

# Welcome Parents!

## Interboro Kindergarten Academy



"A great place to learn and grow!"

# We are...

... a full-day, standards – based early childhood program.

.... Common Core aligned curriculum.

...a child centered environment that promotes the physical, emotional, and intellectual development of young children



# Points of Pride

- Response to Intervention Model / Title 1 Reading Support
- Child Study Team
- Range of Special Education Services
- Positive Behavior Support (PBIS)
- Enrichment and Remediation
- Core Standards: Math and ELA
- School Counseling Program



# Top Notch Staff...

- Mrs. Clemson, Principal's Administrative Assistant
- Mrs. Diana Conlin, Building Secretary
- Ms. Yvonne Bailey, Building Maintenance
- 12 Kindergarten Classroom Teachers
- 2 Special Education Teachers
- School Counselor
- Title 1 Reading Specialist
- Nurse(s) (5 days a week)
- 1 Cafeteria/1 Recess Assistant
- 3 Specialists (Music, P.E., Library)
- 1 Spanish Teacher (1 day per week)
- Instructional Assistants
- Special Education Assistants



# School Hours

- **Full day program**
- **Arrival: 8:00-8:15**
- **Dismissal: 2:45**



# A Morning at the Kindergarten Academy (8:00-Lunch)

## Opening Activities:

- Unpacking , Attendance (8:05-8:20)
- Socialization
- Morning Meetings
- Calendar



## Literacy Block (Reading, Writing, Speaking, Listening)

- *Journeys is our new literacy program.*
- Shared Reading/ Guided Reading
- Literacy Centers/ Stations
- Whole group/ small group instruction



# Lunch/ Snack Schedule

- 40 minutes for lunch/ recess

10:50 – 11:30

11:30 – 12:10

12:10 – 12:50

- Students have the option to purchase their lunch (\$2.60)
- Reduced lunch: .40
- Free or Reduced Lunch (applications)
- **My School Bucks** is now available to make your payment by using: [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com).



- Students have a morning or afternoon snack.
- Teachers will inform parents with additional snack information.

# An Afternoon at the Kindergarten Academy

(after lunch to 2:45)

- Quiet Reading Time (15- 20 minutes)
- Free Choice (30 minutes)
- Math (number recognition, one to one correspondence, shapes, addition & subtraction) *Go Math* program
- Social Studies (Citizenship, family/ home, holidays)
- Thematic Studies (oceans, planets, seasons, animals)





- **Physical Education**  
60 minutes per week

- **Music**  
60 minutes per week  
30 minutes per week

- **Computers/STEM**  
30-45 minutes per week

- **Science/Health**  
2 times per month

- **Spanish (Biweekly)**



# Specials



# Music

- Children are exposed and involved in various movement and rhythmic activities.
- Literacy through music is a major focus in our music classes.
- Each year the students perform a musical based on a favorite piece of children's literature.



# Health

- 30 minutes per week  
(2x's per month)
- Taught in gymnasium
- Jump – a – Thon (American Heart Association). This year \$4100.00 was raised!
- Topics covered... human development, diseases/ disease prevention, drugs and healthy living, nutrition, safety

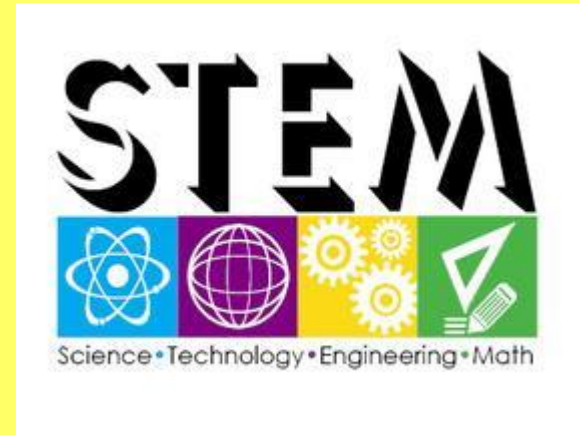


# Environmental Science

- 30 minutes per week
- (2x's per month)
- Taught in our environmental classroom
- Visits to John Heinz Wildlife Refuge
- High School Mentors
- Topics covered... Life cycles, habitats
- (wetlands, oceans, rainforests)



# KA **STEM** Program



Your child will be participating in activities relating to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics with Mrs. Hokanson in the library, computer lab and science center.

# Toys with a Task, Play with a Purpose

## Makerspaces in the Library

### Skills

Problem solving  
Critical thinking  
Communication  
Cooperation  
Creativity and innovation  
Following directions  
Technology experience

### Sample Activities

Programming and coding with Osmo, Blue-Bots and Dash and Dot robots  
Engineering with a marble run: creating tracks that are fast and slow  
Exploring architecture: high and low density with Legos  
Using recycled materials to create an original invention



# Attendance/ Absences

Regular attendance is required unless your child is sick.

Parents **must call** the office to report absences.



Absent notes are required for each absence. Notes need to be provided within 3 days of an absence.

State and district attendance policies apply to kindergarten students.

# District Attendance Policy ~ Under Revision

- Lateness:
- 30 cumulative minutes or 5 days late – courtesy letter
- 60 cumulative minutes or 10 days late – warning letter
- 90 cumulative minutes or 15 days late – parent conference with building administrator or truancy officer to establish Interboro SD Truancy elimination plan
- 120 cumulative minutes or 20 days late – Truancy Court
- Students in grades 6-8 will receive a detention after 6 times being late per semester.

# Absence Policy is Under Revision

- It is expected that parents will notify the school of a student absence. If a school is not notified that a student will be absent, the district will call to ensure that your child is in the care of a parent/guardian.
- 5 days absent – courtesy letter
- 10 days absent –parent conference with school administration and all future absences will require a doctor's note
- 15 days absent- Truancy Court
- Truancy Elimination Plan – A plan developed by the school that provides steps to improve student attendance at school. This plan is presented to parents/ guardians for input. This plan may include but is not limited to recommendations to an out of district agency or district court.

# Lateness

- Our doors open at **8:00**
- Student must arrive **by 8:20**
- Any student arriving after **8:20** needs to enter through the main lobby and be signed in at the main office by a parent.



**Chronic** Lateness impacts your child's learning.

# Vacation Excusal

Students/Parent must request a vacation form 2 weeks prior to absent dates for review and approval by Principal and teachers. Forms are available in the KA Office.



# Drop Off (AM)

- Students that are walkers/ car riders enter through the **gym doors on 10<sup>th</sup> Ave.**
- Staff members will meet & greet students as they arrive.

## OPTIONS

- **Park and Walk:** If your child needs assistance exiting the car, **you will need to park** on surrounding streets and walk child to the gym doors.
- **Car Line: (Patience Required)**
  - Forms on right lane of car loop.
  - Student must be able to exit car independently.
  - Flashers on
  - Parents must stay in the car.
  - Exit from right side of car only.
  - Pull up to the curb to discharge your child.
- Doors will close promptly at 8:20. This includes 5 minute courtesy. Late after 8:20.
- Late arrivals must be signed in at the main office.





# Pick-Up (2:45)

- Walkers and Car Riders are picked up at the gym doors on 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- Staff members will dismiss students @ 2:45.
- Park your car on surrounding streets or in car loop single line.
- Stand outside gym door and hold up Dismissal ID tag.
- Return promptly to your car to exit parking spots.
- You **must** present **your Dismissal ID** tag to claim your child.
- If you do not have your **ID tag**, you will need to go to the office to show personal identification.

# Dismissal ID Tags

- Each parent will receive 4 *Dismissal ID tags* with their child's name printed on them. This MUST be presented at pick – up for your child to be released. No child will be released without it.
- *Dismissal ID* tag must be presented to staff members on duty at end of day pick-up and to the bus driver at bus stop drop-off.
- Personal identification will be requested by the school office, if the Dismissal ID tag is not presented. This is for your child's safety and security.
- A cell phone photo of the original Dismissal ID Tag will be permitted as a back up ID card, in case you forget the original card. Original ID Tags will be acknowledged first, then cell phone photos.



# Building Security

- Each visitor must buzz in and buzz out of the building.
- State reason for entering building.
- All visitors, volunteers, and parents must come directly to the main office.
- Sign in/ Wear Visitor's badge
- If picking up your child for an early dismissal or due to illness, please bring your dismissal ID tag.
- No tag??? Always be prepared to show a picture ID.
- Call the office, if you are sending a friend or relative to pick up your child.
- Identification will be required.

# Child Study Team ~ What we do...

- Assist parents/teachers with school relate concerns (academic, behavioral, emotional).
- Any student can be referred to the child study team by parent or teacher.
- A meeting is scheduled to discuss concern(s) with the team.
- A plan is developed by the team to support the student.
- Some students may be referred for further evaluation.



# Members of the Child Study/SAP Team?

- Parent(s)
- Classroom Teacher
- Principal ~ Principal
- Mrs. Bryan, School Counselor
- Mrs. Kerri Barrar, RTI
- Mrs. Hazard, Learning Support
- Ms. Einspahr, *Learning Support*
- Mrs. Wilchensky, *Title 1 Reading Teacher*
- Dr. Amanda Amadon, School Psychologist
- Mrs. Keiser, Speech Pathologist
- Mrs. Sutton, Occupational Therapist
- Mrs. Thompson, Physical Therapist
- Dr. Ciaran Dalton, Behavioral Specialist





# School Counseling Program

- **Goal:** To aide all students in social, emotional and academic growth by utilizing a short term solution focused modality of counseling and providing students with tools for on going success.
- **Service Delivery Methods**
  - Individual Counseling
  - Group Counseling
  - Classroom Lessons
- **Community Support**
  - Student Assistance Program / CST





# PBS

## Behavioral Goals:

Hall

Classroom

Cafeteria

Bus

Playground

Lavatories



# Report Cards/ Assessments

## Report Cards

- *Available through Home Access Center (HAC)*
- Issued 3 times per year
- December, March at Parent Conferences
- June - sent home with student

## Assessments

- CBA
- Emergent Literacy Survey
- Running Records
- Writing Assessment
- Math Unit Benchmarks
- MATH -MAP

# Volunteer Clearances

All school volunteers must apply for and provide the following mandated clearances:

## Clearances

PA State background check ( Act 34)

FBI Criminal ( Act 114)

Childline ( Act 151)

Go to the [www.interborosd.org](http://www.interborosd.org)

➤ Human Resources

➤ Clearances

➤ Click on clearance and complete applications.

➤ Print certificates and district packet.

➤ Bring all paperwork to KA office along with photo id to be witnessed and copied.

# Opportunities to Volunteer

- Classroom Helper
- Writing Volunteers
- Jump-a-Thon
- May Fair
- Support KA Fundraisers
- Pretzels/ Box Tops
- Field Trip Chaperone
- Read Across America



# Earth Day



# Special Events

- Veteran's Day Celebration
- Harvest Celebration
- Polar Express Event
- 100<sup>th</sup> Day Celebration
- Mayfair Fair / Field Day
- Read Across America
- Jump – a – thon
- Spring Concerts
- Butterfly Release
- Fire House Visits
- Closing Celebrations!





# Save the Dates

## **Bus Orientation @ KA 6:30 PM**

- ❖ August 15<sup>th</sup> Glenolden/ Prospect Park
- ❖ August 17<sup>th</sup> Norwood / Tinicum

## **Kindergarten Open House child w/Parent**

- ❖ Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> :  
Attend session by initial of child's last name
- ❖ A-I (9:00-10:00 AM) or J-Z (10:30 – 11:30 AM)

## **First Day of School**

- ❖ Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> (8:15- 11:35)  
No Lunch ~ Bus Transportation **will be available.**

## **First Full Day of School**

- ❖ Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> (8:15-2:45) Lunch is served! & Buses!!

## **Back to School Night**

- ❖ Wednesday , September 13, 2017 (6:30- 7:30 PM)



**Where to find us...**  
**[www.interborosd.org](http://www.interborosd.org)**  
**District Website/ Kindergarten**



The BUCS  
Start  
Here!





