

WELCOME TO  
KINDERGARTEN!  
2021-22

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# CES Main Office

*We are here to help!*

518-943-0574

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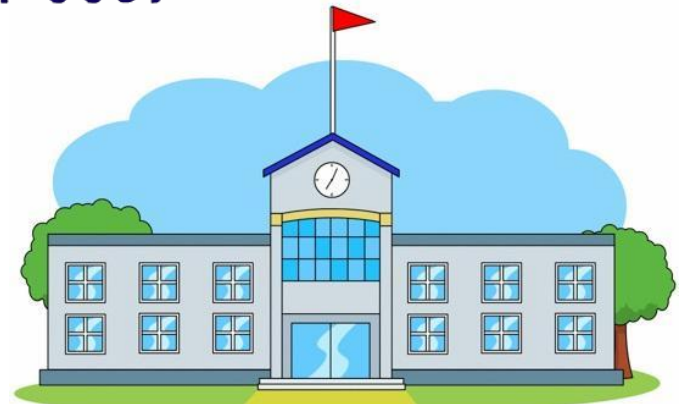
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# Welcome Back to School!

Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> is the first day of instruction.

Attendance by all students is required!



# Welcome to Kindergarten Orientation

- We want that first day to be a smooth and joyful occasion for you and your child. To help your child adjust to classroom life with ease, we are delighted to invite you to our **Welcome to Kindergarten Event at CES on Thursday, September 9, 2021 from 9:00-9:45 AM.**

## **At Welcome to Kindergarten, you:**

- You will have the opportunity to meet your child's teacher and see their classroom
- You will be able review curriculum and classroom procedures and show your child some of the learning experiences they'll participate in at school
- Our teachers will share tips and tricks to set your family up for a smooth and successful year





# KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS



**Mrs. Amy Bulich, ELL Classroom**

**Mrs. Jessica Gonzalez**

**Mrs. Stacy Hallam**

**Mrs. Ruth Teator**

**Mrs. Katlin Story, ICT Classroom** w/Mrs. Dungan

**Mrs. Yvonne Dungan, SPED ICT** w/Mrs. Story

**Mrs. Elyse Weichold, SPED 8:1:2**

**Ms. Kayla Gessner, SPED 12:1**

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# Special Services

## Reading Specialists:

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## Speech-Language Pathologists

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Mrs. Tiffany Patounas  
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Mrs. Linda VanHoesen      [lvanhoes@catskillcsd.org](mailto:lvanhoes@catskillcsd.org)

# Special Classes

Students attend a different Special Class each day.

*You will receive a schedule from your child's teacher!*



**Art**

**Ms. Jennifer Allison**

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**Library**

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**Mrs. Caitlin Davis**




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**PE**

**Mr. Brian Smith**

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# What supplies does my Kindergartener need?

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- ✓ 4 Boxes of Crayons
  - ✓ Small, plastic, rectangular pencil box
  - ✓ 10 glue sticks
  - ✓ Expo markers
  - ✓ 3-Two-pocket folders (plastic works best)
  - ✓ 2-Composition notebooks
  - ✓ Baby wipes
  - ✓ Child-size scissors
  - ✓ Brown paper lunch bags
  - ✓ Face masks

Our Kindergarten supply list can be found on our webpage:

<https://catskillcsd.org/2021/08/04/kindergarten-supply-list/>

# WHAT ELSE SHOULD I SEND TO SCHOOL EACH DAY?

- **A backpack** that your child can open and close without help.
- **A two-pocket folder especially for communication.** Please check this every day. We will use it to send important information home to you. You can use it to send absence notes, transportation plans, homework questions or other concerns to school.



# What should my child wear to school?

## Comfortable clothing and shoes.

Your child should be able to put on, zip or button their clothes without help. Shoes should cover your child's toes and fit well.

No overalls, party clothes, flip-flops, heels, open-toed sandals, or hats indoors, please!

You should send a labeled Ziplock bag with a full, backup outfit (including underwear and socks) to keep at school.

**All clothing should be LABELED inside with your child's full name.**



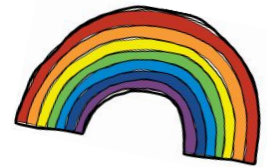
# How will I stay informed?

## **Weekly or Monthly Classroom Newsletters**



- Will be placed in your child's folder to bring home.
- Contain important information, report card dates, upcoming field trips, and classroom news.
- Share lesson themes and learning objectives.
- Give suggestions for working with your child at home

## **CES Week at a Glance and Monthly Calendar**



- Will be emailed/texted to you & posted on the website.
- Share grade-level and school-wide events, holidays, scheduling, and other information.

# How should I keep you informed?

- If you need to alter your child's dismissal plan, **please send written permission to school.** You may also call the Main Office **before 11 am.**



New  
Address!

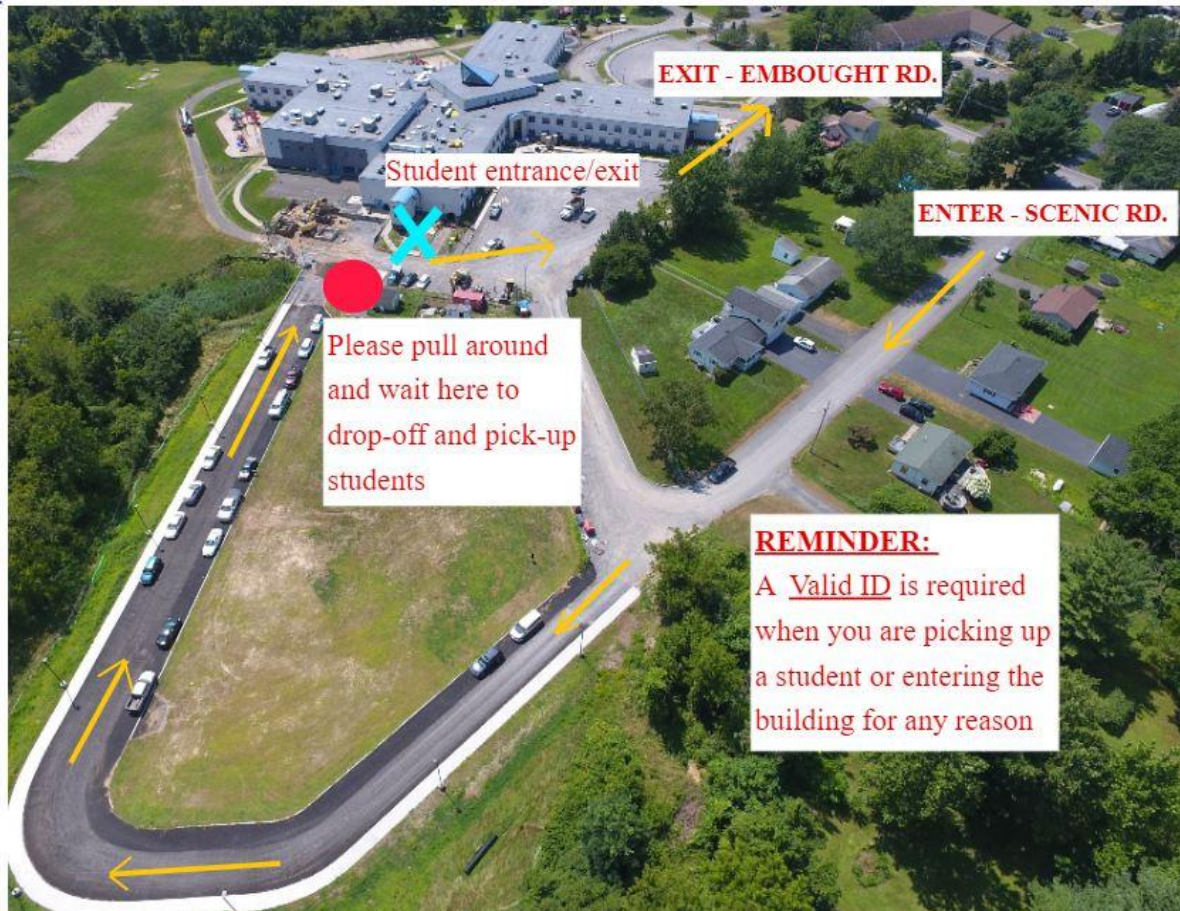


- We take your child's safety seriously, and **must be able to reach you in case of emergency.** If you move, change your phone number, or need to add/remove emergency contacts, **notify the Main Office as soon as possible.**



# Student Drop-Off and Pick-Up

**OUR BRAND NEW DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP LOOP BEGINS ON SCENIC DRIVE**



- Students may be dropped off **beginning at 8:35 AM** via the new car loop and enter through the Red Wing doors. (See map.)
- All pick-ups after 3:00 PM must use the car loop. Please do not exit your vehicle. A staff member will bring you a sign-out sheet. Your child will be brought to your car.
- A **VALID ID** is required to pick up your child from school, **even if you have picked them up before.**
- You must call the Main Office **before 11:00 AM** to pick your child up without a note.
- Late arrivals (after 9:00 AM) and early dismissals (before 3:00 PM) should use the front entrance.

# What about breakfast and lunch?

- Thanks to a federal grant, CES will provide **FREE breakfast and lunch to every student** during the 2021-22 school year. There are no forms to fill out or programs to apply for.
- You may still add funds to your child's MySchoolBucks account if you'd like them to have extra money to spend on snacks or ice cream.

**Questions?** Call Rebecca at the Business Office at ext. 1413 or [rvanalstyne@catskillcsd.org](mailto:rvanalstyne@catskillcsd.org).





# Attendance Matters!

Every day counts in a child's academic life.



If your child misses just two days a month, they'll miss almost a month of school.

A good attendance routine creates a positive model for your child.

# Literacy Pledge



Reading at home makes a huge difference for your child!

Read together! Stories and poems that practice counting, colors, shapes, and letter recognition will help your child be ready for Kindergarten.

“I will read to my child for 20 minutes a night, five nights a week.”

- ✓ That’s 400 minutes a month...
- ✓ ...and 60 hours each school year!

# Catskill Elementary PTA

- **President:** Marguerite Mahoney
- **Treasurer:** Laurie June
- **Secretary:** Wendy Meyers



PTA meetings are usually held on  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays in the CES Library.

*Volunteers  
welcome!*



# Final Thoughts

- Teach your child their full name, your name, your address, and your phone number.
- Help them practice writing their name.



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- Practice opportunities to play, share, and make friends with other kids.
- Encourage your child to look forward to school as a warm, friendly place.