



THE KINDERGARTEN EXPERIENCE

Welcome to Kindergarten at Parkland School District! Kindergarten is an exciting milestone for your child and we want to do everything possible to make this a positive, happy and rewarding time for you and your student. If you have questions during the registration process, please feel free to reach out to your child's elementary school principal for help and they will assist you.

Parkland Elementary Schools

Cetronia

610-351-5860
3635 Broadway
Allentown, PA 18104
James P. Giaquinto, Principal

Ironton

610-351-5810
3135 Levans Road
Coplay, PA 18037
Lynette C. Smith, Principal

Parkway Manor

610-351-5850
768 Parkway Rd.
Allentown, PA 18104
Scott A. Bartman, Principal

Fogelsville

610-351-5800
312 S. Route 100
Breinigsville, PA 18031
Brenda L. DeRenzo, Principal

Kernsville

610-351-5840
5051 Kernsville Rd.
Orefield, PA 18069
Michael F. Gehringer, Principal

Schnecksville

610-351-5830
4260 Sand Spring Rd.
Schnecksville, PA 18078
William C. Bowen, Principal

Fred J. Jandl

610-351-5880
1051 Weilers Road
Breinigsville, PA 18031
Diana M. Schantz, Principal

Kratzer

610-351-5820
2200 Huckleberry Rd.
Allentown, PA 18104
Karen M. Aulisio, Principal

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

2012 Kindergarten Orientation Dates

August 29

Ironton
Cetronia
Parkway Manor
Jandl

**Meet the Teacher
Ride the bus
Visit a classroom**

August 30

Schnecksville
Kratzer
Kernsville
Fogelsville

Kindergarten School Hours

AM Kindergarten 8:50 AM - 11:35 AM

PM Kindergarten 12:45 PM - 3:30 PM

Modified Kindergarten (on days when Parkland schools experience a 2-hour delay)

The district utilizes a modified kindergarten schedule when there is a two-hour weather delay. AM Kindergarten will begin at 10:50 AM and dismiss at 12:35 PM and PM Kindergarten will begin at 1:45 PM and dismiss at 3:30 PM.

Early Dismissal Days (Friday, January 25, Friday, March 8, Friday, April 26 and Friday, May 10)

When the District holds an Early Dismissal for all elementary schools at 1:45 PM on the dates noted above, the AM Kindergarten session will start at 8:50 AM and dismiss at 10:50 AM. The PM session will begin at 11:45 AM and dismiss at 1:45 PM. Additionally, elementary schools will dismiss at 1:45 PM on the Thursday, Friday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving to allow for parent-teacher conferences and the same modified kindergarten schedule will occur.

4-Day Schedule

Parkland elementary schools operate on a 4-day schedule. Your child may have art on Day 1, gym on Day 2, music on Day 3, and library on Day 4. This means that you will need to know what items your child will be required to bring with him/her in order to participate in his/her daily “special” activity (sneakers for gym class, book for the library, musical instrument for music lessons, etc.). The daily schedule is posted online on the elementary school web site. Of course, if school is canceled due to inclement weather, the daily schedule will change accordingly. For example, if school is canceled on Tuesday, Day 3, then Wednesday will become Day 3. Please call the school office if you have any questions about the daily schedule.

Other School Hours

Elementary School 8:50 AM - 3:30 PM

Middle School 7:45 AM - 2:38 PM

High School 7:45 AM - 2:56 PM

Emergency School Closings

Parkland schools will not open when travel is too difficult to guarantee the safety of students. If bad weather forces the closing of schools, we will utilize the District’s rapid notification system to alert parents and staff of a delay or cancellation at approximately 5:30 AM, post the information to our web site at www.parklandsd.org, and notify the local media for broadcast purposes. Early closings and activity cancellations, due to adverse weather conditions or other emergencies, will be communicated in the same manner.

Make-up Days Due to Inclement Weather

Any lost instructional days beyond two will be made up in the following order: Friday preceding President’s Day; Thursday preceding Easter. Other lost days will be made up at the end of the school year.

Ideas to Help Your Child Prepare for Kindergarten:

- Make story time/reading aloud a part of your daily routine by providing a wide variety of print material for your child, including books, nursery rhymes, fairy tales, magazines, newspapers, and recipes.
- Provide experiences with scissors such as cutting pictures from a magazine.
- Provide opportunities to use crayons, markers, and pencils.
- Provide opportunities for your child to experiment with balls, tricycles and jump ropes.
- Encourage your child to try different activities and games.
- Arrange outings to the library, zoo, park or museum. Talk about what you see.
- Play games that require taking turns and paying attention, such as children's board games with easy-to-follow instructions.
- Talk about the processes of taking care of a houseplant or a pet. Allow your child to help watering, feeding, etc.
- Give your child small responsibilities around your home (making her/his bed, picking up toys, emptying trash, helping in the yard). Let your child know you respect her/him for being responsible.
- Provide age appropriate toys which require thinking (puzzles, blocks, or sorting toys).
- Save scraps, bits, boxes, and other things from around the house to use for creative experiences.
- Count objects around the house, such as plates and forks for the table, crackers or snacks.
- Use questions that have more than one answer such as: "What do you think?" "How would you feel?"
- Get down at eye level and show your interest.
- Encourage your child to develop and share ideas by asking questions and offering suggestions.
- Point out the many ways in which writing and print is used—signs, menus, lists, recipes, grocery stores, and street signs.
- Ask for help in finding letters and words.
- Use games (for example, pretend to be a mail carrier) to teach the child his/her address and phone.
- Play listening games with verbal clues and directions (I Spy, etc.).
- Sprinkle word games throughout your day that help your child hear differences in words such as rhymes, names of things that start with the same letter, compound words, etc.
- Point out print in the environment (signs, cereal boxes, restaurants).
- Point out different shapes in your house, as you travel, in a store. A stop sign is an octagon, a price tag is a rectangle, the traffic light has circles.

Join Us for Orientation

Parkland Elementary Schools will hold the following kindergarten orientation programs for you and your child the week before school starts. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for a chance for your child to visit a classroom, meet their teacher and take a ride on a Parkland school bus.

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The Curriculum

The goal of the Parkland School District is to provide an excellent educational program for all students. The Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Development Department provides the leadership for a strong instructional program. This department works closely with all teachers and administrators in the District to create a positive learning experience for our students.

The curriculum encompasses:

- Pennsylvania and National Academic Standards
- Differentiated Instructional Practices
- Research-Based Instructional Practices
- Technology Integration and Application
- Student Engagement / Real and Relevant Learning
- Integration of Teaching in the Content Areas
- An understanding of who our students are and how we can help each one fulfill their individual potential

The Kindergarten curriculum provides a comprehensive instructional program that focuses on Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, Science, Health, Visual Arts, Music, Physical Education and use of the Library. To view the details of the complete curriculum, please visit: <http://www.parklandsd.org/curriculum>. For a printed copy of this information, please contact the Office of Curriculum and Instruction at 610-351-5540.

School Supplies

School boxes, crayons, pencils, scissors, and glue are provided by the school district for all kindergarteners. However, you may want to purchase the following:

- A back pack that is large enough to fit a large library book that your child can open and close and bring to school daily.
- Crayons, pencils, glue and scissors should be on hand at home for family fun, homework and other activities.

Note: All hats, coats, backpacks, and lunch boxes should be labeled with your child's name.

Parent Teacher Organizations (PTO)

Parkland's Parent Teacher Organizations have a strong contingency of dedicated parents and guardians. They are always seeking new members. We strongly encourage parents and guardians to support their child's school by participating in their respective PTO group. The groups meet throughout the year to discuss concerns, share ideas, plan programs and promote school spirit. The time commitment may be minimal or a lot – it's up to you. Please consider joining this year or contact your school's principal for more information.

District Newsletter

The Parkland District Newsletter is published four times annually and is filled with current information and events surrounding the Parkland School District. It is mailed to all residents within the District, regardless if you have children in our schools or not. If you are not receiving the newsletter, please contact the District's Director of Community & Public Relations at 610-351-5630 to be included in our database. You may also opt to receive it electronically on the District web site home page at www.parklandsd.org.

Special Services Available

If you believe that your school age child may be in need of special education or related services, screening and evaluation processes designed to assess the needs of the child and his/her eligibility are available to you at no cost upon written request. Early intervention services are available for young children with special needs (age 3 to school age). You may request screening and evaluation at any time, whether or not your child is enrolled in the District's public school program. Requests for screening and evaluation should be made in writing to the Director of Student Services, 1210 Springhouse Road, Allentown, PA 18104.

Project CONNECT

Project CONNECT is a federal and state funded early intervention program. Project CONNECT provides educational programs and services to eligible preschool children (children who have a significant delay in one or more areas of development), ages 3-5, and their families. All programs and services offered by Project CONNECT are free to children and their families. Project CONNECT involves families in all aspects of the child's program. Parents should call the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit Early Intervention Program at 610-769-4111 ext. 1256 to refer a child for an early intervention evaluation.

Records

Confidentiality rights of parents and students are administered in accordance with state and federal law under the district's Student Records Policy, which is available to any parent in any school office, or at the district Administration Center.

Is My Child Ready for Kindergarten?

Parents frequently wonder about and ask if their child is ready for kindergarten. Experts say no single or simple factor determines whether a child is ready for kindergarten. However, as a parent or caregiver, you can help your child succeed in kindergarten. Research shows that language development (speaking and listening) during early childhood is important for success in school. Children are not expected to read prior to entering kindergarten, but can be encouraged with language and literacy activities including nursery rhymes, songs, stories and conversation. This builds strong pathways and bridges in their brains to help learning. Children who hear a variety of words from adults recognize and understand important concepts when they begin to read.

Some items that are helpful for your child to know when starting kindergarten include:

1. How to dress him/herself
2. Full name, address and telephone number
3. Parents' names
4. How to hold and use a pencil and scissors
5. How to print first name – first letter only capitalized

For a comprehensive document on "kindergarten readiness" that was compiled by a Parkland elementary guidance counselor, please visit: <http://www.parklandsd.org/wp-content/uploads/kindergartenreadiness.pdf>.

When School Starts

- Talk to your child daily about school activities and experiences.
- Talk with teachers regularly, even when no problems exist.
- Attend school activities whenever possible.
- Read information sent home from school (emails, flyers, newsletters).
- Remember, you know your child better than anyone else does.
- Nothing makes children feel better than seeing a friendly, respectful relationship between the most important grownups in their lives: their parents and their teachers.

Just as childhood is a journey, not a race, becoming educated is a life long process. Kindergarten is the first step in your child's formal education. We are happy to be your traveling companions. Best wishes along the way to the many milestones ahead!

Other Helpful Information

The Parkland web site at www.parklandsd.org is a wonderful resource for parents. Additionally, each elementary school has their own web site that links from the District site which will enable you to get acquainted with school activities, the PTO, and special events. Other online resources that may be helpful are included below:

Is My Child Ready For Kindergarten?: A Preparation Guide

<http://www.parklandsd.org/wp-content/uploads/kindergartenreadiness.pdf>

Tips on Reading to Your Child

http://www.parklandsd.org/wp-content/uploads/kgdn_readingtochild.pdf

Daycare Centers in the Parkland School District:

<http://www.parklandsd.org/community/day-care>

District Profile – A complete list of demographics and statistics:

<http://www.parklandsd.org/about/district-profile>

General Policy Information:

<http://www.parklandsd.org/about/things-you-should-know>

Calendar of Events:

<http://www.parklandsd.org/calendar.php>

Curriculum Resources for Parents:

<http://www.parklandsd.org/curriculum/parent-resources>

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Information

If you have a question about Parkland, its programs or policies, please call the Superintendent's Office at 610-351-5500 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The Administration Building is located at 1210 Springhouse Rd., Allentown, PA 18104.

Parkland School District
Map
2012 - 2013 School Year



Legend

- Public Schools
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- Kratzer Elementary School
- Parkway Manor Elementary School
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