

2024 Kindergarten Orientation



Cristy Harris, Principal
In collaboration with KES Kindergarten Teachers

Welcome to Kindergarten



**If your child is turning five on or
before December 1st, 2024
then you are in the right place!**

Tonight's Agenda

- School Environment
- Kindergarten Team/Important People
- Health and Safety
- PTO / SEPTO
- A 'Typical' Daily Schedule
- Am I Ready for Kindergarten?
- K Curriculum At-a-Glance
- Next "Stops" For Kindergarten
- School Supplies
- PARP- Starry Story Night

KES Kindergarten Teachers

Ms. Corrigan



Mrs. Carini

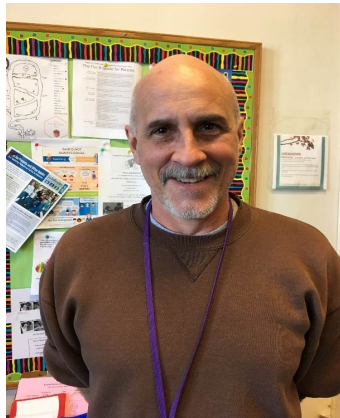


Mrs. Cambareri



Teaching Assistants will be assigned to each kindergarten class.

Important People



Mr. Cook
Head Custodian



Mr. Stambaugh
Asst. Principal



Mrs. Duffy
Secretary

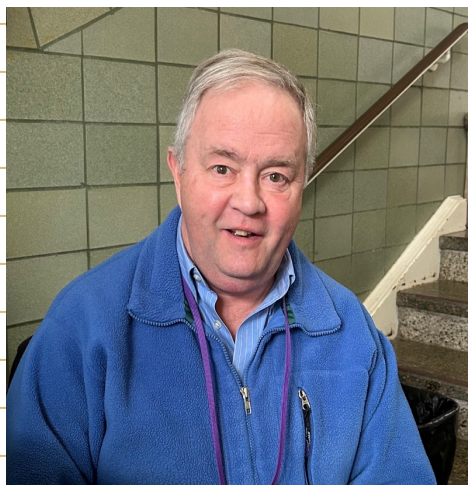


Mrs. Horton
Office Assistant

Health and Safety



Nurse Rozsa



Mr. Bob Mazurak
Greeter



SRO Schlosser



School Environment

Welcoming
Social-Emotional Wellness
Respect, Responsibility & Kindness
School Spirit



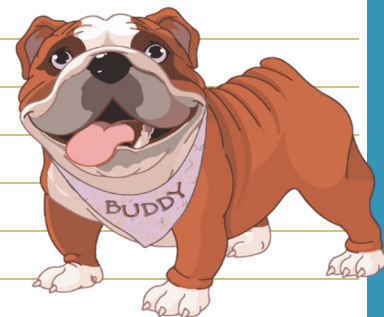
KATONAH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO

OUR MISSION.

**To promote the welfare of KES children in school,
home and community.**

**To increase communication between the home
and school so that parents and teachers may work
cooperatively toward enhancing the education of
KES children.**

**To conduct fundraising events, when necessary,
and programs for the benefit of KES students.**



OUR IMPACT.

Money by the raised by the KES PTO enables Katonah Elementary School to bring exciting authors, beloved artists, and other subject-matter experts into our classrooms, replace damaged equipment, provide meaningful field trips....

and do so much more for our students!



Katonah Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization

An independent, third-party non-profit for all Katonah Elementary School families to support all students, with no dues.



OUR SUPPORT PROVIDES

 Enrichment Events Field trips, author visits, writing programs, book fair, science fair, community garden	 Extracurricular Activities Fitness, arts, and STEM before and after school	 Staff Recognition Teacher recognition, staff breakfasts, and lunches
 Building Beautification Nature trail, playground equipment, themed bulletin boards and decor	 Capture Memories School photos, yearbook, 5th-grade video	 Student Support Alumni scholarships, financial assistance
 Community Outreach Food and gift drives, local business support, annual Kindness Day	 Communication Weekly Newsletter "Paw Prints," student directory*, parent/ principal Q&A's, social media	 School Spirit & Celebrations Chalk the Walk, Welcome Back, Halloween Fair, Spring Dance, 5th-Grade Events, Spirit Wear

FAST FACTS

\$50K+ Funded Annually	15+ Events	4 Alumni Scholarships
90+ Extracurricular Activities	6+ Author Visits	

GET INVOLVED & CONNECTED TODAY!

www.MEMBERSHIPTOOLKIT.COM
*You must sign-up to access the PTO-organized directory & email updates. Select Incoming & for "grade."

INFO@KESPTO.COM

www.KESPTO.com

COMMUNITY EVENTS & TRADITIONS.

Opportunities to gather as a KES community and support our students and faculty.



AND MORE...

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- Join: [MEMBERSHIP TOOLKIT](#)
 - Provide your info to get involved & stay connected
 - Most communications are via email!
- Follow: **SOCIAL MEDIA**
 - Facebook: [KESParentTeacherOrg](#)
 - Facebook Groups: [kes2030](#)
 - Instagram: [@kesparentteacherorg](#)
- Email Us: INFO@KESPTO.COM



KLSD SEPTO

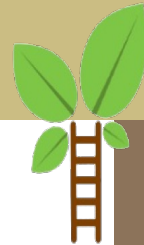
Special Ed. Parent Teacher Organization

KES Building Representative: Tanya Sweeney

Email: neuromom@yahoo.co



"We are a welcoming community of parents who support each other in this journey we share of raising a child with special needs."

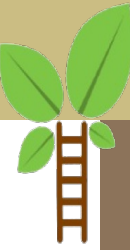


— What We Do? —

We provide information and support parents in the journey of raising a child with special needs.

We answer questions, connect students together and offer educational programming.

We host SEPTO parent/caregiver meetings monthly at the *Horse and Hound* as well as offer a variety of valuable presentations. New to SEPTO is our monthly Buddies United group. This is such a great time to buddy up with older kids from the high school and socialize but most importantly to have fun!



— Ways to Stay Informed —

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Sign up for our monthly newsletter by emailing us at info@klsepto.org

FACEBOOK

Join our private FB group
(for parents and caregivers who currently have children in the district)
@Katonah Lewisboro SEPTO Parents

Join our public FB group (all others)
@Katonah-Lewisboro Special Education PTO

WEB

Visit our website! www.klsepto.org

A 'Typical' Daily Schedule

Arrival

Morning Meeting

Language Arts (ELA)

Recess/Lunch (50 minutes)

Mathematics

Special Area Class

Purposeful Play

Snack

Special "K" Event/Sharing Assembly

Social Studies, Science, and Health

Dismissal



Arrival

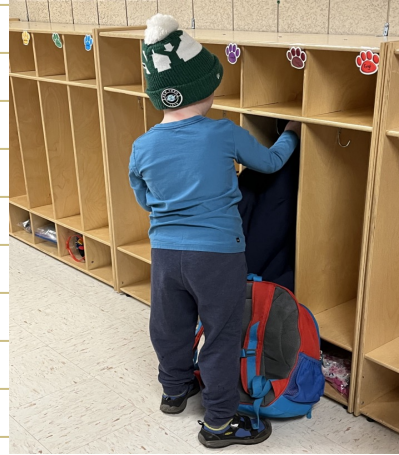


- Students being driven to school: drop-off is in the driveway between 9:05-9:15 am.
- Walkers should arrive at school by 9:15 am. (Walkers are students who are not assigned to a bus and live within 1 mile from school.)
- Kindergarten students will be met at their bus or car and escorted to their teacher/line-up and will *gradually*, and with *support*, make their own way to class.

Morning Routine



Kindergarten Hallway



Unpack



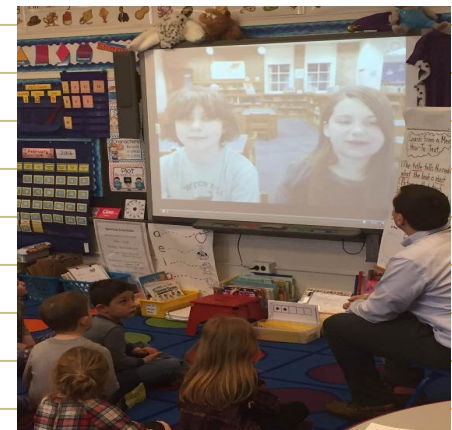
Ready for the day!



Morning Meeting



Morning Message



Good Morning, KES

Recess

Recess is on the playground and supervised by the Monitors and Teaching Assistants.

Students should be dressed appropriately for the weather!!!

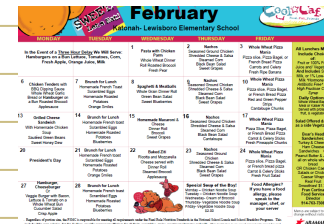
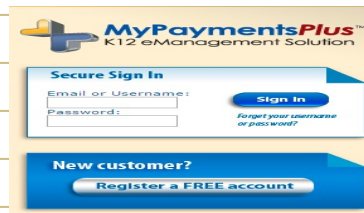
We go outside unless it's raining or below 20 degrees.

Label your child's clothes!!!!



Lunch

Lunch is served in the cafeteria supervised by the Monitors and Teaching Assistants or children may bring lunch from home or order a lunch from school.



Line Up



Choices



Tray



Codes

Composting



Garbage **Composting** **Recycling**

The children are taught how to recycle and practice daily.

Special Area Classes



Art (1X)



Music (2X)



Library (1X)

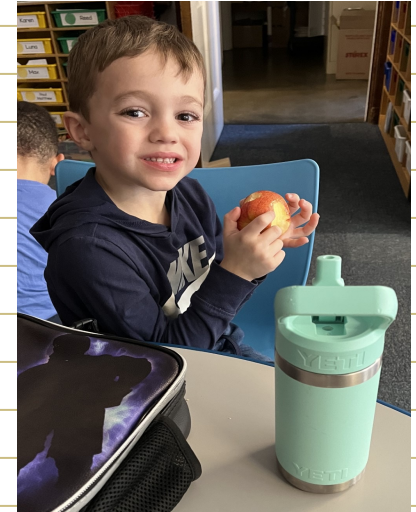


Physical Ed. (3X)

Purposeful Play



Snacks



Easy to open!

**Healthy Snacks
(No more than 2!)**

**Don't forget to
pack a filled
water bottle!**

Special “K” Activities



Greenhouse and Gardens



Backpacks



**Lunch/
Snack**



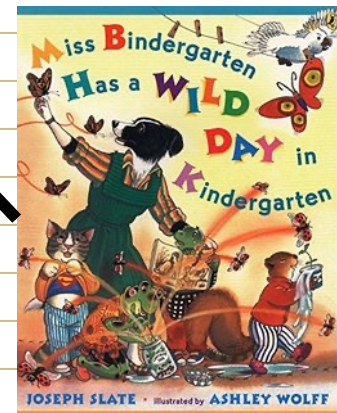
**Notes to
Teacher**



**Art
Projects**



Sneakers for PE



**Library
Book**

Dismissal



Bus

K students are escorted to the bus by their teacher and sit at the front of the bus.



Pick-Up

Located at side entrance between 3:35-3:45 pm.



Walkers

Walkers are dismissed at the Lower Plaza; however, parents may choose Pick-Up. between 3:35-3:45 pm.

I am ready for kindergarten?

I can be brave and wave
goodbye to my parents without
getting upset!



I can carry my
school bag.



I can open and close
my school bag.



I can use the toilet
correctly.



I can wash and dry
my hands by myself.



I can blow and wipe
my nose.



I can open my lunch
box.

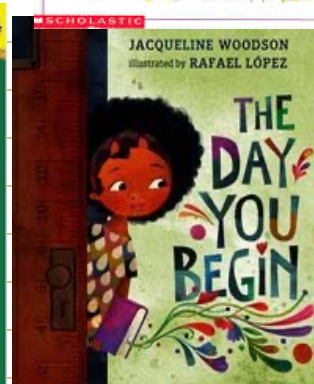
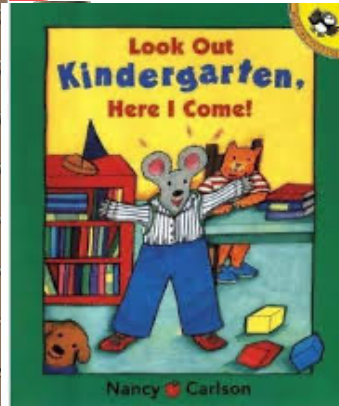
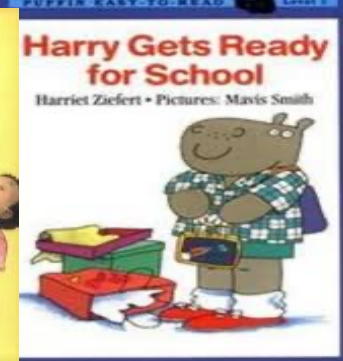
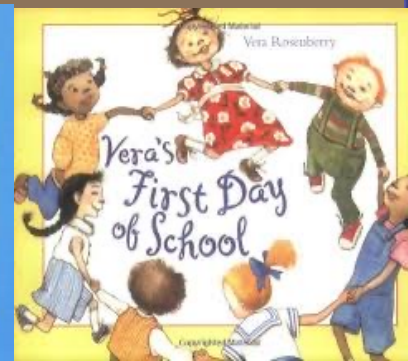
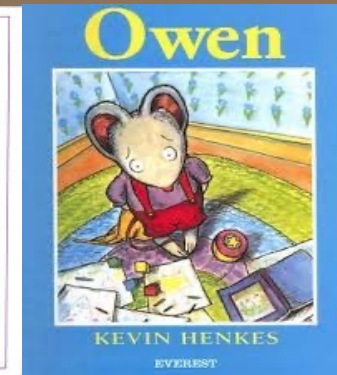
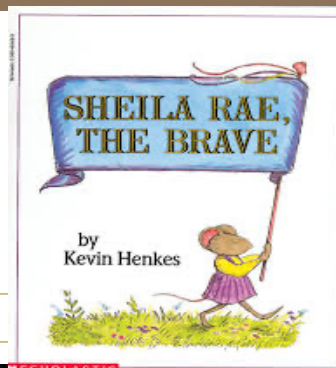
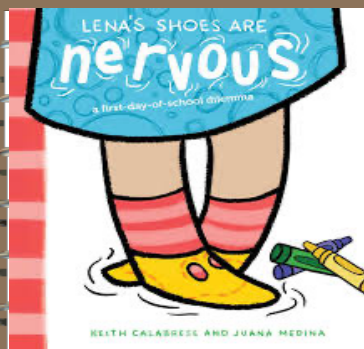


I can open my drink
bottle.

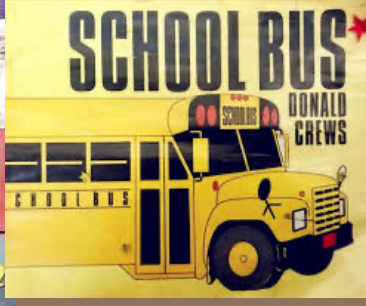
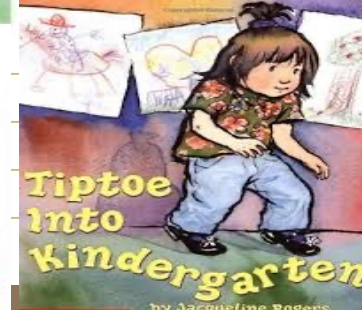
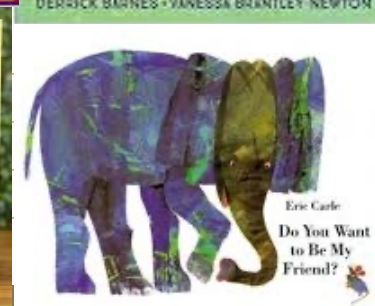
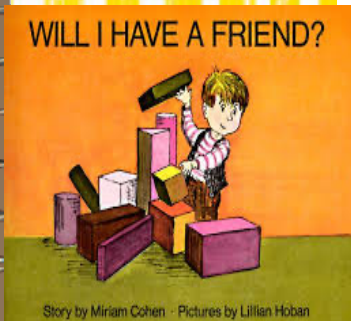
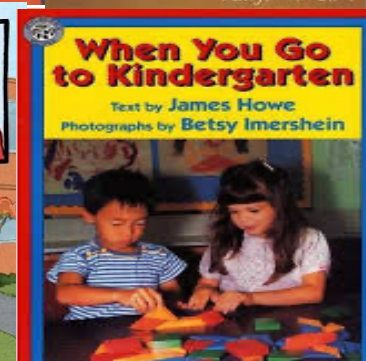
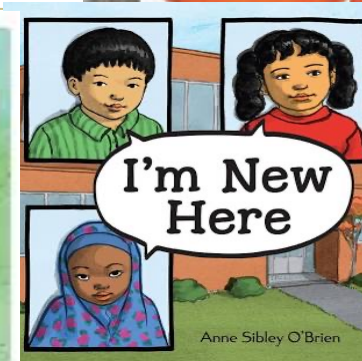
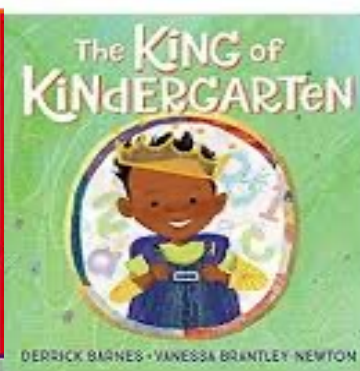
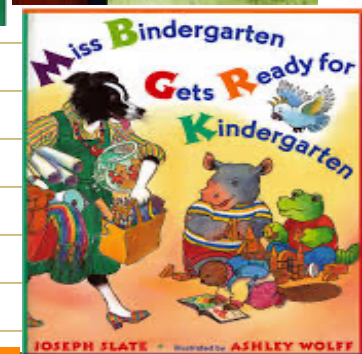
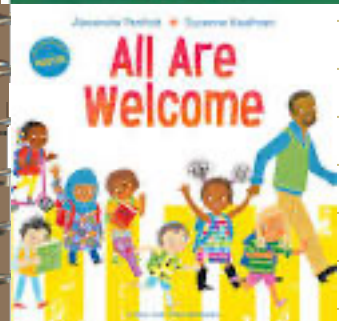


I can use good
manners.

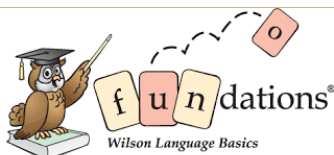




Read Books Together!



Curriculum At-a-Glance



Amplify Science

Grade K

Digital

Print

Hands-on



Needs of Plants and Animals



Pushes and Pulls



Sunlight and Weather

Social Studies



Includes Trade Book Pack



Includes Trade Book Pack

Communication

- Contact Us- KES Main Office 763-7700
 - tduffy@klschools.org
 - mhorton@klschools.org
- School Nurse- 763-7706 or srozs@klschools.org
- Visit our Websites
 - kes.klschools.org
 - klschools.org
- Monthly Letter to KES Families
- Curriculum Night- September
- Parent/Teacher Conferences- November

Next for Kindergarten!

Kindergarten Registration: Due May 3

**At the appointment, you will schedule
your child's Kindergarten Screening date and time.**

K Screening: May 13, 15, 16, 20, 22

K Visitation: *Wednesday, August 28*

10:00-11:00am

11:00am PTO Playground Playdate



Kindergarten Screening

- Screening takes place at school in May.
- Child are escorted to a designated area and rotate through stations.
- Parent/Caregiver remain in the building to complete a questionnaire and take a guided tour.



Kindergarten Visitation

Wednesday, August 28 at 10:00-11:00am

Kindergarten families join us at KES to meet the teachers and visit the classrooms for a Scavenger Hunt.

Bus Tags will be distributed. For those of you who are unable to attend the Kindergarten Visitation, you may pick-up your child's Bus Tag in the KES Main Office before school begins.

Students will have the opportunity to spend time in the classroom for centers and a read aloud while parents/caretakers meet with the administration for an orientation.

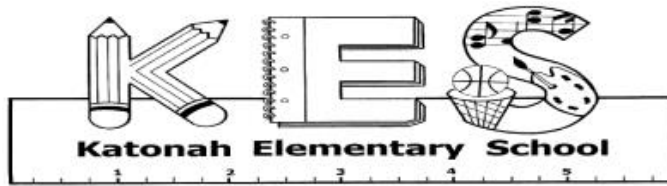
Families are invited to stay afterwards for a *Playground Playdate* hosted by the PTO.

Transportation



- Kindergarten students will receive “Bus Tags” at K Visitation to wear for the first few weeks of school.
- Kindergarten students sit at the front of the bus.
- The KLSD Transportation Department will post bus #s, pick-up and drop-off times on Campus Parent in late August.

Please contact the Transportation Department directly with questions/requests: 763-7237



Annually, the KES PTO organizes a Spring sale to offer teacher-approved, pre-packaged school supplies for the upcoming school year.

Orders will be taken this Spring and can be picked up in June.

To receive an email when the sale launches, sign-up for KES PTO emails via Membership Toolkit OR follow the KES PTO on Social Media.

You may also request a notification by emailing schoolsupplies@kespto.com by Monday, March 11, 2024.

Proceeds benefit the KES PTO

KES CELEBRATES P.A.R.P

Pick A Reading Partner

YOU ARE CORDINALLY INVITED TO...

Starry Story Night

**Guest readers from our learning community
read their favorite children's stories.**

Katonah Elementary School

Wednesday, March 20

(Snow Date: Tuesday, March 26)

6:30 pm 1st Session

7:00 pm 2nd Session

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Pajamas and Teddy Bears are welcome!



Welcome to KES!