



## Kindergarten 2018-19

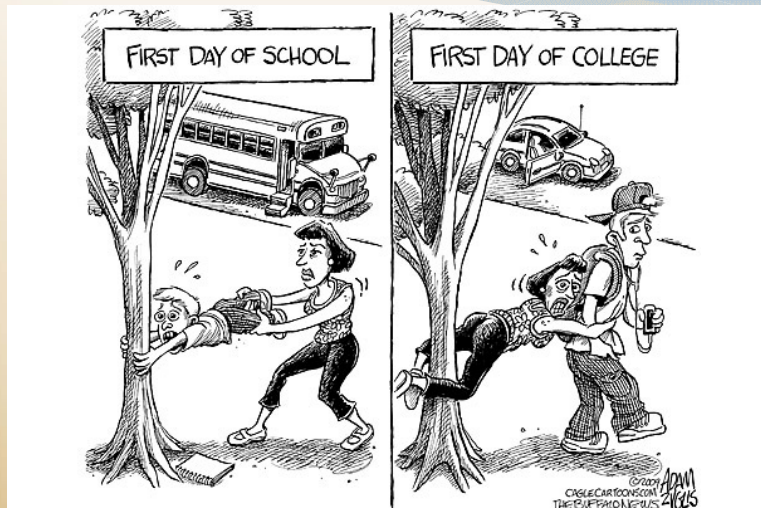
**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS OF 2031**

## Reading Public School Staff

- \* John Doherty-Superintendent of Schools
- \* Principals:
  - \* Heather Leonard, Barrows Elementary
  - \* Julia Hendrix, Birch Meadow Elementary
  - \* Lisa Marie Ippolito, Joshua Eaton Elementary
  - \* Sarah Leveque, Killam Elementary
  - \* Joanne King, Wood End Elementary
- \* Rich Belmonte-Program Coordinator, Extended Day

## Focus of the Evening

- \* Kindergarten Curriculum, Programs and Services
- \* Kindergarten Assignment Guidelines
- \* Communication
- \* Extended Day Options
- \* Registration Process
- \* Q&A



# Kindergarten Programs

## Kindergarten Assignments

- \* Kindergarten assignments will be based on geographical location, class size, and available space.
- \* Typical class size 18-22 students.
- \* Depending on enrollment, some half day classes may need to move to another elementary school for their kindergarten year. Transportation will be provided if it is greater than 2 miles.
- \* Students assigned to another school, other than their home school, will be assigned back to their home school for Grade 1.

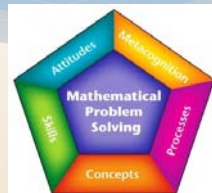
## Kindergarten Assignments (cont.)

- \* Incoming kindergarten students who have siblings in their district school will not be considered for reassignment. The only exception to this will be for half day kindergarten classes with low enrollment.
- \* Parents will be notified of their child's assignment **by February 1<sup>st</sup>**.
- \* Students who are assigned to their home school will remain in that school for their entire elementary school experience unless there is a significant shift in enrollment.

## CURRICULUM

(Aligned to the MA Curriculum Frameworks)

- Math
- Reading, Reading, Reading
- Center-based learning
- Social Studies, Science
- Social Emotional Curriculum
- Physical Education, Music & Library with specialists weekly
- Recess/Play
- Full-day students eat lunch in the cafeteria



## Half Day Kindergarten

- Morning: 8:15 – 11:30 AM session (4 days)
  - 8:15 – 12:45 on Wednesdays
- Afternoon: 12:00 – 2:45 PM (M, T, TH, F)
- Schools that have both half day and full day sessions will switch sessions third week in January
- Schools that only have one half day session will remain in the morning for the entire school year.

## Full-Day Kindergarten

- \* Hours: 8:15 – 2:45 (4 days)
  - \* 8:15 – 12:45 on Wednesdays
- \* Transportation provided by parents
- \* Lunch in cafeteria
- \* Classes will be determined pending the number of children enrolled, and geographic proximity to school



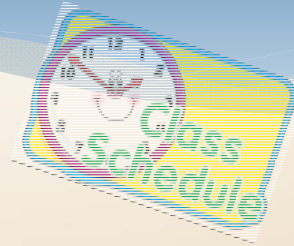
## What happens during the day?

### Daily:

- \* Reading
- \* Phonics
- \* Writing
- \* Math
- \* Lunch (full-day students)
- \* Recess/Play

### Weekly:

- \* Science / Social Studies
- \* Social Emotional Learning (Open Circle)
- \* Music
- \* PE
- \* Library Media



- \* During afternoons, half-day students have additional time to work on skills introduced earlier in the day.

## Registration

- \* Child must be five years of age by **August 31, 2018**.
- \* ALL applications for Kindergarten registration are due by **Friday, December 15th** to Superintendent's Office; \$35 non-refundable application fee.
- \* If you are choosing full day kindergarten, registration must be postmarked by December 15<sup>th</sup>.
- \* Because of teacher and space assignments, we may not be able to accept requests to go from half day to full day after December 15<sup>th</sup>, except in extenuating circumstances.

## Health Requirements

- \* All five-year-old required immunizations prior to entrance
- \* Hearing and vision screening from physician
- \* Health History will be received with screening packet



## Full-Day Kindergarten Cost

- \* \$4,450 per year
  - 10 payments of \$445 each
- \* Need to register on eSchool
  - Will receive notification when payments are due
- \* First payment due on by May 1, 2018 with remaining 9 monthly payments due the first of each month beginning in August 1, 2018
- \* Payments made either on eSchool, or by check payable to "Town of Reading"

## eSchool

- \* Electronic fee management and payment service
- \* Same company that Town uses for online payment of taxes and fees
- \* System uses secure web page
- \* Can pay online by check (ACH) or credit/debit card

## Registering for eSchool

- \* Complete the online registration form and create username and password
- \* Receive email with Activation Number
- \* Log on to district homepage, enter username and password, and when prompted, enter Activation number
- \* Add student(s) by selecting their school and enter their Student ID number (will be sent to with FDK registration confirmation) and Last Name



# Parent-Plus Portal

- \* Online communication
- \* News
- \* Calendar
- \* Class information
- \* PTO information
- \* System information
- \* <http://www.reading.k12.ma.us/>



# Blackboard Connect

- \* System-wide alert system
- \* Emergencies
- \* Inclement weather
- \* Notification by email, phone, cell phone, office & home



## ELL Services

- \* Purpose of the *Home Language Survey*
- \* Process of identification for students
- \* ELL assessments
- \* Information provided to teachers
- \* Resources for families



## Extended Day Programs



## Extended Day Program

- \* Serves students in Full Day K through Grade 5
- \* Provided at each elementary school
- \* Staff includes para educators and certified substitute teachers who work for RPS

## Extended Day Options

- 7-8:15 AM Regular Before School
- 7:45-8:15 AM Special Option
- 2:45-6:00 PM After School
- 12:45-3:30 PM Wednesday Only

## Staff Training Includes

- \* First Aid/CPR
- \* De-escalation
- \* *Open Circle*
- \* Bullying

## Typical Afternoon

- \* Children escorted to cafeteria at end of school day
- \* Attendance
- \* Homework or Free Choice
- \* Snack
- \* Outdoors or Gym
- \* Library (computers) or Cafeteria (games, activities)
- \* Pick Up
- \* Every Wednesday: Onsite Enrichment Activity

## FINAL THOUGHTS

### Upcoming Dates and To-Do Items

- \* Sign up for E-School
- \* December 15th -Registration **due** for both half-day and full-day
- \* By February 1<sup>st</sup>-School Assignments will be provided
- \* Kindergarten Screenings – Completed in April at assigned school

