

# A. Ward Spaulding School

## Kindergarten Information Night

March 4, 2021



# Meet our Kindergarten Team

A collaborative team of dedicated and talented educators



Mrs. D'Aleo

Miss Bowtruczyk

Mrs. Blais

Mrs. Gauthier

Ms. Mulé

Miss Chicorka

Miss Withington for  
Mrs. Liss (not pictured)

# This Evening's Agenda

- Spaulding School Overview
- A Day in the Life of Kindergarten
- Is my child ready?
- Before and After School Program
- Transportation
- Student visits



Spread the word to friends and neighbors. The more accurate our enrollment, the better we can plan for the needed number of kindergarten classrooms and class placement.

# Spaulding School



- Current Kindergarten 138 students
- 462 students (Preschool-grade 2)
- 7 current classes of kindergarten
- Average kindergarten class size =20
- Average class size (DRG) = 20

# Our Guiding Beliefs

We strive to create and maintain a strong foundation for learning in the early years in a safe and caring environment that promotes not only the cognitive and academic development of all children, but also their physical, social and emotional development.

# Choice and Exploration

- Kindergartners learn in a social context and they construct their own knowledge to gain an understanding of the world around them.
- Kindergartners learn best through active, hands-on activities to express what they know in different ways.
- Kindergartners learn in an environment that is well-planned, including a rich variety of materials, choices, and opportunities.

# PreK-5 School Day

8:20-8:35 School Arrival

8:35-3:15 School Day

3:15-3:30 Dismissal



**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: WEDNESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2021**

# Sample Schedule

8:20-8:35	ARRIVAL
8:40-9:00	MORNING MEETING
9:00-9:50	READER'S WORKSHOP
9:50-10:15	RECESS
10:20-11:25	MATH
11:25-11:50	LUNCH
11:50-12:00	QUIET TIME
12:00-12:40	WRITERS WORKSHOP
12:45-1:25	SEL/SCIENCE/SS
1:30-2:10	SPECIAL
2:15-2:40	FUNDATIONS
2:40-3:00	PLAY TO LEARN
3:00-3:10	CLOSING CIRCLE
3:15-3:30	DISMISSAL

# Safety and Security



Procedures and Guidelines to keep our students and staff safe.

- Locked doors
- Visitor sign in and sign out
- Proper identification
- Safety drills

# Other Important Information

## Parent/Student Handbook

- This booklet provides comprehensive information about procedures and regulations (attendance, health, homework, etc.)
- Located on the school's website: <https://aws.suffield.org/>

## Kindergarten Expectations

- Kindergarten academic expectations are also available on our website
- [K-2 Curriculum & Instruction Information](#)

# A Day in the Life of Kindergarten

# Is my child ready for Kindergarten?

- If your child is five years of age on or before December 31, 2020, then they are age eligible for kindergarten.
- However, if you are not sure about the decision to send your child...
  - Familiarize yourself with some of the research
  - Speak with those who know your child best
  - Meet with your child's current preschool teacher
  - Focus on the individual needs of your child



# What should families focus on for the next six months?

- **Develop independence at home**
- **Focus on self-help skills**
- **Teach responsibility**
- **Teach empathy**
- **Develop and follow routines**
- **Read aloud to your child**
- **Engage in meaningful literacy activities**
- **Engage in meaningful numeracy activities**
- **Fine motor and gross motor skills**
- **Acknowledge feelings**

[Ready or Not Kindergarten, Here we Come!](#)

[How to Get Ready for Kindergarten](#)

# Before-After School Program

**Our program offers a safe, caring, and supportive learning environment for children in grades K-5. The program utilizes a flexible student-centered design that offers an array of learning opportunities where children can flourish beyond our typical school hours.**

- **K-5 students**
- **Housed at Spaulding**
- **Staffing includes adults and teen assistants**
- **Provides before and after school care 7:00-8:20 and 3:15-6:00**
- **Open enrollment begins in April 2021**

Melissa Colon, Program Coordinator  
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# Transportation



- Parent Drop off
  - Parent Pick Up
  - Bus Arrival
  - Bus Departure
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- Bus Ride is PreK-5 students
  - Kindergarten Bus Ride at Meet and Greet (TBD)
  - Name tags first few weeks of school
  - Adult must be visible at drop off for Bus driver to let student off the bus
  - Drop off - should be able to get out of car independently
  - Kiss and Go

# Student Health and Attendance

- Blue Connecticut School Health Form
- Parents fill out the first page
- Pediatrician fills out the remainder including a copy of immunization

## **Immunization Requirements for Enrolled Students**

- Available on Department of Public Health site

*School recommends students stay home until they are 24 hours fever free without medication. If you have questions on whether your child should be in school contact the school nurse, Marissa Auclair.*

# Next steps after your classroom visit tonight...

- If you know someone who needs to register, please direct them to register on-line via [www.suffield.org](http://www.suffield.org)
- Kindergarten Visits Overview
  - At this time we are not offering visits. We hope to be able to offer them before the end of the school year.
  - Summer tours of building by appointment.
  - If you have concerns you would like to discuss with an administrator please call the main office to schedule a virtual meeting or email administration.
- Please attend the Meet and Greet and Parent Information Session in late August (30<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup> TBD).
- Summer packet, preparations, and the first week of school.

# Thank you for attending tonight!

We look forward to beginning our partnership with  
you and your child(ren) in the fall!



# Questions and Answers

- Please raise your hand to ask your question or type it in the chat box
- If you would rather email your question please send to Gina Olearczyk, Principal at [Golearczyk@suffield.org](mailto:Golearczyk@suffield.org)  
Megan Blais, Team Leader at [Mblais@suffield.org](mailto:Mblais@suffield.org)

