

# A. Ward Spaulding School

Kindergarten Information Night

February 28, 2018



# This Evening's Agenda

- Safety and Security
- A Day in the Life of Kindergarten Video
- Question Cards
- All About Spaulding School
- Is my child ready?
- A typical day
- Before and After School Program
- Transportation
- Student visits



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

# 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

A Day in the Life of a  
Spaulding Kindergartener

# Question Cards

- As we proceed through the evening please jot down any questions you have that are not answered tonight. Place your 3x5 cards in the basket on the side table.
- Your Name:
- Contact information:
- Question(s):



# All About Spaulding School

- 474 students (preschool-grade 2)
- 6 current classes of kindergarten
- Average kindergarten class size = 21
- 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.

# School Hours

8:20-8:35 School Arrival

8:35-3:15 School Day

3:15-3:30 Dismissal



# Important Information

## **Parent/Student Handbook**

- This booklet provides comprehensive information about procedures and regulations (attendance, health, homework, etc.)
- Located on the school's website

## **Kindergarten Expectations**

- End of kindergarten academic expectations are also available on our website
- [Grade Level Expectations](#)

# Meet our Kindergarten Team

A collaborative team of dedicated and talented educators



Carolyn  
Liss

Megan  
Blais

Traci  
Potter

Holly  
Reinhard

Penny  
D'Aleo

Jennifer  
Lord

# 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.

# Is my child ready for kindergarten?

- If your child is five years of age on or before December 31, 2018, 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 we focus on for the next six months?

- [Writing](#)
- [Letter Recognition](#)
- [Beginning Sounds](#)
- [Number Recognition and Counting](#)
- [Shapes and Colors](#)
- [Fine Motor Skills](#)
- [Cutting](#)
- [Reading Readiness](#)
- [Attention and Following Directions](#)
- [Social Skills](#)
- [Self-care](#)
- [Cooperative Play](#)

# A Typical Day in Kindergarten

8:35– 9:00	Morning Meeting
9:00-10:00	Mathematics
10:00-10:15	Snack /Movement Break
10:15-11:30	Reader’s Workshop
11:30 – 12:25	Lunch and Recess
12:30 – 1:00	Word Study
1:00-1:45	Writing Workshop
1:45–2:25	Specials (Art, Music, PE, LMC)
2:25-2:55	Science/Social Studies
2:55	Pack up
3:00-3:15	Closing/Dismissal

# 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 2018**

Melissa Colon, Program Coordinator

# Transportation

- Parent Drop off
- Parent Pick Up
- Bus Arrival
- Bus Departure
  
- Bus Ride is PreK-5 students
- Kindergarten Bus Ride at Meet and Greet
- 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

- 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
- Flyer is available on back table

*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 visits tonight...

- If you have not done so already, register online [here](#).
- Sign up tonight for a visit for your child. Visits to be held on April 25 & 26 and May 1 & 4.
- Sign up sheets will be posted on the table in the auditorium after classroom visits this evening.
- If you have concerns you would like to discuss with an administrator please indicate on sign up sheet that you would like a meeting during visits.
- Please attend the Meet and Greet in late August (date to be determined).
- Summer packet, preparations, and the first week of school.

Thank you  
for attending tonight!

Please proceed to the kindergarten classrooms to  
view a typical room and meet a kindergarten  
teacher.