



**WELCOME TO
KINDERGARTEN
2023-2024**

Westbrook Elementary School

ALL ABOUT WESTBROOK:

Vision:

Westbrook Elementary School is dedicated to nurturing a diverse community of lifelong learners who demonstrate respect, responsibility, caring, trust and a sense of belonging while achieving their highest academic and personal potential in our globally connected world.

Mission:

The Westbrook community will work collaboratively to support the development of the whole child through our Community of Caring values. We will enhance instruction through the arts, use of digital literacy, and the awareness of the environment. Through integrating the arts, following the Community of Caring values, demonstrating value for our natural world, and embracing the unique talents of individuals, the Westbrook community will ensure that we all reach our highest academic and personal potential.





Our School





Mrs. Karen Cox-
Principal

Ms. Linda Johnson-
Assistant Principal

Mrs. Yolanda Faerber
School Counselor





Carol Grabner



FRONT OFFICE STAFF:
MS. CAROL GRABNER- ADMIN ASSISTANT
MS. NICOLE BELL- ATTENDANCE SECRETARY

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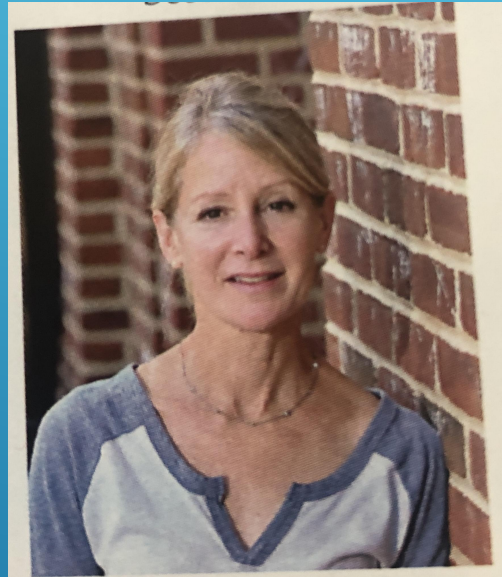
Expected enrollment is 525 students. We anticipate having 4 sections of kindergarten this year. The county guidelines suggest kindergarten classes consist of approximately 24 students. We expect to have kindergarten class sizes of 24 (+ maybe 1 or 2) students. However, as enrollment changes the county may need to make some adjustments in our staffing.



Meet your fabulous Kindergarten teachers!



Cat Straley



Nina Pattakos



Jamie Nguyen



Community of Caring-

Built on 5 core values that are reinforced daily:

Caring

Respect

Trust

Responsibility

Family



Westbrook Programs



- Model Green School
- No Place for Hate School
- Arts Integration Focus School
- Elementary Homeschool Model
(for Special Education services)
- Social Emotional Special
Education Services program
(SESES)
- Restorative Justice Practices

S.O.A.R

Westbrook Elementary School Behavioral Expectations Matrix



	<u>S</u> Stay Safe	<u>O</u> Own Your Actions	<u>A</u> Act Responsibility	<u>R</u> Respect Everyone and Everything
HALLWAYS	<p>Walk straight, facing forward, on the right side of the hall.</p> <p>Walk slowly and carefully in hallways and stairways.</p> <p>Stay out of other classrooms and be where I am supposed to be.</p>	<p>Keep my voice level low.</p> <p>Walk directly to my destination.</p>	<p>Be considerate of other learners.</p> <p>Stay in a single-file line.</p>	<p>Keep my hands, feet, and objects to <u>myself</u>.</p> <p>Respect others' property and keep my hands off the walls.</p> <p>Keep my voice level low.</p>
RESTROOM	<p>Enter and exit by walking.</p> <p>Report any problems to an adult immediately.</p> <p>Keep water in the sink.</p>	<p>Go, flush, and wash my hands.</p> <p>Throw away my paper towels.</p> <p>Respect others' privacy.</p>	<p>Use time wisely.</p> <p>Wait my turn.</p> <p>Be quiet.</p> <p>Knock before entering a stall.</p>	<p>Use the appropriate amount of toilet paper.</p> <p>Be quick and prompt.</p> <p>Throw trash away.</p> <p>Stay in your <u>own</u> area.</p>
CAFETERIA	<p>Listen to and follow directions.</p> <p>Walk only.</p> <p>Stay in line.</p>	<p>Throw away my trash and recycling in the proper containers.</p> <p>Use proper table manners by not throwing or sharing food.</p> <p>Keep my voice level low and talk only to my table mates.</p>	<p>Walk slowly and face forward.</p> <p>Know my PIN Number.</p> <p>Get what I need the first time.</p> <p>Stay seated at my assigned table.</p>	<p>Raise my hand to ask for help.</p> <p>Pick up my trash and leave the table and floor clean.</p> <p>Always include others, and be friendly to everyone.</p>
RECESS	<p>Line up when the whistle is blown.</p> <p>Protect and care for all property and equipment.</p> <p>Report problems to the Peer Mediators and adults.</p>	<p>Set a good example.</p> <p>Use kind words with peers and adults.</p> <p>Use equipment safely.</p>	<p>Listen to and follow directions.</p> <p>Report any unkind actions to an adult or peer mediator.</p> <p>Slide DOWN the slide.</p>	<p>Take turns and include others.</p> <p>Use equipment appropriately.</p>
BUS	<p>Sit and keep yourself inside the windows.</p>	<p>Remain seated and face forward on the bus.</p>	<p>Listen and follow directions.</p>	<p>Keep belongings out of the aisle</p>

When Westbrook Eagles SOAR, we achieve!

S.O.A.R. Daily Pledge



S.O.A.R DAILY PLEDGE

As a member of the Westbrook
community, I pledge to SOAR
every day. I will...

Stay Safe

Own My Actions

Act Responsibly

Respect Everyone and Everything

I will SOAR as a Westbrook Eagle!

NO place
for
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An ADL Education Program

PARENT INFORMATION FOR NEW KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

How you can help your child succeed...



- Students will be learning basic daily routines the first few weeks of school so please practice with your child how to follow simple 3-step directions (i.e. put on coat and shoes, get backup, stand by door).
- Students need to come to school on time everyday. Tardiness disrupts the classroom routine and learning environment.



Lost and Found

Please label all of your child's belongings with their name! We help pair up missing belongings to their owner.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Backpacks must be large enough to hold folders and books without bending. Your child will be responsible for emptying their backpack - we are trying to foster independence.
- Please see the supply list that *will* be updated on our website.



BUS TRANSPORTATION



- Patrols are on each bus to assist the students.
- A parent or guardian should be present at the bus stop to receive their child.
- Be patient with the school bus schedule. Occasionally the bus may arrive a few minutes late – especially the first week.



WALKERS AND CAR RIDERS

- Children are to line up daily outside the entrance near the kindergarten classrooms.
- The doors are opened at 8:55 a.m. and the children are to line up quietly outside the kindergarten classrooms next to the cones with their teacher's name (if possible).
- Patrols and adults will monitor the children until teachers bring them into the classroom at 8:55 a.m.



LUNCH

- When your child buys lunch they will need to use their individual pin number. Please have your child practice their PIN number.
- If your child brings lunch, please label their lunch box
- We encourage you to pack a healthy snack for your child. Oftentimes children get hungry in the am or pm, depending on when their lunchtime is and what their eating schedule is. It is beneficial to begin working on having your child eat on a regular schedule during the summer to help eliminate any hunger discomfort that may rise.



A SAMPLE OF A TYPICAL KINDERGARTEN DAY



9:00—Arrival/Unpack

9:05—Morning Meeting/Listen to EEN

9:10—ELA

11:15—Stations

11:45—Recess and Lunch

12:55— Specials

1:35 Math

2:40—Science/Social Studies/SEL

3:20/3:25—Dismissal



SPECIALS (ART, MUSIC, PE AND MEDIA CENTER)

- ❖ Each teacher/classroom has their own schedule.

A sample schedule might be:

- ❖ Monday – PE
- ❖ Wednesday – Art
- ❖ Thursday – Music
- ❖ Friday - Media Center



RECESS

- ❖ Students have an opportunity to socialize and play daily at recess (indoors or outdoors).
- ❖ Kindergarten have a variety of play equipment and games to engage in during recess time.
- ❖ Support staff are on the playground at all times for safety and to help solve any peer conflicts that may arise.
- ❖ Indoor recess during inclement weather (i.e. icy, cold, unsafe conditions)





HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD?

- ❖ **Build independence with everyday activities such as dressing, shoe tying, and being responsible for clothes.**
- ❖ **If your child is a bus rider, put them on the bus the first day.**
- ❖ **Encourage collaboration, persistence, intellectual risk taking, originality.**
- ❖ **Practice lunchbox know-how.**
- ❖ **Listen, talk, explore, read, and think mathematically.**

VOLUNTEERING



- ❖ During the year there will be opportunities to volunteer within and outside the classroom.
- ❖ Please stay tuned for volunteer opportunities to come home in your child's take-home folder in the fall. (you can also check the MCPS website)
- ❖ Westbrook provides a volunteer orientation and training in collaboration with the PTA each year.
- ❖ MCPS requires all regular volunteers to complete the online Child Abuse and Neglect (CAN) Training.

SAVE THE DATE:



- ❖ **August 25-** (Time- TBD) **Open House** for ALL students and parents. School supplies may be brought in on this day.
- ❖ **August 28-** First Day of School!
- ❖ **September 7th- Back to School Night time TBD:** Mandatory for kindergarten parents as important information will be shared!
- ❖ **September 9-** PTA sponsored Back to School Picnic



Questions?

- ❖ Contact the main office for more information on registration. Be sure to give your child's first and last name.
- ❖ Check the school website! Changes made often!
- ❖ Review the Kindergarten Handbook.
- ❖ Join the Westbrook PTA Member Hub (see our website).
- ❖ Make sure we have your current email address and phone number on Synergy so you receive weekly updates on school happenings!



Welcome to the
Westbrook Family!

It is going to be a great
year for the Class of
2036!

