

# Kindergarten Orientation



Bluffdale Elementary

# Meet the Kindergarten Team

Click on the link below to learn all about our amazing kinder teachers!

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# Meet our Mascot



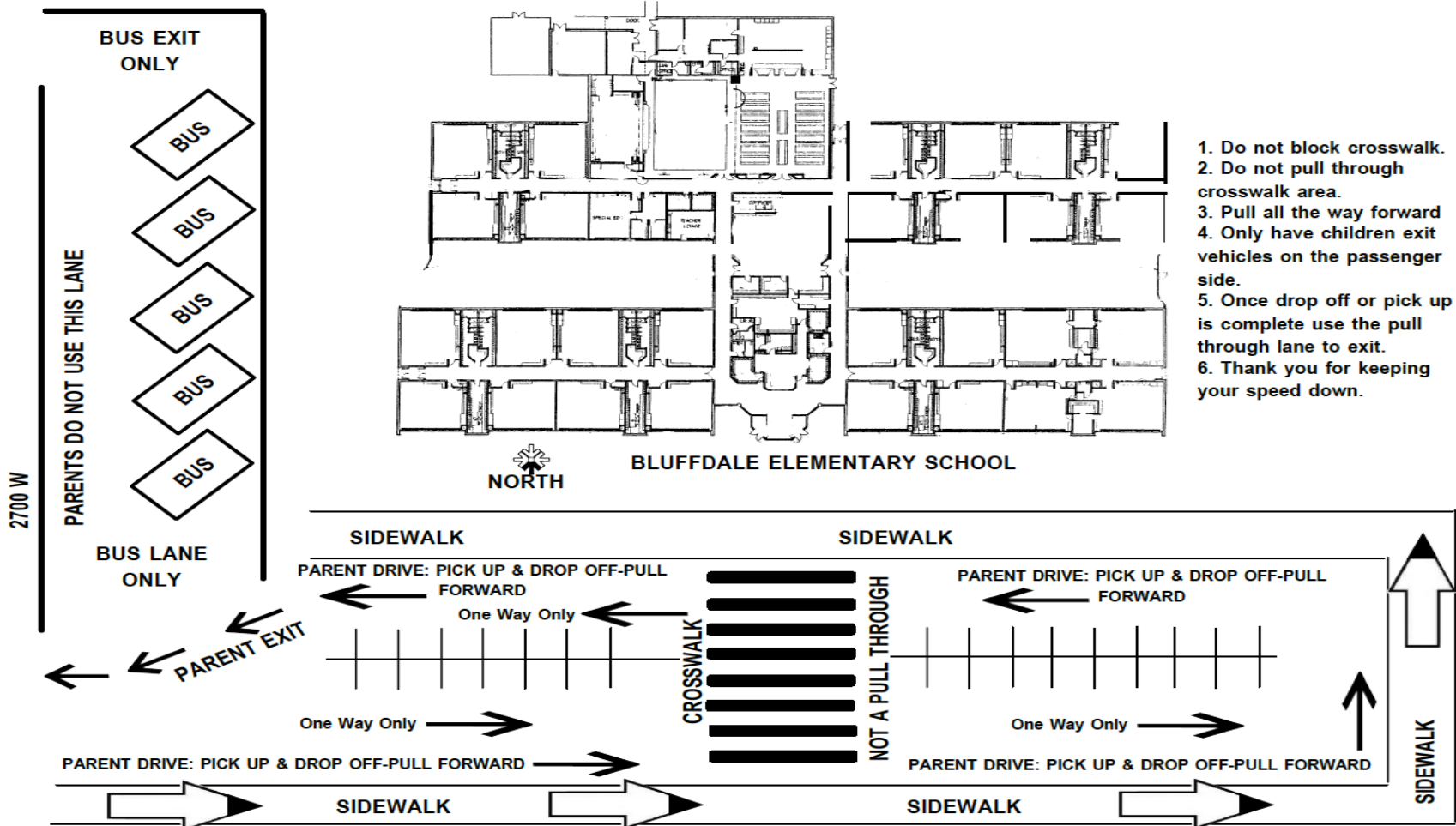
# Bluffdale Bulldogs



# Bulldogs Are:

- Building character using the 7 habits
- A Dual Language Immersion school with Portuguese being the language of focus for grades 1-6.
- Have opportunities to participate in early morning orchestra/band.
- Proud to represent Bluffdale Elementary.

# Drop Off and Pick Up







# More Drop Off and Pick Up

\*Vehicle drop off will be at the east gate leading onto the playground. Teachers will show children where to line up.

**\*Pick up:**

**AM-** Teachers will line students up at the East gate. We ask that you park your car and walk over to pick up your child. When your child sees you, we will give them a high five to signal that they may leave.

**PM-**After we have placed all the children on the bus, we will then take the car riders, or walkers to the trees on the west end of the school near the bus lane. We will wait to see the parent or sibling walk over. When your child sees you, we will give them a high five to signal that they may leave.



# Welcome To Kindergarten

You are your child's first teacher, therefore we encourage your involvement in your child's education. By working together we can help your child succeed.



Our goal is to provide your child with a fun and positive introduction to the school setting.



# What To Expect

- Kindergarten is often messy. Don't send your child in his/her best clothes.
- Kindergarten is ALWAYS busy!!
- Many activities are hands-on and paperless meaning evidence of our learning won't always be seen in backpacks



Even though you may not see it, GREAT learning is taking place every day.





# Kindergarten Hours



## **Monday-Thursday**

AM 9:00am - 11:40am

PM 12:55 pm - 3:35pm

## **Friday (TBD)** (or early out days)

AM 9:00am - 11:00am

PM 11:55pm - 1:55pm

Even though Fridays are short, a lot of learning still takes place. Please make EVERY effort to have your student attend.

# Kindergarten Testing

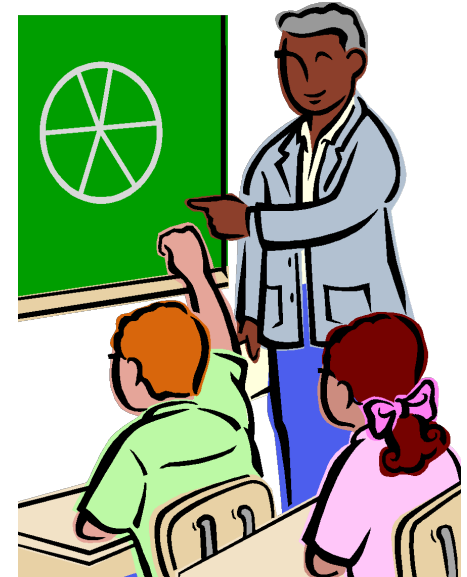
Kindergarten does not begin on the same day as the rest of the school. The first 6 days are reserved for one-on-one testing appointments.



- Appointment will be scheduled by the parent on Skyward watch for an email with instructions.
- Each appointment takes approx. 40 minutes.
- Parents will fill out paperwork while their student is tested by the teacher.

# Academics

- ABC's /letter names and sounds
- Recognize and write letters
- Building blocks for early reading.
- Hands-On Math Instruction
- recognize and write numbers 0-20
- Science
  - Trees and weather, animals, materials and motion





# First Few Months



- Much of what we do during this time is based on learning the procedure of being in school.
- Academics may seem a little easy during this time. They will increase in difficulty once the procedures of being in school have been sufficiently learned.
- Getting procedures in place is an investment into future learning.



# Volunteering

Volunteers play a very important role in kindergarten classrooms.

We value parents helping inside and outside of the classroom.

When you and your child come for kindergarten testing your teacher will provide more information about volunteering.








## Information from the School Nurse (Medical Forms Needed)

- Birth Certificate
  - Bring an original copy of your student's birth certificate, the office will make a copy and return the original to you.
- Immunization Records
  - Per state law, students must be up to date on immunizations before school starts.
  - Bring an original copy of your student's immunization record-- the office will make a copy and return the original to you.
  - Exemptions may be done through the Health Department, a record of each exemption must be provided to the school.
  - Reduced cost or free immunizations may be available through the Health Department



# Information from the School Nurse (Medications At School)

- Any medication at school requires a Medication Authorization form signed by the student's doctor on file at school. This includes cough drops, essential oils and over-the-counter medications. This form is renewed annually.
- Elementary students may ONLY self-carry inhalers, Epi-Pens, and diabetes medications with the proper medication forms on file. Students may not self-carry any other medications. All medications are to be kept locked in the office.
- Front office is trained annually on medication storage and administration.
- The school does not stock and will not administer any medication to your student unless ordered by your doctor and provided by you.
- Any medications at school must be picked up at the end of every year.
- If your student has a health condition such as diabetes, seizures, food allergies, heart issues, or anything else, you may want a healthcare plan.
  - A healthcare plan is an official document that helps inform teachers and other school staff of your student's condition and how to care for them.
  - You will work together with the school nurse to create a healthcare plan specific for your child.
  - Please fill out a Request for Special Health Services form and return it to the office to get in touch with your school nurse. This form is renewed annually.



# Information from the school nurse (Sick kids stay home)

- Fever, vomiting, and diarrhea are contagious. If your student has these symptoms they should stay home until they are without symptoms for 24 hours. See district exclusion guidelines for more detail.
- There may be students at school who are immunocompromised and are more susceptible to serious illness. We appreciate your good judgement in deciding whether or not to send your child to school.



Hooray!!!!



We can't wait  
to meet you!