



Nancy Young Elementary School

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Dear Young Kindergarten Parents,

It was great to meet everyone at Kindergarten Parent Night. Please find below general Young School information as well as answers to questions that were noted on the Exit Slips.

The school website can be found at the following link. Information is updated on the website on a regular basis. <http://young.ipisd.org/>

We look forward to having you becoming a part of the Young School community. Please do not hesitate to email me or contact the office (630-375-3800) with any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

Ms. Morgan

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Principal, Young Elementary

Kindergarten Parent Night Presentation

The presentation from Kindergarten Parent Night has been uploaded to the school website. The presentation is posted under the Kindergarten Information link on the left side of the school website.

http://ipisdweb.ipisd.org/newsfiles/news_88738_1.pdf

In addition, the **Kindergarten Learning Standards** can be found at the following link.

<http://young.ipisd.org/Subpage.aspx?id=627>

2017-2018 Walk-In Registration

Registration packets will be mailed to pre-registered kindergarten families in late April. **Walk-in Registration will occur on May 8 and May 17 from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. On both registration nights there will be a chance for incoming kindergarten parents and students to take a tour of the building.**

Please click on the following link to review the residency and registration document requirements.

<http://young.ipisd.org/uploads/204%20registration%20and%20residency%20requirements.pdf>

New Family Self-Guided Tour Night (Tuesday, August 8, 2017)

All families and children new to Young will have the chance to participate in the New Family Self-Guided Tour.

- **Tuesday, August 8** from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm.

Families can use this opportunity to locate grade level classrooms, view the lmc, computer lab, lunchroom, specials' rooms, as well as to see entry and exit doors for your child's arrival and dismissal plan. Parents can also visit the office to ask any general questions that they may have about school. Please note that teachers will not be present on this night.

In addition, the office will hand out directions on how to create a Home Access Account. Computers and assistance will be available to help parents set up their Home Access Accounts.

2017-18 Young School Teacher Meet and Greet (Monday, August 21, 2017)

A Meet and Greet for Young students, parents, and teachers will occur on Monday, 8/21 from 2:15 pm – 3:00 pm. During the Meet and Greet, students and their parents will have the opportunity to meet the teacher, visit the classroom, and drop off school supplies.

The PTA Back to School Social will be held following the Meet and Greet. The PTA will host a Back to School Ice Cream Social with Young families, staff and the PTA on the playground.

Kindergarten Orientation (Thursday, August 24, 2017)

There will be a 1 hour orientation designed for kindergarten students on their first day of school. Kindergarten students and their parents will attend the Kindergarten Orientation in their assigned teacher's classroom. During Kindergarten Orientation, Kindergarten students and their families will learn about the Kindergarten day and they will take a tour of the building.

Kindergarten Orientation Thursday, August 24, 2017

A-M: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

N-Z: 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

(If you are unable to attend during your assigned time, please attend the other orientation session.)

The First Full Day of Kindergarten will occur on Friday, August 25, 2017.

9:05 am – 3:35 pm

Please note that kindergarten students will enter the building on their own.

Parent Teacher's Association (PTA)

We encourage parents to participate with the Young PTA. The PTA sponsors many great programs and activities for Young students and families. In addition, participating in the PTA is a great way to meet other parents in the school community. Please find below the link to the PTA website. <https://www.nancyyoungpta.org/>

Y Safe N Sound Program

The YMCA of Naperville provides Before and After Care for students in District 204. Please contact the YMCA at the following number to receive information on the Y Safe N Sound Program. **(630) 585-2207**

Y Safe N Sound Program

31W290 Schoger Rd.

Naperville, IL 60564

(630) 585-2207

<http://www.ymcachicago.org/safensound/pages/before-and-after-school-care>

Prairie Children's Preschool
<http://preschool.ipisd.org/Subpage.aspx?id=800>

Prairie Children Preschool is the preschool program for Indian Prairie School District 204. Prairie Children's Preschool offers early childhood education for children, ages three and four. **Please contact Prairie Children's Preschool for additional questions at (630) 375-3030**

2017-18 Preschool Application

Prairie Children Preschool will begin their open application for new community students on January 9, 2017. We will accept mail-in applications and walk in applications on or after January 9, 2017. Please complete the application and follow the steps below.

The application for the preschool program can be found at the following link.

<http://preschool.ipisd.org/uploads/Community%20Application%202017-2018.pdf>

Eschool Home Access Center

After completing the registration process, new families will set-up their eschool home access account. Information about setting up your child's home access account will be sent after the registration process is complete.

Classroom Assignments

The School District will make teacher assignments available through the online Eschool Home Access Center system around the second or third week of August.

Art, Music, and PE

Students participate in art, music, and pe classes from kindergarten through fifth grade.

Students have the opportunity to participate in chorus and drum ensemble in 4th and 5th grades.

Band and Orchestra instruction begins in 6th grade at middle school.

Student Arrival and Entry

For student safety and welfare, students should not arrive on school grounds or play on the playground **before 8:50 a.m.** **There is no staff supervision available until that time.** Children will be directed into the building when the first bell rings at 8:50 a.m. On Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday the school day begins at 9:05 am. On Wednesday, the school day starts at 9:15 am.

Lunch/Recess

- Kindergarten students have lunch and recess with the other kindergarten classrooms. Lunch and recess times are grade level specific. Students eat lunch with only their grade level.
- Students make lunch selections in the classroom with the teacher. Lunch supervisors are in the lunch room helping students get their hot lunch choice and milk.
- Lunch is 20 minutes and recess is 15 minutes. The amount of time for lunch and recess minutes are standard across all elementary schools. Students needing additional eating time may stay in for part of recess to finish their lunch.
- Hot lunch and breakfast menus can be found at the following link.
<http://indianprairie.schoolish.com/Commerce/Catalog/EatWellHome.aspx>
- **Next year, hot lunch will be provided by Organic Life Food Service.** Hot lunch will begin on the first day of school. The current cost of hot lunch is **\$2.55**. The cost may change next school year. Milk is included as a part

of the cost of hot lunch. For students who bring their lunch from home, **A la Carte milk purchases** are done by placing money on the student's lunch card. The cost of a la carte milk is \$.40 for white milk and \$.50 for flavored milk. The lunchroom staff does not take money for milk. If your child is bringing lunch from home, please review with your child if he/she is to receive a carton of milk. Hot lunch information can also be accessed through our district website <http://www.ipdsd.org/>.

- **Breakfast:** The district's food service provider serves breakfast on a daily basis at the cost of \$1.60 per meal.
- **Paying for Breakfast and Hot Lunch:** Parents can send in checks (made out to IPSD 204) and cash in an envelope marked with the student's first and last name to drop off to the office. Parents will receive a low-balance alert when accounts reach a balance of \$5.00. Parents can monitor their student's hot lunch balance through Mealpay Plus (mealpayplus.com). You will need your student's ID number to use mealpay plus.

School Attire

There is no official dress code. Students should dress appropriately for the weather. We encourage students to wear comfortable shoes that are safe for running and playing on the playground and the playground equipment.

Winter Weather and Recess

Please remember to dress your children appropriately for the weather with an appropriate weight coat, hat, and gloves. Students do go outside for recess every day (15 minutes) **unless the temperature is below 10 degrees Fahrenheit** (including the wind chill).

In addition, please note that students who plan on playing in the grass/field and playground do need snow pants and boots. Students without snow pants and boots must stay on the blacktop area.

Healthy Snack

A "healthy snack time" occurs every day for Kdg-5th grade students on a **daily** basis. We ask that parents provide a healthy snack item for their child each day. (fruit, veggies, pretzels, goldfish, etc.) Snack time is designated by the classroom teacher.

Due to early and late lunch periods, parents are free to provide their students with a substantial healthy snack to help students through their day.

Busses

- **Bus Routes**
The School District and First Student will have updated bus routes available on the school website around the second week of August. 2017-18 Bus routes will be available at the following link in mid-August.
<https://homeaccess.ipdsd.org/>.
- **Bus Schedules**
If you live more than 1.5 miles away from the school, your child is eligible for bus transportation. **Please note that bus stops and bus routes do change from year to year.**

Bus Safety

Due to safety concerns it is district policy that students ride the bus to which they are assigned. It is very important that we know the names and contact information of all of our bus rider students. In the event of an emergency, the school or bus company would be unable to make contact with families of unassigned bus riders. If you have questions, regarding the bus route, please contact the school office.

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures:

All parents are asked to complete an arrival/dismissal sheet to give to your child's classroom teacher on the first day of school. It is important that you inform the classroom teacher and the office with details of your child's arrival and dismissal routines. **Please note that unless we hear directly from a parent we will follow the dismissal information that is noted on the arrival/departure form.** If there is a permanent change for dismissal, we ask that parents complete a new sheet. We ask that you update the "Arrival and Departure" sheet each time a change is made to your routine.

School Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday School Hours:

- 8:50: First Bell
- 9:05: School Day Begins
- 3:35: School Day Ends

Wednesday School Hours

- 9:00: First Bell
- 9:15: School Day Begins
- 3:35: School Day Ends

Professional Development (PD) Wednesdays:

- Due to district wide professional development, the school day begins at 9:15 am on Wednesdays. Students enter the building at 9:00 am on Wednesdays. The school assists elementary parents who might not have flexibility in their Wednesday morning schedules by providing supervision in the gym at 8:50 am. During this 10 minute period, students will work quietly on school work or read a book. Students who come to school at 8:50 am on PD Wednesday are to enter the building through the main office doors.

Parent Teacher Conferences

The School District schedules Parent Teacher Conferences twice a year. (November and February/March)

If parents have concerns, they can contact the classroom teacher at any time via email or voicemail. Teacher contact information can be found at the following link.

<http://young.ipds.org/Staff.aspx>

Stop, Walk, and Talk

Stop-Walk-Talk is the anti-bullying program that is taught to elementary students in District 204. This program teaches students how to respond in bullying situations. In addition, Young staff talk with students about what bullying is and what it is not. Accidentally bumping into someone or politely declining an invitation to play is not bullying. Whereas, **continuous** teasing, pushing/poking or excluding a student from an activity are examples of bullying behavior.

Bully Prevention at Young School

<http://young.ipds.org/uploads/Copy%20of%20Young%20Bully%20Presentation%20PTA%202015.ppt.pdf>

Here is the link regarding the Stop, Walk, and Talk program.

<http://young.ipds.org/uploads/parent%20bully%20curriculum%20overview%202011.pdf>

