

Welcome to Norup International School Kindergarten Round-Up!



Please help yourself to snacks and
get to know the other incoming
Kindergarten families and students

Meet the Team

- Kindergarten Teachers: Kristina Scholl & Liz Reynolds
- Learning Specialist: Amy Semann
- Social Emotional Support
 - Counselor - Jaclyn Georgiou
 - Social Worker - Jill Belmore
 - Psychologist: Lia Garwood
- Speech & Language: Drew McMurtry



Berkley School District (BSD) Information

- Superintendent – Scott Francis
- 7 Schools
 - 4 elementary
 - 1 Kindergarten-8th grade
 - 1 middle school
 - 1 high school
 - Early Childhood Center, Community Education,
 - Specialty Programs (CASA, OTech)
- 3ish Communities
- www.berkleyschools.org



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Berkley Education Foundation

- Maintain and enhance educational opportunities and programs for Berkley students
 - From academics to arts, music to math, social studies to science, every student will benefit.

<http://www.berkleyedfoundation.org/>



Berkley African American Parent Network

- Meets the third Thursday of every month (usually) at Norup.
- Presentations and discussions
- Connections with other Black parents
- ALL are welcome to come to these meetings
- Saturdays for Success
- baapn.com



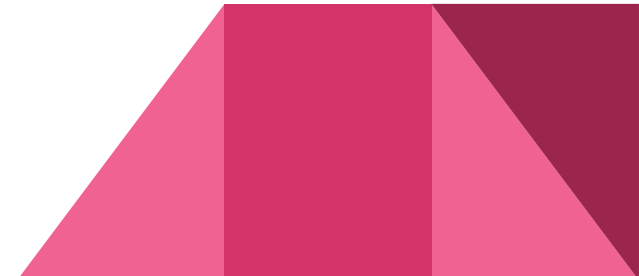
Norup PTSA - a chance to volunteer



- Executive Board
 - President - Bruce Corrigan-Salter
 - Vice President - Jason Deneau
 - Secretary - Sarah Parmalee
 - Treasurer - Chris Reitech



Scan to join Norup's PTSA



Elementary Teaching Staff

- Principal, Assistant Principal
- 14 homeroom teachers
- Specials teachers
 - Art, Music, PE, Media, Spanish
- Learning Specialists
- Support Staff/Special Education
 - RR Teacher, Psychologist, Speech Path., Social Worker, Counselor, OT, PT, Interventionist



Kindergarten School Day

- 8:05 – 1st Bell (Doors Open)
- 8:15 – Instruction begins
- Morning
 - Calendar / Morning Meeting
 - Literacy Block
 - Readers & Writers Workshop
 - Phonics
 - Snack & Recess
 - Science/Social Studies (alternating)
 - Play/Choice Time
- 41 minute Recess/Lunch
- Afternoon
 - Math Workshop
 - Rest or Quiet Reading Time
 - Specials Class
 - Get ready for home
- School dismissal is at 3:20 PM.
 - Kindergarten is dismissed at 3:15 PM
- 1/2 day dismissal is 11:30 AM



Drop-Off and Pick-Up

- Drop-Off

- Line up with their class at assigned door
- Enter school on their own
 - Parents say goodbye on the sidewalk
- Locker
 - Hang up their coat
 - Empty backpack
- Take home folder/notes/homework
- Order lunch

- Pick-Up

- Dismissal at 3:15
- Students exit from assigned door
- Teacher will dismiss each child one at a time to their parent or adult specified on emergency card
- If you are not able to pick up your child by 3:20, they will be walked to the office to wait for you there.



Kids' Zone (Latchkey)

- Available Programs
 - Before Care: 7:00am - 8:15am
 - After Care: 3:20pm - 6:00pm
 - Half Day Care: Begins at 11:30am
- The Kids' Zone application window is from Wednesday, May 17 through May 26, 2023.
 - Families will receive notice of acceptance into the Kids' Zone program by June 10th, and the first month's tuition will be due in September.
- Questions?
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Breakfast / Lunch

- Breakfast is offered everyday in the cafeteria beginning at 7:30 AM
 - Breakfast for All: \$1.50 full price, \$.30 reduced price
- Cafeteria etiquette
 - No sharing of food due to allergies
- Kindergarten students have their own lunch time
 - Go to recess first and eat lunch after
- Each student has their own lunch card when buying lunch
- Elementary Lunch: \$3.00 full price, \$.40 reduced price
- Free or reduced applications available



How We Teach

- Whole group, small group, 1-1, partners
- Differentiated instruction to accommodate all learners (workshop model/centers)
- Targeted skills-based driven by assessment and data
- Support/Intervention



Kindergarten Curriculum

- Language Arts
 - Lucy Calkins' Readers & Writers Workshop
 - 95% Group Core Phonics
- Math - Everyday Math
- Science - Battle Creek/MISTAR
- Social Studies - InquireEd
- Social Emotional Learning
 - Second Step
 - Leader in Me (LIM)



Academic Benchmarks

- Reading

- Names upper/lower case letters
- Identifies beginning sounds
- High Frequency Words
- Retells stories
- End of Year – F&P Level D
- Exposure to Narrative/Informational Text

- Writing

- Write a personal narrative using words and pictures
- Form letters correctly
- Brainstorm ideas
- Correctly spell frequently encountered words

- Math

- Identify and create patterns
- Read and write #s to 30
- Solve simple +/- problems
- Count to 100 by 1s and 10s
- Begin to explain mathematical thinking through Number Talks



Life Skills Benchmarks

- Works and plays well with others
- Practices self-control
- Follows directions
- Completes assignments and homework
- Resolves problems using words



Specials in Kindergarten

- Students participate in Music, Physical Education (PE), Spanish, Art and Media Center.



Parent-School Communication

- SeeSaw
 - Primary form of communication
- Report cards/Progress reports
- District website
- School/District communication (e-mail address)
- E-mail (24-48 hour response)
- Phone calls



Your Role...

- Support learning at home
- Regular communication with the school and teacher
- Opportunities to volunteer
- Family activities
 - Curriculum Night
 - Multicultural Night
- Volunteer form required
- Active involvement at school
 - Room Parents
 - PTSA
 - BAAPN
- Lunch aide?





Berkley Schools Bond Proposal

Bond Proposal Details

**Election on
August 8, 2023**

\$88,000,000 to invest in

- District-wide classroom furniture
- Multi-purpose additions at all elementary schools
- Performing arts upgrades and additions
- Athletics upgrades and additions
- District-wide technology upgrades

All encompassing plan would impact all children and staff every day in our TK-12 buildings.

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BERKLEY
SCHOOLS
2023 BOND
PROPOSAL

What if...

www.berkleyschools.org/bond

What Would the Proposal Cost?

- **\$88,000,000 would be a 2.25 mill increase, starting in 2024**
- Each homeowner's cost may be different depending on filing status, age and other income tax variables
 - An example: A home worth \$200,000 typically has a taxable value of \$100,000. An additional 2.25 mills levied on this home would cost \$225/year, before any income tax considerations. However, your costs may be less.
- This is 2.25 mills on the taxable value of a home, not the total value
- Tax calculator on the website
- Ultimately, this Bond would cost on average less than a dollar a day

Questions?



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