



Dogwood Elementary

Welcomes You To Our

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION



Meet the Dogwood Administrative Team



- Mrs. Kate Beckner, Principal
- Mrs. Daphne Holliday, Assistant Principal
- Mrs. Kim Seck, Assistant Principal

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Meet Our Kindergarten Team



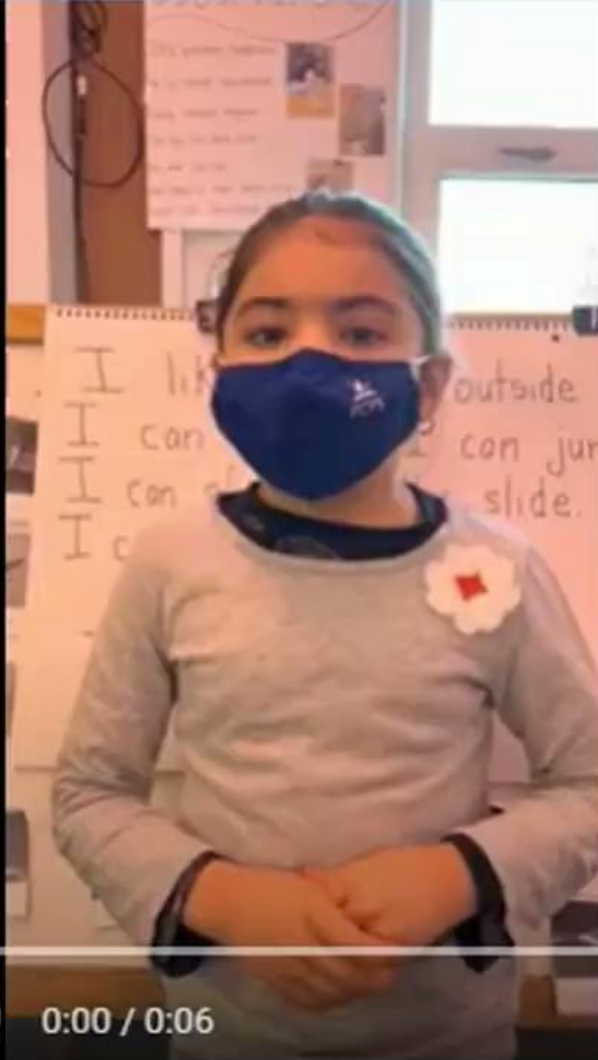
A few words from our...

Kindergarteners

What we love about kindergarten!



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■ Primary Years Programme

~Adrienne Schumer, PYP Coordinator

- We are currently in our first year as an authorized International Baccalaureate (IB) World School for the Primary Years Programme!
- We are the 2nd PYP school in FCPS.
- PYP nurtures and develops young students (aged 3–12) as caring, active participants in a lifelong journey of learning.
- Students build conceptual understanding through inquiry–based, transdisciplinary framework
- PYP focuses on developing internationally–minded students who are:

***Reflective *Inquirer *Open-Minded *Balanced *Principled**

***Risk-Taker *Knowledgeable *Caring *Communicator *Thinker**

The Road to IB



Primary Years Programme (PYP)



Middle Years Programme (MYP)



Middle Years Programme (MYP)

Diploma Programme (DP)

Career-related Programme (CP)

■ Social Emotional Development

~Jen Franconeri & Shiori Meadows, Counselors



Supporting Kindergarteners through:

- Teaching social–emotional learning and prosocial skills
- Supporting positive interactions with peers
- Providing resources to meet your child’s emotional needs
- Monthly push–in classroom guidance lessons to teach concepts important to life:
 - Safety around strangers, asking for help, healthy food and hygiene, being kind to each other in actions and language, learning how to navigate feelings and emotions and giving them strategies in how to deal with them



We are so excited to get to know our newest Dogwood Dragons!

■ From the Health Room

- ▶ School Health Aide
 - Mrs. Funes, SHA**
- ▶ Public Health Nurse
 - Miss. Mira, BSN, RN**
- ▶ Emergency Contacts
- ▶ Minor first aid
 - Stomachache/headache/ice packs for playground injuries
- ▶ Medication administration
 - Daily medication & Emergency medications
- ▶ Vision/Hearing Screenings
 - Done on all KG, 3rd grade, new to county students

■ From the Health Room

- ▶ Fever of 100.4 degrees or above.
- ▶ Vomiting
- ▶ Skin conditions and rashes



Technology News

~Kara Armstrong, Instructional Technology Specialist

★ Students in PK and Kindergarten will be issued an FCPS iPad.

- Use at home
- Taking care of the iPad

★ Most frequently used websites

- Dogwood Website
 - Student Links
 - ST Math
 - Imagine Learning
- Digital Tools Permission Form



■ Highlights in the Curriculum

- **Math**
Counting
Patterns
Number relationships



- **Literacy**
Reading
Writing
Oral communication
Word study



- **Science/Social Studies**
Scientific Investigations
Communities/Citizenship
Change over time



Kindergarten Year at a Glance

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Writing

- Developing a Writing Process
- Drawing for Meaning
- Studying Patterns
- Informational Writing
- Personal Narratives
- Poetry
- Research
- Persuasive Writing and/or Author Study

Oral Communication

- Active Listening
- Collaborative Discussions
- Conversation Skills

Primary Years Program



Primary Years Programme

The IB Primary Years Programme (PYP) develops students as internationally-minded thinkers, inquirers, and problem solvers. Students build conceptual understanding through an inquiry-based, transdisciplinary framework.

Knowledge- What do we want students to know about?

- Who We Are
- Where We Are in Place and Time
- How We Express Ourselves
- How the World Works
- How We Organize Ourselves
- Sharing the Planet

Concepts- What do we want students to understand?

- Form- What is it like?
- Function- How does it work?
- Causation- Why is it like it is?
- Change- How is it changing?
- Connection- How is it connected to other things?
- Perspective- What are our viewpoints?
- Responsibility- What is our responsibility?

Learner Profile Attributes- Who do we want our students to be?

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| *Caring | *Reflective |
| *Open-minded | *Risk-taker |
| *Communicator | *Thinker |
| *Inquirer | *Knowledgeable |
| *Balanced | *Principled |

Reading

- Engaging with Storybooks: Print Organization
- Character Development
- Nonfiction
- Finding Patterns in Stories
- Poetry
- Research
- Learning about Print

Word Study

- Building Alphabet Knowledge
- Building Letter-Sound Relationships
- Building Words
- Short Vowels and Word Families
- Digraphs

Mathematics

- Sorting and Classifying Attributes
- Counting
- Numeral Writing and Recognition
- Patterns
- Fluency for Numbers through 5
- Part-Whole Relationships for Numbers through 10
- Addition and Subtraction with Numbers through 10
- Measurement
- Coin Identification and Counting
- Two-Dimensional Shapes
- Calendar
- Tables, Picture Graphs, and Object Graphs
- Fraction Number Sense

Kindergarten Year at a Glance

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Science

- Scientific Investigation
- Five Senses
- Observations
- Plant and Animal Needs
- Life Cycles
- Speed
- Magnets
- Shadows
- Weather Changes
- Phases of Water
- Sink and Float
- Reuse and Recycle
- Water and Energy Conservation

Social Studies

- Rights and Responsibilities
- Being a Good Citizen
- Economics: Jobs, Choices, Wants, and Money
- Geography: Land and Water Features
- Map Skills
- Community and Community Members
- Past and Present
- American Symbols and Holidays

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Parents as Partners

“When students see that teachers and parents are working as partners, they recognize that learning can take place everywhere, both in and out of school”



—**ANONYMOUS**

How to build Partnership

- Stay in contact with your child's teacher
- Support the learning that occurs at school
- Help your child develop their independence skills
- Spend time with your child every day



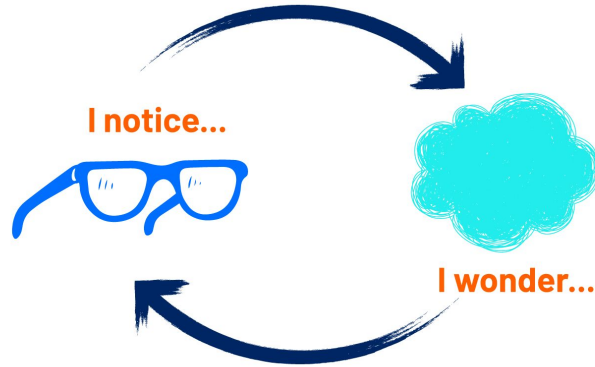


A Day in the Life of a Kindergartner



WHAT DID YOU NOTICE?

WHAT DID YOU WONDER?



■ Today's Next Steps

- Kindergarten Registration Form
- To complete registration:
 - Complete forms in enrollment bundle
 - Can be picked up from our office
 - Provide the required documents
 - Proof of Residency
 - Child's birth certificate— *original copy*
 - Parent ID
 - Immunization Records
 - Completed Physical Report



■ Stay Connected

Dogwood Website: <https://dogwoodes.fcps.edu/>

News You Choose ~ *DOGWOOD DIGEST*

Dogwood PTO - www.dogwoodpto.org

Talking Points App



Facebook- Dogwood Elementary School, FCPS



Twitter- @DogwoodFairfax



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E-MAIL



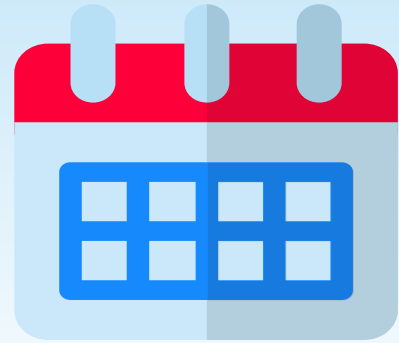
■ PTO - Parent Teacher Organization

- Parent run
- Provides coordination from parents to the school
- Raises money for PTO decided activities
- Coordinate with teachers and administrators

■ Save the Dates

Summer Opportunities

- Bridge to Kindergarten - July 11-29
- Popsicles on the Playground- July 20 and August 10
 - 5:00- 6:00 pm



2022-2023 School Year

- First Day of School- August 22
- Dogwood Visits - August 18
- Open House- August 19



Questions

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Answers

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