is complete.
Links to FAQ for New MPS Families

Brooks Elementary

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-qfsBhHoqOHJy987oANB07FWP-GMXMRipYTpadk430/edit?usp=sharing

McGlynn Elementary

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1V7grphk02fMJ03KyEF-ajp-bwlTerdyLIBcHU7Y1yBg/edit?usp=sharing

Columbus Elementary

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1V7grphk02fMJ03KyEF-ajp-bwlTerdyLIBcHU7Y1yBg/edit?usp=sharing

Roberts Elementary

https://docs.google.com/document/d/16Q8xUCVCP1eWyboR8sy7qDz8NTPYtiPAQDRbNP0D4ko/edit?usp=sharing
Helpful Kindergarten Information

★ School Hours
○ 8:30am- 2:35pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays
○ 8:30am -1:30pm on Wednesdays

★ School Year Calendars
○ Posted to the MPS website
○ Half Days, Professional Development Days and Vacations are all listed
○ Typically, half days will include:
  ■ day before Thanksgiving
  ■ day prior to December break
  ■ last day of school

★ It is helpful for students to bring the following items to school with them:
○ backpack
○ water bottle
○ snack and lunch (Milk and/or Lunch available for purchase at school)
○ change of clothes

★ Suggested supply lists will be posted on school websites in August
Transportation Information

There is no cost for bus transportation. Child must live one mile or more away from the school to be eligible.
Transportation To and From School

MEDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
LARGE BUS TRANSPORTATION SIGN-UP FOR SY2019-2020

CHILD'S SCHOOL
CHILD'S NAME
CHILD'S ADDRESS
PARENT/GUARDIAN
CONTACT PHONE#

Request the following bus stops

To School-Pick up
From School-Drop off

MONDAY
TUESDAY
WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY
FRIDAY

After you fill out the information return the form to your child’s school
AM Route #4 Brooks Elementary
7:45am - 3600 Mystic Valley Pkwy
Riverside @ Lightguard Dr
Salem St @ Almont St
Fulton St @ Baxter
Salem St @ Park St
Spring St @ Central St
Mass Ave @ Sherwood Rd
Ashcroft Rd @ Westvale
Forest St @ Woodrow
Forest St @ Water St
High St @ Hillside

AM Route #10 Columbus Elementary School
· 7:55am - Boston Ave & Harvard Ave
· 7:57am - Boston Ave & Stoughton Street
· 7:59am - Boston Ave & North St
· 8:00am - Boston Ave & Adams Street
· 8:02am - Boston Ave & Hilldale Rd
· 8:03am - Harvard Street & Winchester Street
· 8:04am - Winchester Street & Marion Street
· 8:08am - Main St & Bowen Ave
· 8:10am - Hancock Street @ Hancock Ave
· 8:12am - Harvard St @ Main St
· 8:10am - Main Street @ Bow Street

AM Route #11 Roberts -
7:50am 55 Station Landing
7:55am Fellsway W @ Fells Ave
Oak Rd @ Watervale
Fulton Spring Rd @ Fern St
Fulton Spring Rd @ Fulton St
1018 Fellsway

AM Route #12 McGlynn Andrews Middle School -
Fulton Springs Rd @ Watervale Rd
Watervale Rd @ Fern Rd
Fellsway & St Mary Street
Fellsway West & Fells Ave
Fellsway West & Fern Road
Fellsway & Foss
21 Elm St
Elm Street & Brackett Street
Highland Ave & Sturgess Street
Park Ave & Doonan Street
Central Ave & Wicklow Ave
Emerald St & Wicklow Ave
Emerald St & Dunbar

Sample Bus Routes
Medford Public Schools
Before and After School Program

❖ Medford Public Schools offers a Before and After School Program for registered students using a lottery system.

❖ Registration information will be available on MPS website.

❖ For questions, please contact Megan Fidler-Carey
   ➢ 781-393-2211
   ➢ mfidlercarey@medford.k12.ma.us
   ➢ before-afterschool@medford.k12.ma.us.
Medford Public Schools
Before-School Program

Offered at each elementary school for students in K-5. Program starts @ 7:30 am and runs until 8:15 am. Students are served breakfast and then line up with their classes.

Medford Public Schools
After-School Program

Offered at each elementary school for students in K-5. Program starts @ end of school day and runs until 6:00 pm. Snack is provided. More specific information will come from site coordinators.
After School Programs

Medford Public Schools After School
Megan Fidler-Carey, Coordinator
Telephone: 781-393-2211
mfidlercarey@medford.k12.ma.us
before-afterschool@medford.k12.ma.us.

Grace Works
www.graceworkschildcare.org
160 High St
Medford
781-306-0060

Salem Street Studio
After School Program
235 Salem St
Medford
781-393-9111
West Medford Youth Club (Grades 4-8)
w westmedfordcommunitycenter@gmail.com
111 Arlington St
Medford
781-483-3042

Medford Youth Center
(merged with Malden YMCA)
located lower level of the Chevalier Theater
MedfordYC@ymcaglendale.org
30 Forest Street
Medford
781-391-3619
What Activities Happen Before the First Day of Kindergarten?

**Kindergarten Open House:**
- Parent/Child introduction to Kindergarten classrooms and a tour of the school.
  - Pre-covid, this took place in person at your neighborhood school
  - This will occur virtually this year as it did last year
**Summer Time Playgroups:**

- Each school will plan: usually in the park or at school.

**Kindergarten Playground Night:**

- Meet your classmates and their families
  - Last week in August-Announced by each school

**Kindergarten Screening:**

- Each school will set up the day/ time & notify families.
- Kindergarten Teacher to assess your child in order to meet the needs of your student.
- This is done during the day in approximately 20 minute intervals.
What Activities Happen After the First Day of Kindergarten?

● Curriculum Night
  ○ Building principals will communicate the date in September to school communities

● School-based events and activities
  ○ Get involved-
    ■ with the school community, PTO and the classroom
  ○ Stay Informed-
    ■ read the school’s newsletter and emails. Also, classroom emails, newsletters and/or websites
Four MPS Elementary Schools

Brooks

McGlynn

Columbus

Roberts
Brooks School

Principal ~ Shannon Demos
Assistant ~ Mitzi Galante

sdemos@medford.k12.ma.us

Columbus School

Principal ~ Kathy Kay
Assistant ~ Nancy Sherman-Hudson

kkay@medford.k12.ma.us
McGlynn School

Principal ~ Diane Guarino
Assistant ~ Doreen Andrews

dguarino@medford.k12.ma.us

Roberts School

Principal ~ Kirk Johnson
Assistant ~ Andrew O’Brien

kjohnson@medford.k12.ma.us
What Is My Child Going To Learn ?????

English Language Arts
- Journeys by Houghton Mifflin

Math
- EnVision by Savvas Realize

Science
- FOSS by Delta Education

Social Science
- Program Pilot 2021

Specialist Classes
- Music
- Art
- Technology
- Physical Education

Social Emotional Learning & Health
- Responsive Classroom
- Zones of Regulation
- Michigan Model
What Best Practices are used for Lessons and Activities?

✓ Cognitive ~ Academic
✓ Large Group
✓ Small Group
✓ Partner Work
✓ One to One
✓ Social Emotional
✓ Kinesthetic ~ Physical
Social Emotional Learning

- Self-management: regulate own behaviors and emotions
- Self-awareness: reflection of own feelings
- Responsible decision-making: making good choices
- Relationship skills: being a good friend: kind words, cooperative and helpful
- Social awareness: aware of socially appropriate behavior
The Medford Public Schools Presents...

A Day In The Life Of A Kindergartener
Well-designed spacious Classroom Environments
Morning Meeting - *Time to build community*

Greeting
Sharing
Group Activity
Morning Message
Developing Literacy Skills
Developing Language Skills
Differentiated Instruction

- One-on-one instruction
- Small group: teacher led
- Individual work
- Partner work
- Small group: student led
Math Instruction (Whole Group)
Opportunities for Students to Practice Math Skills and Concepts
Small Group Instruction
Science
Creativity at its best!
Creativity at its best!
We Work and Play, and Make New Friends Along the Way!
Learning that is fun, creative and inspired by the students!
Kindergarten Classroom
2020-2021 school year

Kindergarten Desk
with individual bins to store materials
Medford Public Elementary Schools ensure all covid protocols are followed:

- Hallways and stairwells are labeled with arrows indicating directionality
- 6 foot distancing circles have been placed outside of each student bathroom and occupancy signs in place
- Student desks are placed with 6 feet distancing and equipped with shields
- Student materials will not be shared this year. Each student will have individual supplies to utilize while in school
Kindergarten Paraprofessionals
Classroom Support for Children

- I.E.P. (Individualized Education Plans)
- 504 Plans
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech Therapy
- English Language Learner
- Title One/Remedial Reading
If child has an allergy this information should be shared with nurse so staff can be notified and a plan can be put into place.
Child tells cafeteria worker what they would like for lunch!

Child uses their school ID # to make a purchase!
Playgrounds for Outdoor time: recess

Indoor recess if unable to go outside
Library/Media Center
Kindergarten Philosophy

Tell me and I’ll forget;
show me and I may remember;
involve me and I’ll understand.

Chinese proverb
Kindergarten: The Children’s Garden
A year of exploration, discovery and growth!
THANK YOU
for visiting our Kindergartens!

Any Questions???

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