




1

A slide with a white background and a red and yellow wavy border at the top. A dark red rectangular box at the top center contains the text "READING PUBLIC SCHOOLS" in white, bold, sans-serif font. Below this box is a bulleted list of school staff members.


- John Doherty-Superintendent of Schools
- Chris Kelley-Assistant Superintendent of Schools
- **Principals:**
 - Beth Leavitt, Barrows Elementary
 - Julia Hendrix, Birch Meadow Elementary
 - LisaMarie Ippolito, Joshua Eaton Elementary
 - Sarah Leveque, Killam Elementary
 - Joanne King, Wood End Elementary
 - Kelley Bostwick, RISE Preschool Director
- Mary Giuliana, Director of Nurses
- Chris Nelson-Extended Day Program

2



FOCUS OF THE EVENING

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



3



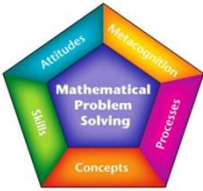
Kindergarten Programs

4

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
- Lunch



5

Half Day Kindergarten

Prior Years

- Morning: 8:15 – 11:30 AM session M, T, Th, Fr
 - 8:15 – 12:45 on Wednesdays
 - Half day sessions may start earlier if students are from multiple schools
- Afternoon: 12:00 – 2:45 PM (M, T, TH, F)-*This is only if there is a morning and afternoon session in one classroom.*

20-21 School Year

- Morning: 8:15 – 11:30 AM session (4 days) M-Th
 - Friday-Remote- 8:15-11:00
 - Half day sessions may start earlier if students are from multiple schools
- Afternoon: 12:00 – 2:45 PM (M - Th)-*This is only if there is a morning and afternoon session in one classroom.*
- All K students who are remote are assigned to district-wide half day remote. (AM and PM sessions)

6

Half Day Kindergarten

True for both prior years and 20-21 School Year

- Schools that have more than one half day in-person session (i.e. AM and PM) will switch sessions the third week in January
- Schools that only have one half day session will remain in the morning for the entire school year.
- Transportation provided by parents unless you live beyond two miles from the school or your child qualifies for special education transportation.

7

FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN PRIOR YEAR SCHEDULE

- Hours: 8:15 – 2:45 (M, T, Th, Fri)
 - 8:15 – 12:45 on Wednesdays
- Transportation provided by parents
- Lunch in cafeteria each day



8

FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN 2020-2021 SCHEDULE

- Hours: 8:15 – 2:45 (M, T, W, Th)-ALL IN PERSON
 - 8:15 – 11:00 F-All REMOTE
- Transportation provided by parents
- Lunch in cafeteria each day M-Th



9


INSTRUCTIONAL TIME – HALF DAY K (8:15-11:30)

Daily:

- Reading – 40 minutes
- Phonics – 20 minutes
- Writing – 30 minutes
- Math – 40 minutes
- Play – 20 minutes

Weekly:

- Social Emotional Learning – 30 minutes
- Music – 30-40 minutes
- PE – 30-40 minutes
- Library Media – 40 minutes



(Omits lunch & recess; reduces reading, writing & math times;
science & social studies topics are integrated into reading)

10

INSTRUCTIONAL TIME – FULL DAY K (8:25-2:45)

Daily:

- Reading – 60 minutes
- Phonics – 30 minutes
- Writing – 45 minutes
- Math – 60 minutes
- Lunch – 30 minutes
- Recess/Play – 45 minutes

Weekly:

- Science – 80 minutes
- Social Studies – 80 minutes
- Social Emotional Learning – 30 minutes
- Music – 30-40 minutes
- PE – 30-40 minutes
- Library Media – 40 minutes

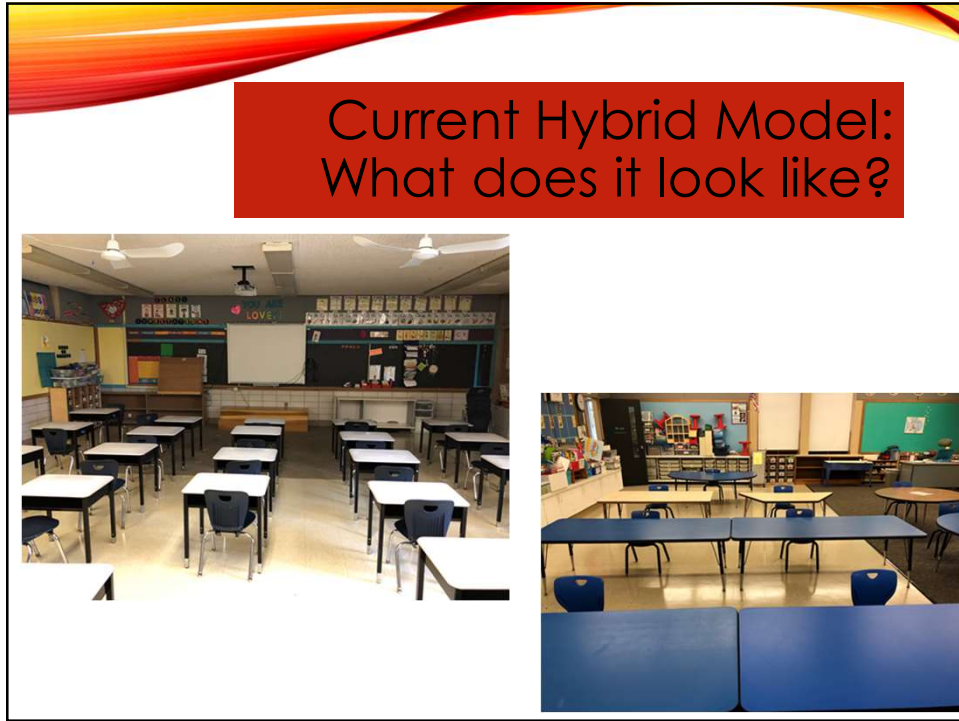


11

Current Hybrid Model

- Kindergarten students are in the building Monday-Thursday each week.
- We follow the social-distancing guidelines of 6 feet.
- Students follow all social distancing guidelines (i.e wear masks, frequent hand-washing).
- Students are spread out between 1-2 rooms (depending on class size) during work time with a paraeducator and teacher each supporting a classroom space.
- We utilize outside spaces for learning as much as possible.
- We decrease sharing of materials and disinfect in between
- All classrooms are fully disinfected on Fridays.

12



13

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

- Recent physical and all required immunizations for five-year-olds prior to entrance
- Flu Shots are required by December 31, 2021
- Hearing and vision screening from physician
- Contact school nurse to discuss any medical issues
- Medical forms & health information available online, in Virtual Health Office on district website.

**IT'S THE RULE
SHOTS BEFORE SCHOOL**

14

ENGLISH LANGUAGE SERVICES

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



15

Communication

16

PARENT PORTAL

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



17

BLACKBOARD CONNECT

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



18



19



20

REGISTRATION

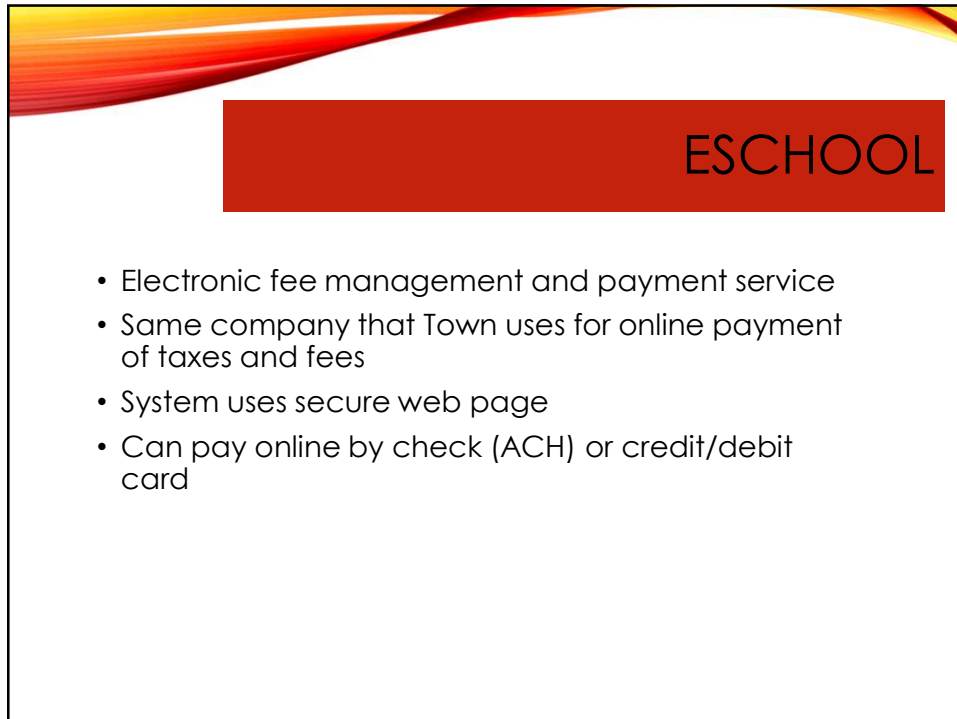
- Child must be five years of age by **August 31, 2021**.
- ALL applications for Kindergarten registration are due by **Friday, December 4th** to Superintendent's Office; \$35 non-refundable application fee.
- If you are choosing full day kindergarten, registration must be postmarked or received by **December 4th**.
- Due to teacher and space constraints, we may not be able to accept requests to go from half day to full day after **December 7th**, except in extenuating circumstances.

21

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 by **May 1, 2021** with remaining 9 monthly payments due the first of each month beginning in August 1, 2021
- Payments made either on eSchool, or by check payable to "Town of Reading"

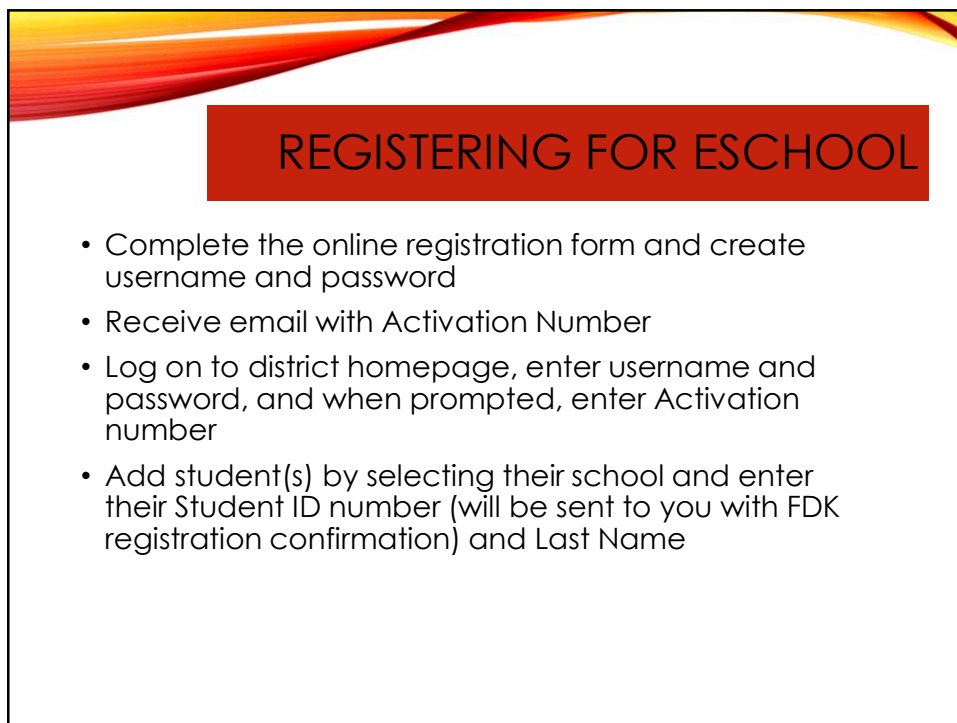
22

A presentation slide with a decorative header featuring a wavy pattern in shades of red, orange, and yellow. Below the header is a dark red rectangular box containing the word "ESCHOOL" in white, uppercase letters. The main content area is white and contains a bulleted list of four items.

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

23

A presentation slide with a decorative header featuring a wavy pattern in shades of red, orange, and yellow. Below the header is a dark red rectangular box containing the text "REGISTERING FOR ESCHOOL" in white, uppercase letters. The main content area is white and contains a bulleted list of four items.

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 you with FDK registration confirmation) and Last Name

24

School Assignment Guidelines

25

KINDERGARTEN SCHOOL ASSIGNMENTS

The following guidelines, in priority order, for kindergarten programming and assignments will be used:

1. Access to Full Day Kindergarten for families who want FDK
2. Maintaining adequate class sizes (18-22 students in Grades K-2)
3. Keeping half and full day classes separate and not integrated
4. Keeping siblings in the same school, if HDK is an option
5. Maintaining neighborhood schools

26

SCHOOL ASSIGNMENTS (CONT.)

- Kindergarten assignments will be based on geographical location, class size, and available space.
- Depending on enrollment, some half day or full day students may need to move to another elementary school for their kindergarten year. Transportation will be provided if distance is greater than 2 miles.
- Siblings who are in half day or full day programs assigned to another elementary school will return to their neighborhood school when they enter first grade.

27



TIMELINE

- October 1, 2020-Letters sent out to all prospective kindergarten families
- December 4, 2020-Applications due for all kindergarten families, regardless of program choice
- January 31, 2021-Notification to families about program and school assignment
- Prior to October 31, 2021-Kindergarten Screening at assigned school.

28





29



EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM

Serves students in Pre-K through Grade 5
Offers 1-Day – all 5-Days options for Before and After School
Two before school drop off times
 7:00am - 8:15am
 7:45am - 8:15am
Afternoon programming
 2:45pm - 6:00pm (Full Day K students only)
Full day care offered on in-service days and vacation weeks
Closed on snow/remote days, holidays & winter break between Christmas and New Year's Day



30



EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM

- Staff includes certified teachers, paraeducators, college students, and high school students
- Staff receive the following trainings each year:
 - First Aid/CPR
 - De-escalation
 - Bullying
 - Working with difficult children

31





EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM

Before School Schedule

- Arrival
- Snack (provided)
- Free Choice Table Activities (art, LEGOs, reading, homework, etc)
- Gym/Outside time
- Dismissal to School

32



EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM

Afternoon Schedule

- .Arrival
- .Attendance
- .Snack (provided)
- .Divide into groups by grade (ie. K-1, 2-3, 4-5)
- .Rotation: Enrichment, Homework, Free Choice
- .Special Activities offered throughout the year
- .Pick up

33



EXTENDED DAY REGISTRATION

- . Registration form will be in the Kindergarten Confirmation Packet from Superintendent's Office
- . Confirming enrollment in Full Day Kindergarten late February
- . Financial Assistance is available
- . Enrollment is limited, registration is on a first come, first serve basis
- . For additional information please call the Extended Day Office at 781-942-9136

34



35