

Preschool and Kindergarten Opening of School Information

September 9, 2020 Updates

Dear Incoming Preschool and Kindergarten Families,

I am writing with some important updates as we prepare to welcome our youngest learners to school next week. It was great to meet some of the kindergartners at last week's screening and we are looking forward to having our preschoolers back in person next week.

There have been many emails and updates over the past month as we have worked to solidify our reopening plan for early childhood and I can imagine that families are feeling inundated by the amount of information to sift through. My own children are at transitional years entering high school and middle school and I know how hard it has been to stay on top of changes and new information. The goal of today's communication is to clearly summarize the most important information and dates that you will need for the weeks ahead. Below are some important dates. Detailed information follows in the body of this letter.

Back to School Dates

Thursday, September 10th	Virtual Parent Back to School Informational Meeting on Zoom 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Preschool and Kindergarten Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84078166201?pwd=NmlneFY5OHITRGkyUTdFTkh5Qnd6dz09 Meeting ID: 840 7816 6201 Passcode: UZ441e 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Grades 1, 2 and 3 Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85664012292?pwd=VmFhROMxdzA3MnhxQU1PQW43TGJ6UT09 Meeting ID: 856 6401 2292 Passcode: k8PzkD
Friday, September 11th	Parent Back to School Information Presentation Posted on School Website https://bresnahan.newburyport.k12.ma.us/
Tuesday, September 15th	Preschool Meet and Greet- Outside 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m: Sue Simon AM, Sam Maguire, Karen Sullivan, Giovanna Foster, Tanasi Fahey 1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m: Sue Simon PM

	Preschool Tuition- 1st payment due
Wednesday, September 16th	1st Day of School for Preschool Students AM PK: 8:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. PM PK: 12:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Kindergarten Meet and Greet - Outside AM K Cohort: 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. PM K Cohort: 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 p.m.
Thursday, September 17th	1st Day of School for Kindergarten Students AM K: 8:20 a.m - 11:05 a.m. PM K: 12:05 p.m. - 2:50 p.m.

Cohorts, Teacher Assignments, and [Aspen X2 Family Portal](#)

AM and PM cohorts and teacher assignments have been released for all preschool and kindergarten students and are available in the [Family Portal](#) of *Aspen X2*.

If you do not have a Family Portal User Name and Password please email:

rt-x2@rt.newburyport.k12.ma.us

Indicate that you need a Family Portal Account and include the following information:

- Your Name
- Your Child's Name
- Your Child's Date of Birth
- Your Child's Year of Graduation Grade 3- 2030, Grade 2- 2031, Grade 1- 2032, Kindergarten - 2033, Pre-Kindergarten -2034, Preschool - 2035

Preschool Hours and Days of Instruction

PRE SCHOOL Mondays/Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays <i>No School Fridays</i>	
AM Preschool Cohort 8:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	PM Preschool Cohort 12:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
<i>Sue Simon AM</i> <i>Sam Maguire, Karen Sullivan, Giovanna Foster*</i> <i>Tanasi Fahey**</i>	<i>Sue Simon's PM Class Only</i>
<i>*High needs students in Cohort C assigned to Sam Maguire, Karen Sullivan, and Giovanna Foster's classes will attend until 1:00 p.m.</i>	
<i>**High needs students in Cohort C assigned to Tanasi Fahey's room will attend until 3:00 p.m.</i>	

Preschool Tuition

The preschool tuition rate for all programs will be \$3,200/year. Tuition is collected for typical students. Students with special needs receive a free or reduced rate based on their IEPs. We have adjusted the preschool tuition payment calendar (please see payment calendar below). The first tuition payment is now due on September 15th. We are in the process of reissuing promissory notes and will email all families new promissory notes by the end of this week. Tuition will not be collected if school is completely shut down due to COVID-19. In the event that this occurs, tuition will be prorated and/or reimbursed for the period of shutdown.

2020-2021

Bresnahan Preschool Tuition

All Preschool Programs	Total	Deposit Paid at Registration	1 Lump Sum Due September 15, 2020	5 Month Due on the 15th of the month Beginning 9/15/20- Ending 1/15/20	10 Month Due on the 15th of the month Beginning 9/15/20- Ending 6/15/21
	\$3,200.00	(\$300.00)	\$2,900.00	\$580.00	\$290.00

Uni-Pay Gold On-Line Payment Center

The Newburyport Public Schools have set up on-line tuition payments through the [Uni Pay Gold Payment Center](#). All preschool tuition payments for the 2020-2021 school year must be paid on-line. Only electronic checks and credit cards will be accepted for tuition payments. If you have not already done so, please take a moment to set up an account with Uni-Pay Gold and make your first payment. Thank you! Please note that we do not send bills out each month; rather, we will send basic reminder-emails leading up to the beginning of each month stating that tuition is due. A new feature in Uni-Pay Gold enables customers the ability to set up a payment schedule plan which will automatically make deductions in accordance with your payment schedule. We strongly encourage all families to use this new feature. You may also find it helpful to set up your own personal calendar with a tuition reminder/alert and embed the Uni-Pay Gold link into your reminder message. Please Note: That all tuition payments must be current by September 16th or your child will not be able to start in his/her program.

Kindergarten Hours and Days of Instruction

KINDERGARTEN Mondays/Tuesdays/Thursdays/Fridays <i>No School Wednesdays*</i>	
AM Kindergarten Cohort 8:20 a.m. - 11:05 a.m. **	PM Kindergarten Cohort 12:05 p.m. - 2:50 p.m.
<i>*On Wednesdays there will be no in-person instruction. Classroom teachers will have planning and meeting time on Wednesdays and remote extra-curricular activities will be offered for Art, Library, Music, Physical Education and STEM.</i>	
<i>**High needs students in Cohort C will attend school until 2:50 p.m.</i>	

Parent Informational Zoom Meetings

Tim Miller, Principal of Grades 1-3, and I will be hosting Parent Informational Zoom meetings this Thursday night - September 10th. These presentations are designed to walk parents through the daily procedures and adjustments we have made due to COVID-19. We will be reviewing arrival and dismissal procedures, signage around the campus, lunch and recess procedures, the use of student materials, classroom spaces, student traffic flow, the district's daily prescreening app, cleaning and disinfecting procedures, and responding to any other questions that parents may have. Due to the size of our school and the allowance of the number of Zoom participants we will be offering two sessions on Thursday night. The first session will be held from 5:30-7:00 p.m and will focus on preschool and kindergarten. The second session will be held from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

and will focus on Grades 1, 2, and 3. We will also post the presentation on the [Bresnahan School website](#) the following day. Please see the links to the meetings below.

Virtual Parent Back to School Informational Meeting on Zoom

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Preschool and Kindergarten

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84078166201?pwd=NmlneFY5OHITRGkyUTdFTkh5Qnd6dz09>

Meeting ID: 840 7816 6201

Passcode: UZ441e

7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Grades 1, 2 and 3

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85664012292?pwd=VmFhR0MxdzA3MnhxQU1PQW43TGJ6UT09>

Meeting ID: 856 6401 2292

Passcode: k8PzkD





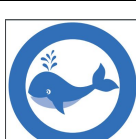
Parent and Student Meet and Greets

We will be offering parent and student meet and greets next week. All meet and greets will be held outside-weather permitting. In the case of inclement weather, we will provide a zoom meeting link for families to join virtually. We will cross our fingers for a beautiful September day. During the meet and greet, parents and students will gather at a designated spot for their class (see map below). All parents and students must wear masks and maintain six feet social distancing at all times. During the meet and greet, your child's teacher will welcome you by reading a story and sharing pictures of their classrooms. They will also review arrival and dismissal procedures and show your child how to find their entrance each day. All preschool and kindergarten students will also receive a name tag with their teacher's name and picture of their door symbol/icon as shown in the map below. During the meet and greets, the playgrounds will not be available for student use. Please locate your child's meet and greet location below by finding his/her teacher's name and designated door symbol.

Preschool Meet and Greet
Tuesday, September 15th

8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m: Sue Simon AM, Sam Maguire, Karen Sullivan, Giovanna Foster, Tanasi Fahey








1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m: Sue Simon PM

Teacher	Symbol	Location
Miss Sue Simon		Side of the building facing the parking lot Between Doors 2 and 3
Miss Sam Maguire		Side of the building facing the parking lot Between Doors 2 and 3
Miss Karen Sullivan		Back of the building facing the playground Enter along pathway to the playground adjacent to Door 4
Miss Tanasi Fahey		Back of the building facing the playground Enter along pathway to the playground adjacent to Door 4
Miss Giovanna Foster		Back of the building facing the playground Enter along pathway to the playground adjacent to Door 4

**Kindergarten Meet and Greet
Wednesday, September 16th**

**AM K Cohort
9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.**

**PM K Cohort
10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.**

Teacher	Symbol	Location
Mrs. Carroll		Side of the building facing the parking lot Between Doors 3 and 4
Mrs. Gershuny		Side of the building facing the parking lot Between Door 3 and 4
Mrs. Beeler		Side of the building facing the parking lot Between Door 3 and 4
Mrs. Ouellette		Back of the building facing the playground Enter along pathway to the playground adjacent to Door 4
Ms. Morrison		Back of the building facing the playground Enter along pathway to the playground adjacent to Door 4
Mrs. Duguie		Back of the building facing the playground Enter along pathway to the playground adjacent to Door 4
Mrs. Fallon		Back of the building facing the playground Enter along pathway to the playground adjacent to Door 4

FRONT OF SCHOOL- FACING THE PARKING LOT



Back of Building
Facing Playground
Arrive at Path to Playground



In-School Routines: Creating a Culture of Health and Wellness

To maintain health and safety in our buildings, parents, students, and staff will all need to work together. All NPS guidelines are designed to keep all members of our community safe and will need to be followed by all of us. Teachers will work with students to teach and reteach all of the health and safety routines that have been put in place.

The Bresnahan safety plans include the following, which will be reviewed with all parents during our parent informational zoom meetings.

- **Daily prescreening.** All students and staff will complete a health screening before entering school each day. Parents will be asked to complete a short questionnaire for each child, each day. If you answer yes to any of the questions, you should keep your child home.
- **Masks.** All staff and Grades 1-3 students will wear masks. All preschool and kindergarten students should arrive at school wearing a mask and we will work with students towards full mask-wearing during their time at school but will be flexible as they build their stamina, comfort and understanding of wearing a mask at this age level. Parents should provide masks, but the school will have extras if needed. We will provide mask breaks throughout the day. Face shields will also be made available to students as an alternative. **Neck gaiters and bandanas are not allowed.** They do not provide adequate coverage against the spread of COVID.
- **Covid Positive Case.** Protocols for a Covid-positive case in the school are under development and will be shared by the District Task Force. I recommend you take a look at the [DESE guidance](#).
- **Bus Transportation.** Bus passes were mailed home last week and routes should be available soon.

Closing

These have been extraordinary times as we have worked to develop procedures and protocols for a safe return. We greatly appreciate your patience and understanding as I know that our communication has not been as timely as typical summers. Please reach out with any questions and I will do my very best to respond as timely as possible. The office staff, Lori Morasse and Gael Phillips, may be able to assist you with most questions. Please feel free to reach out to them at lmorasse@newburyport.k12.ma.us and gphillips@newburyport.k12.ma.us.

I am very excited to welcome you and your family to the Bresnahan School in the weeks ahead.

Respectfully,

Amy B. Sullivan
Principal of Early Childhood