

NEWBURYPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WELCOME CLASS OF 2036!



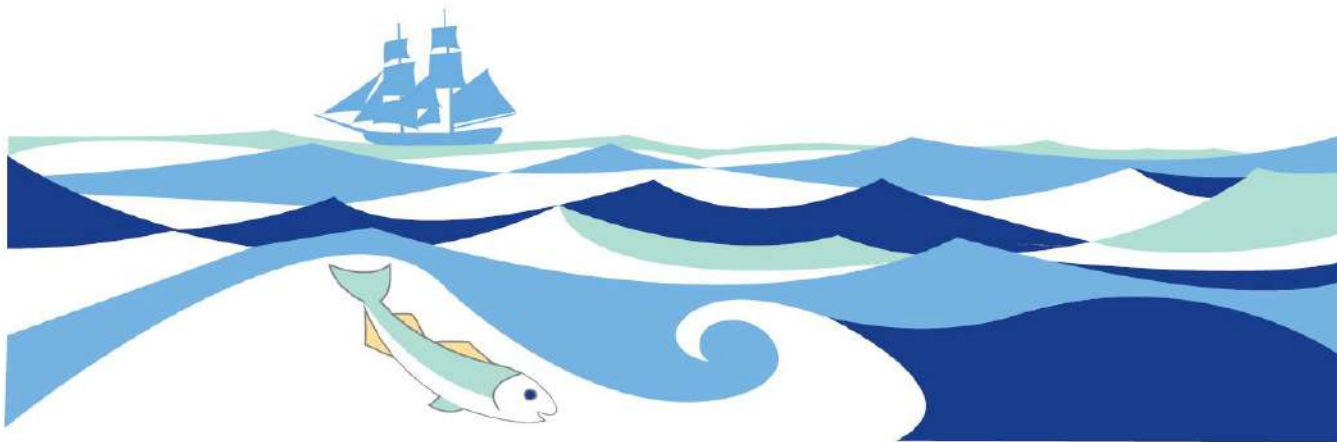
FRANCIS T. BRESNAHAN SCHOOL
KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT
FEBRUARY 8, 2023

Agenda

6:00-6:05 p.m. Welcome and Introduction of Staff

6:05-6:20 p.m. General Session
Bresnahan School Information
Kindergarten Programming

6:20-6:40 p.m. Greet Staff, Questions



Who Are We?

Administration

Sean Gallagher - Superintendent
Wesley Pierce - Director of Student Services
Katie Vozeolas - District Nurse Leader

Bresnahan Administration

Jamie Sokolowski - *School Principal*
Theresa Fitzpatrick - *Special Education Coordinator*
Deb O'Connor - *Special Education Administrator*

Special Education Teacher(s)

Anita Fowler
Kerri Lynch
Caitlin Marsh

Instructional Assistants

Amanda Jackman
Katherine Perrin
Janis Pollard
Deb Nigro
Susan Seabrook

Kindergarten Teachers

Julie Carroll
Melissa Duguie
Jordi Fallon
Linda Gershuny
Chelsea Morrison
Robin O'Malley
Dianna Ouellette
Paul White

SPED Service Providers

Jill Grelle - *Physical Therapist*
Pam Vecchio, Mary LaFleur, Jessica Marzi *Occupational Therapists*
Candi Skiba and Julie Clemente
Speech and Language Pathologists

Zinta Gulens, Early Childhood Nurse
Rachel Brown - *Board Certified Behavior Analyst*
Colleen Wile and Melanie Manseau
School Adjustment Counselors
Holly Curtis - *School Social Worker*
Dr. Michele Clark - *School Psychologist*

Why Choose Our Kindergarten?

- We offer a **FREE** 5 day, full day program!
- Beautiful state of the art facility with bright and expansive **classrooms**, advanced **technology** and equipment, and fun **play areas**!
- All teachers are **licensed** by the State of Massachusetts and hold Master's Degrees in the field of education.
- Classes are **well supported** by **service providers**, **co-teachers** and **instructional assistants**.
- Students entering our Kindergarten program will start their elementary experience in the **same building** as grades 1-3 and will have the opportunity to spend up to 4 years at the F.T. Bresnahan School!
- Our **full service model** including specialists, special educators, and classroom teachers provide a rich balance of best practices.



Program Overview

We believe:

- All children have **individual differences** which are best supported through high quality teaching and **differentiated** instruction.
- Young children **learn by doing!** Classrooms are **hands on** with meaningful activities.
- A rich variety of **developmentally appropriate** experiences that meet all **learning styles** are integrated in the curriculum through individual, small group and large group activities to help children engage in academic and social experiences.
- Every child will feel **valued, respected** and part of a classroom **community** as well as a greater community in the Bresnahan School.



Students work on age appropriate tasks such as:

- Maintaining classroom norms
- Developing self-help skills including clothing management, mealtime management, and hygiene skills.
- Sharing and being kind
- Building focus and following directions
- Identification of feelings and building empathy
- Building our Clipper Values of being **safe**, **kind**, and **responsible**



Kindergarten Math

Counting & Cardinality	Numbers & Operations	Operations & Algebraic Thinking	Measurement	Geometry
☐ names of numbers ☐ counting sequence ☐ counting to tell the number of objects ☐ comparing numbers	☐ work with numbers 11-19 to gain foundation for place value	☐ addition (adding to/putting together) ☐ subtraction (taking apart/from)	☐ describe and compare measurable attributes ☐ classify objects ☐ count the number of objects in categories	☐ identify and describe shapes ☐ analyze, compare, and create shapes

Small Group Instruction

Center Based Work

Partner Math Games

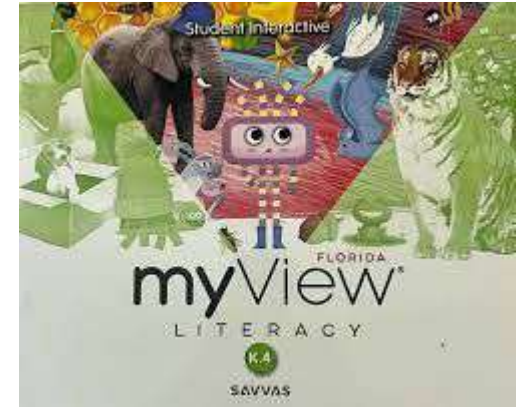
Hands On Learning

Real World Connections

Evidence Based Curriculum

What is the MyView Literacy Curriculum?

myView Reading Workshop immerses students in various genres of text, while building knowledge within a unit theme, along with vocabulary and comprehension strategies.



In myView Writing Workshop, students learn to communicate ideas with pictures and text, as they learn skills and strategies to grow as writers.

What is the Foundations Curriculum?

Fundations word study program provides students a strong foundation for reading and writing. Through explicit lessons and routines, Fundations builds:

- **Phonological awareness skills**
- **Letter/Sound mastery**
- **Reading and spelling words with a VC pattern (e.g. log, mat)**
- **High frequency word recognition**
- **Handwriting.**



Take a Look at Our Day

CLASS schedule



Arrival/Greeting
Morning Meeting
Literacy: Reading, Writing,
Foundations, Phonemic
Awareness
Recess & Lunch
Quiet Time
Science/Social Studies
Specials
Math
Choice Time/Recess
Closing Meeting
Dismissal

Kindergarten Events

Field Trip to Applecrest Farms

100th Day of School with Zero the Hero

Tanglewood Marionettes

& so much more!



Bresnahan Health Services



Zinta Gulens, RN
Pre-K, K, Gr. 1

Meet our Nurses

2 full time Dept of Ed.
Certified RN School Nurses



Michelle Thivierge, RN
Gr 2-3

Responsibilities:

- ☐ Acute and Chronic care for illness and injury
- ☐ Mandated Immunization compliance and mandated screening
- ☐ Care Coordination
- ☐ Development of Individual Health Care Plans/Emergency Health Plans for students with health concerns
- ☐ Provide staff training and support

Required Forms & Complete Applications

Only **complete** applications will be accepted. The following documents are **required** to register:

- ☐ Child's birth certificate (copy)
- ☐ Child's most recent health record including lead test, immunization and physical (copy)
- ☐ Proof of Residency (copy of utility bill)
- ☐ Newburyport Public Schools Enrollment Form
- ☐ Certification of Address Form
- ☐ Home Language Survey
- ☐ Preschool Application Form
- ☐ Parent Questionnaire



After-School Programs

- Clipper Courses: Staff Programming Before and After-School (Free to all!)
- Newburyport Youth Services (NYS): The mission of NYS is to create quality programs, events and services for our City's youth in safe and supportive environments that encourage growth, self exploration and empowerment. Learn more and meet our staff!
- YWCA School's Out Program: Licensed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care, this program is inclusive, open to all children! Staff members strive to create an environment, which is a careful balance between reliable security and stimulation that fosters exploration and growth.

Newburyport PTO

Join us!

Fall initiatives

Classroom Liaison Coffee - Sept.
Classroom Fam. Meet-ups - Sept.
Spirit Wear Sales - 3X's a year
Fall Family event - Oct.
Thankful project - Nov.
Winter Wreath Sale - Nov.
Cookie Swap - Dec.



Spring initiatives

100 Day Celebration - Feb.
Clipper Readathon - Mar.
Teacher Appreciation - May
STEAM Expo - Spring TBD
Spring Fling Spring - Apr.
Field day - Jun.
Third grade celebration - Jun.

Bresnahan PTO Budget

\$35,000 +/-
or about \$51 per student

Co-Presidents

John Ricci and Kate Suchecki

Vice President

Emily Stroehler

Treasurer

Shannon Cormier

Secretary

Christine Cioffi

Bresnahan Parent Representatives

Danielle Hall, Amy LeBlanc, Christy Teel

Bresnahan Teacher Representatives

Katara Harding, Nonie Olson, Dianne Ouellette

Tours & Questions

Come see what a Kindergarten classroom looks like!

Room 156 & Room 152