

Milton Public Schools
Kindergarten
Information Night
January 28, 2021



Welcome to Kindergarten

Agenda

- Milton Public Schools Overview
- Full Day Kindergarten and Readiness
- Curriculum
- Kindergarten Registration
- Health Services
- School Assignments
- Communications
- Additional Resources
- Questions

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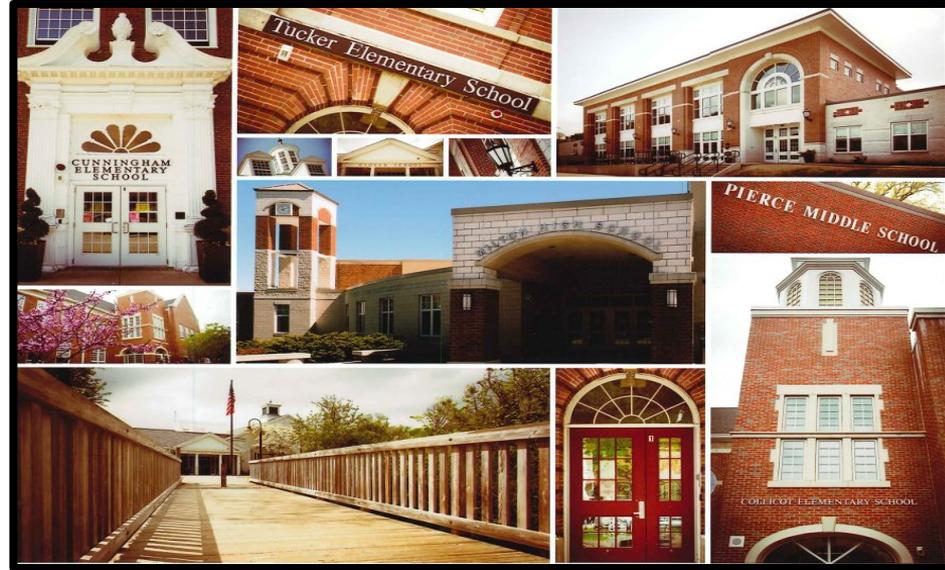
MPS Vision Statement

We, the Milton Public Schools, envision a district with excellent instruction in every classroom, where learning experiences are aligned with students' individual strengths and needs, and where attention to academic and social emotional growth are balanced so that every child achieves at high levels and develops a strong sense of self. We see a district of intellectual discourse and professional learning at all levels– students, faculty, and administration– in which there are structures and processes for continual reflection, innovation, and data driven decision–making. We know that such a district is achievable if: we facilitate instruction that instills a passion for learning, curiosity, and critical thinking skills; we are committed to cultural competency; we foster a positive approach to the behavioral health of children; and we build strong partnerships with families and the community.



Milton Public Schools

- Grades preK-12 (+Post Grad.)
- Approximately 4,500 students
- Four Elementary Schools (Collicot, Cunningham, Glover, Tucker)
- Pierce Middle School
- Milton High School
- Preschools
- Community Schools



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Kindergarten is...

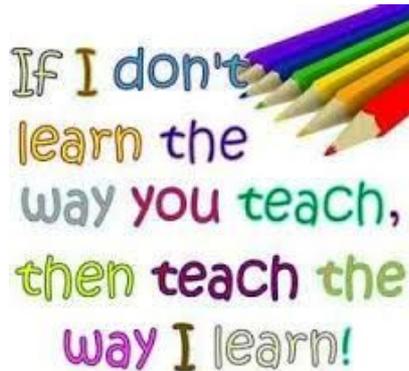
- Responsive to children's individual differences
- Intellectually engaging and challenging
- Built upon home/school partnerships
- A community of learners where students value and respect one another



Full-Day Kindergarten

- All schools
- One full time teacher and one 0.8 full time equivalent (FTE) educational assistant
- Tuition-free
- All students identified through the Special Education Team process have the right to direct and related special education services.

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Student Readiness

According to the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), readiness must be flexibly and broadly defined:

- Young children develop in different ways and at different times.
- All areas of children's development and learning must be included in definitions of readiness.
- The concept of readiness includes “ready schools.”



School Readiness

Also from NAEYC....

- Kindergarten entry should be based on chronological age (5 years old by August 31, 2021), not on mastery of skills.
- A school is ready if the curriculum builds on prior learning.
- A school must take into account individual differences in language, culture, and prior experience.
- Teachers must know how to teach young children and have the resources to do so.

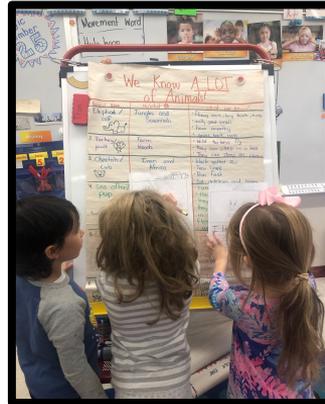
<https://www.naeyc.org/>



Full-Day Kindergarten

- One-year program
- Children then enter grade one for the 2022-2023 school year.

It is the responsibility of schools to meet the needs of children as they enter school and to provide whatever services are needed to help each child reach his or her fullest potential. (NAEYC)



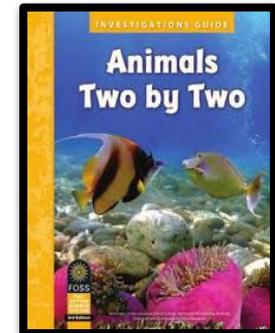
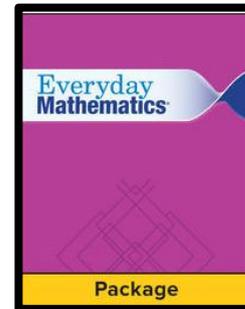
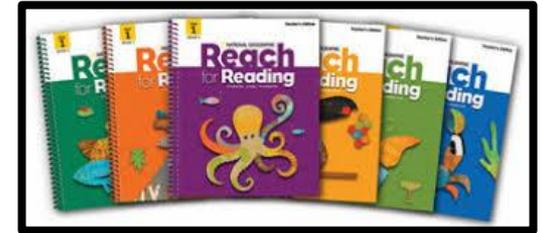
We meet children where they are!



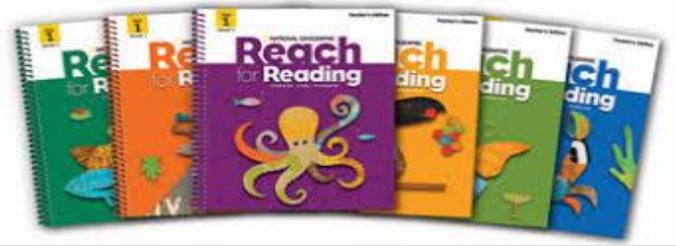
Kindergarten Curriculum

The kindergarten curriculum is aligned with the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Curriculum Frameworks in the following subject areas:

- English Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Science and Technology/Engineering
- Health
- History and Social Science
- Arts
- Social Emotional Learning

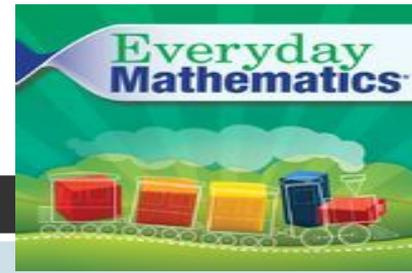


Reach for Reading



Unit	Title	Concepts
1	Step Into School	School Activities, School Environment
2	My Family and Me	Family Members, Customs, and Traditions
3	Visit the Farm	Animal characteristics, Animal Parts
4	All Kinds of Plants	Plant Parts, Environment
5	Wind, Rain, and Snow	Weather, Seasons
6	It's Our Town	Community, Culture
7	On the Job	Types of Jobs, The Importance of Jobs
8	Sun, Moon, Stars Above	Objects in the Sky, Observation of the Sky
9	Step Ahead	What We Learn, Where We Learn

Everyday Mathematics



Unit	Topics
1	Classroom Routines, Calendar, Weather
2	Counting and comparing sets, Number Stories, Shapes
3	Numerals, Graphing
4	Counting by 10s and Counting On, Exploring Weight and Capacity, Composing and Decomposing Numbers, Combining Shapes
5	Teen Numbers, 100 th Day of School, Introduction to Symbols, Shapes
6	Length Measurement, 2 and 3-Dimensional Shapes, Addition and Subtraction
7	Addition and Subtraction Strategies, Collecting and Representing Data, Estimation
8	Making Ten, Modeling 3-Dimensional Shapes, Adding and Subtraction, Measuring Time
9	Spatial Relationships, Measurement, Class Math Celebration



Full Option Science System: FOSS

Unit	Topics
Animals 2 by 2	Goldfish and Guppies, Water and Land Snails, Big and Little Worms
Trees and Weather	Observing Trees, Observing Leaves, Observing Weather, Trees through the Seasons
Materials and Motion	Getting to Know Wood, Getting to Know Paper, Getting to Know Fabric, Getting Things to Move



A Day in the Life of a Kindergartner

- Arrival and Morning Work
- Morning Meeting
- Literacy Block
 - Phonics
 - Vocabulary
 - Spelling
 - Read Alouds
 - Guided Reading
 - Literacy Centers
 - Writing
 - Listening and Speaking
 - Handwriting
- Snack



A Day in the Life of a Kindergartner

- Specialty Subjects (Art, Music, Computer, Physical Education, Library)
- Lunch and Recess
- Math
- Science
- Learning Stations
- Social Studies
- Second Step (Social Emotional Learning)
- Activity Choice Time



Learning Stations

- Classroom Library
- Literacy and Writing Centers/Stations
- Math Manipulatives/Enrichment Opportunities
- Dramatic Play
- Engineering & Design
- Art
- Science & STEAM
- Tactile Activities
- Technology

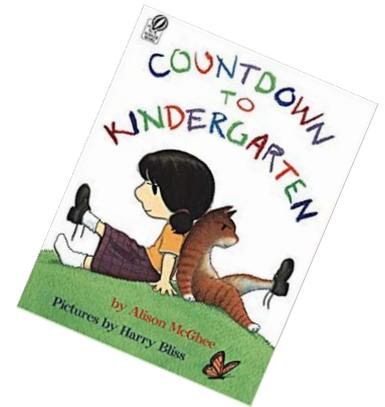


Kindergarten Timeline

March	April	May	June	August	September
Registration	Receive School Assignment	Transportation	School Based Events	Teacher Assignments	Orientation and First Day of School

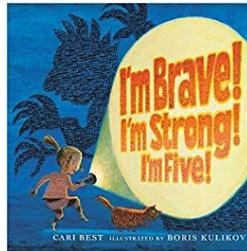
Pre-Registration

Pre-Registration assists us in determining enrollment and in program planning; this also allows us to communicate information to all families.



Parent/Guardian Registration Process

- Students must be **5 years old on or before August 31, 2021.**
- Parents/Guardians who have pre-registered will receive information about how to electronically register their child(dren).
 - Student Registration Form, Proof of Residency, Original Birth Certificate, Health and Immunization Records, Language Survey, Video/Photo Release Form, Parent ID.
- If you are having difficulty completing the electronic registration process, please contact the Registrar at registration@miltonps.org. Information is also available online at www.miltonps.org/registration



Parent/Guardian Registration Process

- Milton Public Schools has now moved to an online registration platform. To register your child please go to <https://www.miltonps.org/registration> and follow the steps outlined. If after reviewing the instructions you need assistance please contact the registrar at registration@miltonps.org or (617) 696-5040 ext 5516.
- Registrations will begin on March 3, 2021.
- The deadline to complete registration for the first round of school assignments is **Friday, March 17, 2021**
- For those without computer access, a hard copy of the registration packet will be available at the main entrance of Milton High School, 25 Gile Rd.

Under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (Subtitle B) students who reside in a situation that fits the legal definition of “homeless” may qualify for certain supports, services and exemptions from the usual enrollment requirements. Please contact the District’s homeless liaison at 617-696-5040, ext. 5574 if you have any questions.

Parent/Guardian Registration Checklist



Please submit the following documents along with your registration packet:

- Original Student Birth Certificate
- Parent/Guardian Photo ID
- Health/Immunization Forms with Recent Physical Examination (must be current)
- Photo/Video Release Form (included in this packet)

Please provide original/up-to-date documentation of the items listed above.

MPS Home Language Survey

- Required by the MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) in order to protect the rights of students who speak languages other than English and to ensure they can access the curriculum. This includes:
 - Bilingual & multilingual students
 - Immigrant students from countries where languages other than English are spoken
 - Students raised in families who speak languages other than English
- Many students are identified, and many parents are asked to bring their child for testing of English language proficiency.
- The Home Language Survey is included in Milton Public Schools registration packet and is a useful tool in identifying students who might need some English language support.
- Some families are confused when contacted and asked about the languages spoken in their home. We thank you for your understanding as we do our best to support **all students**.

Health Services

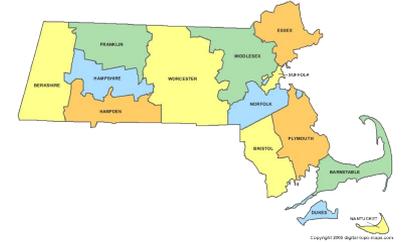


Immunization Requirements & Up to Date Physical Exam



- DTAP 5 Doses
- POLIO 4 Doses
- HEP B 3 Doses
- MMR 2 Doses
- VARICELLA 2 Doses or Hx of disease (There are many newly combined vaccines.)
- Up to date physical examination required, including stereopsis vision screening from your pediatrician recorded on physical examination form
- Date and results of lead screening are required

MA State Mandates



- Vision screening grades 1–5
- Kindergarten stereopsis through primary care physician
- Hearing screening grades K–3 and all students in special education regardless of grade
- Scoliosis screening grade 5
- BMI (Body Mass Index) in grades 1, 4, 7, 10

Important Health Information

- Share pertinent medical information.
- Provide up-to-date emergency contact phone numbers.
- Plan if student needs to be dismissed due to illness or injury.
- Send an extra set of clothes (especially socks, sweatpants, and underwear).
- Keep your child home when he or she is sick.



Registration



Registration for first round of school assignments must be completed by Wednesday, March 17, 2021.

*Please note that registration is ongoing, but school assignment is based on student enrollment and date of registration.



School Assignment

The District will assign your child based on the Elementary Student Assignment Plan and enrollment.



Collicot- 8:20-2:49



Cunningham- 8:20-2:49



Glover- 8:50-3:19



Tucker- 8:50-3:19

School Assignment Plan

Registration

- Students whose registration is complete by March 17, 2021 will be assigned first.
- Students will be assigned to their “neighborhood” school according to the Elementary School Street Listing. Please see www.miltonps.org/registration

Over-enrollment

- If over-enrollment of students exists at a particular school, the following criteria will be used to assign kindergarten students:
 - Siblings
 - Volunteers
 - Geographic proximity

Grade One School/Program Assignment

- Students who attend the Milton Public Schools (MPS) for kindergarten as of March 1 of the kindergarten year will be assigned to a school/program for grade one before students who attend kindergarten outside of the MPS are assigned.
- Parents/guardians of students who do not attend MPS kindergarten will forfeit any sibling priority under the student assignment policy for grade one.
- In grade one, there is a choice between the French Immersion Program and the English Innovation Pathway Program.

Transportation Policy

- Kindergarten students who live two miles or more from their assigned school are transported without a fee.
- The bus fee for riders who live within two miles of the school was \$275 for the 2019/2020 school year. Bus fees for the 2021/2022 year have not yet been determined.
- Bus routes will be determined after school assignments.
- Transportation registration information will be sent out in May.
- Kindergarten students must be met at the bus stop by an adult.



Special Education in Kindergarten

- Special Education supports and services are available district wide for those who have qualified for an Individualized Education Program (IEP).
- You and your child's Team will work on what supports he or she will need in Kindergarten.
- Most of our students receive their supports in their neighborhood school through Learning Center Model.
- In that model, staff work with students in their kindergarten classroom or the Learning Center as outlined in their IEP. This includes related services such as speech or occupational therapy.
- When a youngster has a specialised level of need, his or her Team may recommend he or she attend one of our more specialized programs. Each of these is housed in a different elementary building.
 - Collicot: Our ABA Programs (PARTNERS)
 - Glover: Our therapeutic Program (STEP)
 - Cunningham: Our Collaborative program (communication, developmental and learning)

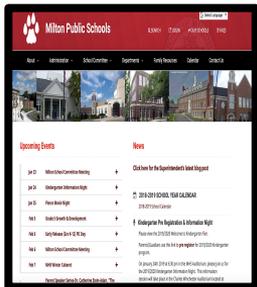
The Family/School Partnership

Effective partnerships are based on mutual trust and respect and a shared responsibility for the education of the children and young people at school. (familyschool.org)

- You are your child's first teacher.
- We want to partner with you!
- Some ways in which you can stay informed:

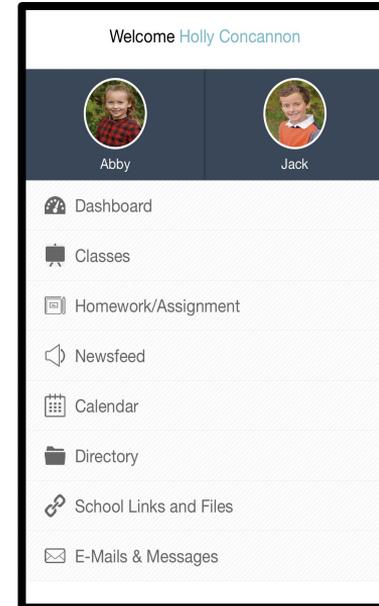
Milton Public Schools Website

- Contact Information
- PreK-12 Curriculum Summaries
- School Websites
- School Committee Policies
- Superintendent's Blog and Eblasts
- District Calendar
- School Start Times
- K Information Night Presentation



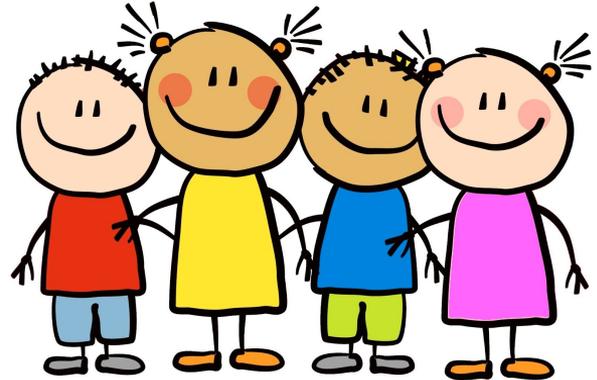
MPS Parent Portal

- Communication
- School Information
- Teacher Access
- Classroom Information
- Resources



School Based Communication

- School assignments are communicated by April.
- Following school assignments, principals will communicate information about transitional events specific to each school site held June-August.
- Teacher assignments are communicated in late August.



Transitional Activities

Transitional activities are designed to help your child feel comfortable with the school site and faculty. These activities vary by school but may include:

- Principal Coffees
- Meet and Greet
- School Tour
- Family Picnic/Potluck
- Family Orientation
- Playground Popsicle Parties
- Home Visits
- Community Partnership Activities



Food Services



- Breakfast & Lunch
- Pre-Payment Options (www.myschoolbucks.com)
- Student Unique ID Number
- Free and Reduced program
- Menus
- [Milton Public Schools Food Services Website](#)



MPS Contact Information

- Superintendent's Office – 617-696-4808
- Business Office – 617-696-5041
- Special Education – 617-696-5040 ext. 5572
- Collicot Elementary School – 617-696-4282
- Cunningham Elementary School – 617-696-4285
- Glover Elementary School – 617-696-4288
- Tucker Elementary School – 617-696-4291
- Community Schools – 617-696-5040 ext. 5544
- Student Registration – 617-696-4470 x 5516
- Transportation- email bus@miltonps.org
- Food Services – 617-696-5040 ext. 5514
- Family Outreach Liaison – 617-980-7343



Questions?



Thank You!

