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Subject: Welcome to Kindergarten and Important Dates

Dear Incoming Kindergarten Families,

We are excited to welcome you and your child to an amazing kindergarten experience at Blaine Primary School. We wanted to provide you with some important information regarding the first day of school and upcoming kindergarten conferences.

First, please note that the first day of kindergarten for your child will be on **Friday, September 1, 2023**. It's important to be aware that this date is different from the rest of the district, so mark it on your calendars.

Our dedicated teachers are excited to meet with incoming kindergarten students and their families for state-required kindergarten conferences, which will be held from Tuesday, August 29, to Thursday, August 31. During these conferences, you and your child will have the opportunity to meet your child's teacher, share information about your child, bring school supplies, explore the classroom, discuss the fundamentals of kindergarten, and address any questions you may have about the upcoming year. Students will also engage in a brief skills screener. We believe that this 30-minute session will be crucial in setting the tone for a successful and rewarding year ahead.

Your child's classroom teacher assignment is now live in Skyward Family Access. Below you'll find instructions on how to gain access to Family Access via computer or the App and instructions for signing up for a conference time.

We are eagerly counting down the days until we can welcome your child into our kindergarten classrooms.

Enjoy the last few days of summer, and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Warm regards,
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Skyward Family Access: A Parent Overview

Skyward Family Access is an easy-to-use website that allows parents and guardians to access information about their students from any computer with Internet access or through the Skyward App. One login allows parents/guardians to view the records of all students within a single family, even if they are at different Blaine schools.

Parents of primary and elementary students can view: Student Information, Student and Emergency Contact Information, School Calendar, Attendance, Health Information/Vaccination Records, and Food service account information as well as **sign up for teacher conferences.**

To Log into Skyward Family Access:

- Visit www.blainesd.org, then select ≡ MENU at the top of the screen. Scroll to the *Parents and Students* section, then select **Skyward Family Access.** ***You can also use the QR code to the right to download the app right to your smartphone.***
- Your Login ID and Password should have been sent to you upon registration. If you don't have it, don't worry! Select "forgot password" and it will walk you through the steps to gain access.



Navigating Family Access:

- If you are listed as a Guardian for multiple students in the Blaine School District, you can choose which student to view in Family Access. At the top of the page, under the words "Family Access", select the drop-down arrow to view your student list. Some menu options are available when you have "All Students" selected, while other options are only available when you are viewing a single student.
- The Menu on the Left side of your Skyward Homepage shows the information you are able to access for your student(s). Please inform your child's school if any information needs to be changed or updated.

Signing up for your child's conference:

- You will also use skyward family access to sign up for your child's initial Kindergarten conference.
- Once in the App, navigate to your kindergarten student's profile → Select the **Kindergarten Conference** tile → Select Teacher → Select an **Available Time**
- Watch this helpful video for step by step directions to sign up for a conference.



Visit http://www.skyward.com/parents for a full library of resources.

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