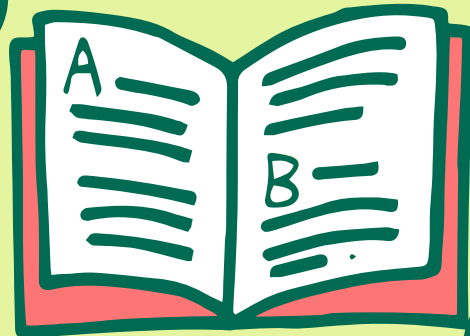




# The Kindergarten Experience

Pinney Elementary



# Welcome to DCS!



## Dublin City Schools VBO – Values, Behaviors, and Outcomes

Our VBO is the Heart of DCS. It guides how we behave, respond to events, and sets the standard for how we want to treat one another.

### VALUE

### BEHAVIOR

### OUTCOME

#### Take Responsibility

*Own Your Attitude & Action*

- Press Pause and Think.
- Do the Right Thing.
- Be Present.

#### Prepared for Success

#### Always Growing

*Embrace the Journey*

- Do the Work.
- Learn from Success and Failure.
- Be Coachable.

#### Best Version of You

#### Better TOGETHER

*Think Team*

- Care and Communicate
- Connect and Collaborate
- Celebrate

#### Elite Learning Community



# INFORMATION

- Staff/About Pinney
- Safety
- Student Dress Code
- Student Absences – call attendance hotline
- Important Dates and Times
- Transportation
- A Kindergarten Typical Day
- Communication



# Meet The Office Staff



*Mr. Page  
Principal*



*Mrs. Cramer  
Administrative Intern*



*Hope Tzagournis  
School Counselor*

# Meet The Office Staff



*Mrs. Garvin*  
*Administrative Secretary*



*Mrs. Holland*  
*Building Secretary*



*Mrs. Matson*  
*Clinic Aide*



# About Pinney

Approximately 600 students K-5

Approximately 55 staff members

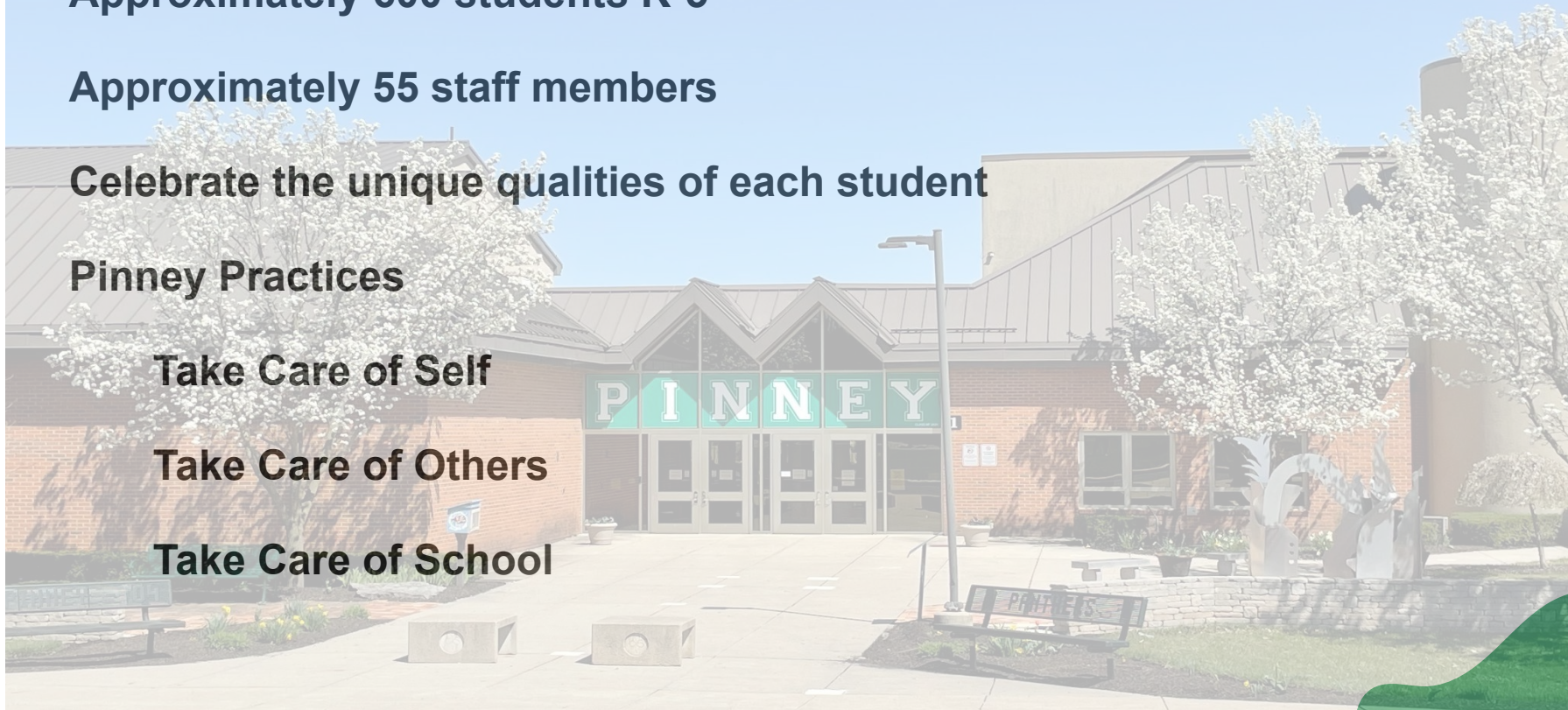
Celebrate the unique qualities of each student

Pinney Practices

Take Care of Self

Take Care of Others

Take Care of School



# SCHOOL HOURS



Morning (a.m.) Kindergarten  
**9:10-11:50 a.m.**



Afternoon (p.m.) Kindergarten  
**1:00-3:40 p.m**



If your child is absent, please call our Attendance line by 9:10 a.m. to report their absence or email, [epes\\_attendance@dublinschools.net](mailto:epes_attendance@dublinschools.net)

If there are any changes in how your child is being transported to or from school, please have this in writing prior to the event.

# Important Kindergarten Dates

## Phase-In Dates

8/17 & 8/18

All Kdg attend on 8/21

## August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

## Kindergarten Screening

7/17 & 7/18

[Sign Up Here](#)

AM/PM preference requests  
(due May 25th)

[Click Here](#)

Classroom teacher assignments  
announced  
(Email in early August)

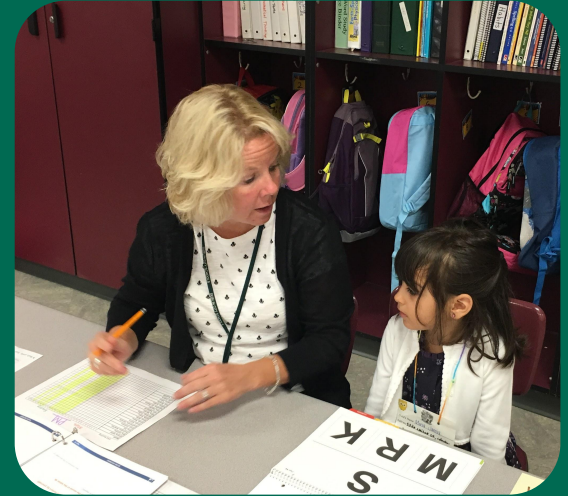


# Kindergarten Summer Assessment



**DATES: July 17 and 18**

- 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. each day
- Sign up for a 1 hour slot (Sign Up Genius)
- Kindergarten Profile Tasks include:
  - Letter Sound ID
  - Letter ID
  - Speech/OT needs
  - Foundation Reading Skills
- Why? Assist with placement decisions to ensure effective student groupings



# SAFETY & SECURITY

Exterior doors  
locked with one  
entrance

Buzzer System  
at front door

Regularly  
practice safety  
drills

Communication  
of drills

Students  
dress for  
activity



# Visitors and Signing Student In/Out

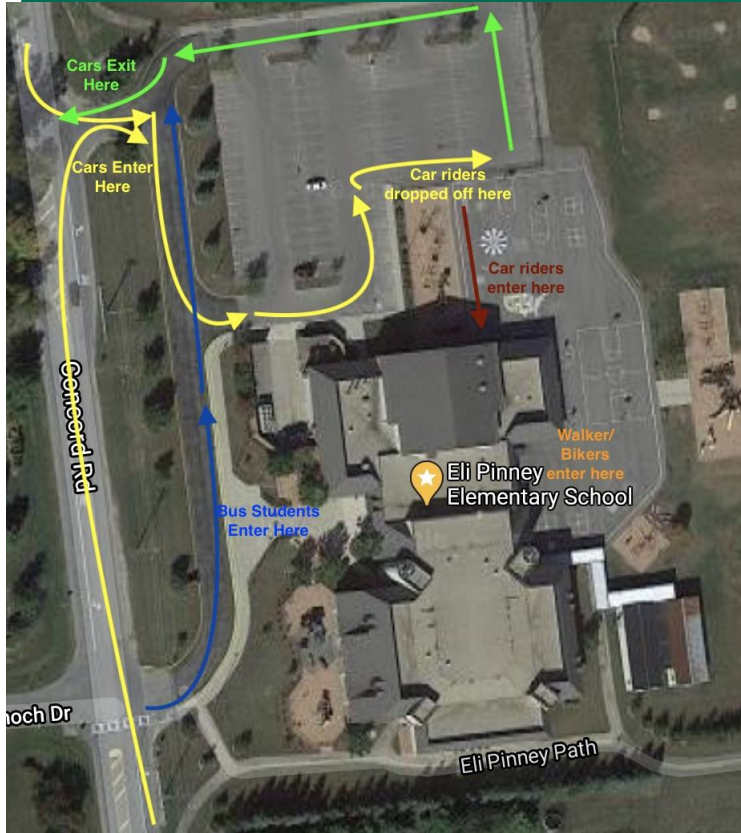
- All visitors must enter through front doors
  - Buzz office using communication system and wait for secretaries to let you in
  - Remember to have Picture ID and completed background check (volunteers) [Volunteer Procedures](#)
- Signing students in/out
  - Please come into the office
  -

# TRANSPORTATION



- ALL Kindergarten students are offered bus transportation at the **mid-day**. If students are eligible for a neighborhood bus, they are transported both ways.
- Dublin Schools Transportation Department's phone number: 614-764-5926
- Transportation Dept. will be present at school "Meet the Teacher" sessions.

# Arrival and Dismissal



## Midday Dismissal (AM Students)

- Dismissed at 11:50.
- Students riding a bus will be placed on the bus by a school staff member.
- Parent pick up - Park in the lot and walk to sidewalk to pick up student.

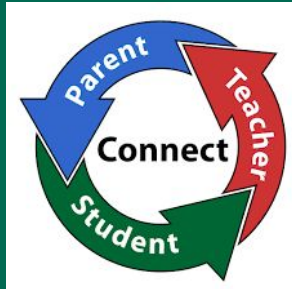
## Midday Arrival (PM Students)

- Students can enter at 12:55.
- Students riding a bus will be greeted by a school staff member and walked into the building.
- Parent drop off- Park in the lot and walk to front door. A staff member will greet your student and walk into the building.
- Please do not go between buses.

# Parent Teacher Organization (P.T.O.)

## Purpose:

- Fostering a relationship between school, families, teachers, and the community
- Supporting the school community



## Tips:

- Get to know your current PTO Executive Board Members
- If you are interested in being involved, reach out to the PTO Executive Board
- [PTO Website](#)
- PTO COmmunicates via monthly newsletters and Pinney PTO Facebook Page.
- [PTO Presentation](#)



# School/Home Partnership



**Communication is  
key to a successful  
year!**

- Curriculum Night (August/September)
- Conferences (October/February)
- Weekly School Email
- Classroom Newsletters
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Phone Calls/Voicemail
- Building and District Websites
- DCS Mobile App
- ProgressBook - Communication ongoing online with a report card each semester

# School Supplies

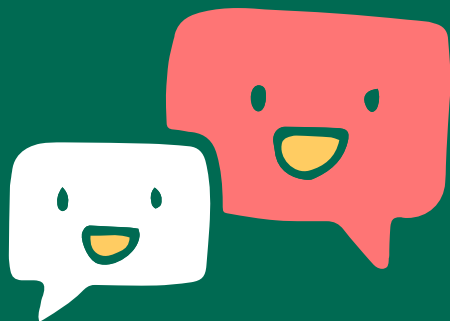


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*online only* through June 9**

- Kits come with all materials
- Delivered to classrooms for pick-up during Walk-Through
- Visit <http://www.shopttkits.com>
- Use account number: 42860

# Notifications & Emergency Medical Authorizations

In early June, you will be notified by email of your child's morning (a.m.) or afternoon (p.m.) kindergarten assignment.

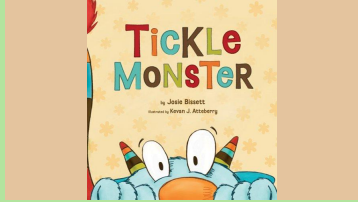


In early August, Dublin City Schools will open its online back to school platforms for the 2023–2024 school year at [www.dublinschools.net](http://www.dublinschools.net).

At that time, simply click on the button titled, "2023–2024 Back to School." You will be directed to a webpage with specific directions and links to the sites you will need to access prior to the start of school and throughout the 2023–2024 school year. This is subject to change as we are adopting Infinite Campus.



# Birthday Celebrations



## BOOKS



## ACTIVITIES



## NON-EDIBLE ITEMS

Here are [school's approved choices](#) for alternatives to food treats



# Early Literacy Initiative (ELI)



Students qualify based on Dublin's Kindergarten Literacy Profile

Fast paced, focused instruction on:

- Book handling skills
- Phonemic awareness
- Letter/word recognition
- Vocabulary development





# School Counseling Services



Monthly Classroom Lessons



Small Groups

# School Counseling Services

## Classroom Lesson Topics Include

- Being a Good Listener
- Friendship and Social Skills
- Identifying Emotions and Regulation
- Appropriate Ways to Share our Feelings
- Problem Solving
- Tattling vs. Telling
- Resilience and Perseverance
- Personal Safety

## Personal and Social Emotional Kindergarten Skills

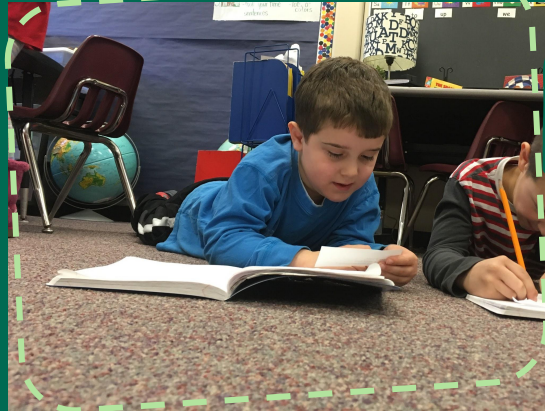
- Uses words to communicate needs and wants
- Able to follow directions
- Able to take turns and share
- Is curious and willing to take risks
- Able to focus and finish tasks
- Develops independence and self-direction
- Develops a sensitivity to other children
- Adjusts to new situations without a parent being there

# Ways To Support Your Child At Home

- **Encourage Independence**
  - Let your child put on his/her own coat, learn to zip, button, and tie shoes
  - Learn to problem solve, struggle, and work through issues
- **Develop a routine**
  - Coming in from outside, going to bed, eating lunch/dinner, give smaller multi-step directions
- **Delay gratification**
  - Teach your child how to wait until you get off the phone to talk, have them earn/work towards earning something, like a toy
- **Give your child a chore**
  - Develops responsibility, confidence, and perseverance
- **Ask questions instead of praise!**
  - Ask your child to explain their thinking and what they created
  - Ask your child how they felt about how/what they did and why they think that way.

# A Day in the Life of a Kindergarten Student

A-Z



# Meet The Kindergarten Team



*Mrs. Thompson*



*Mrs. Mackensen*

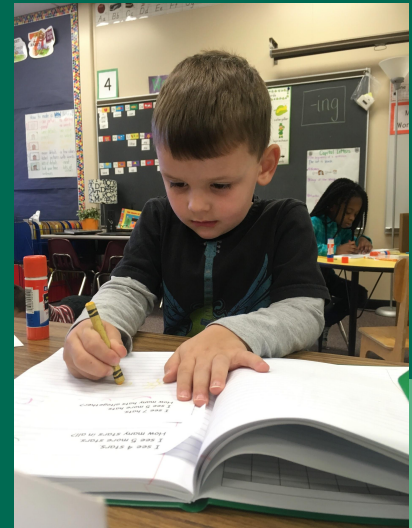
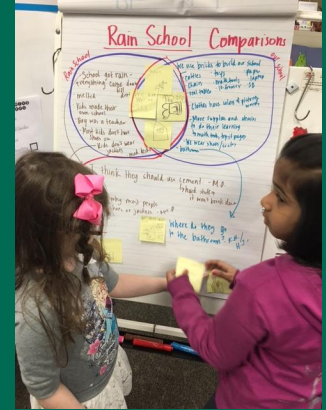
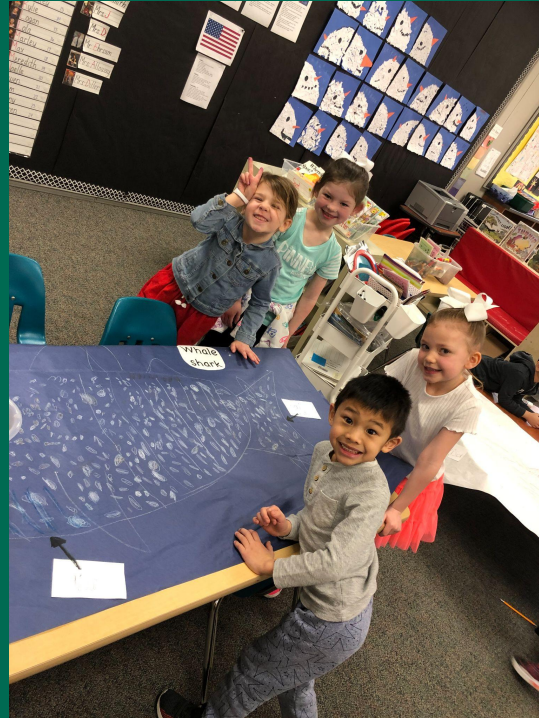


*Mr. McClain*



# An Example Schedule

- Arrival /unpack - backpack
- Class Meeting
- Literacy Workshop
  - reading workshop
  - writing workshop
  - word study
- Recess
- Word Study
- Math Workshop
- Closing meeting
- Dismissal





# What Will My Child Learn in Kindergarten?

Today, kindergarten has a much greater focus on academics than ever before. It includes hands-on learning and problem solving, independent reading, writing, mathematics, science, social studies, and health.

Ohio Department of Education-  
Kindergarten Standards



# KINDERGARTEN READINESS ASSESSMENT (KRA)

- Language and Literacy
- Mathematics
- Physical Well-being and Motor Development
- Social Foundations

Reminder: Children develop at different speeds over time.



# Third Grade Reading Guarantee

- Students' reading progress is monitored closely
- Parents notified if student is "on track" or "not on track" in October

"Ohio's Third-Grade-Reading Guarantee - What it Means for You":

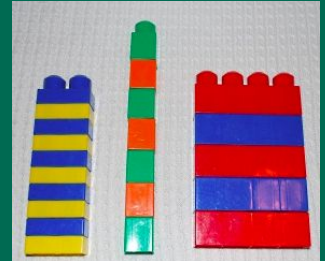
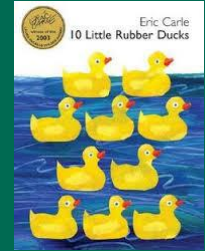
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v2GEJJAXWEE>

"Why Third Grade Reading is So Important" (The Ohio Department of Education): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vxgCarUaMlc>



# Getting Mathematicians Ready

- Count objects to 100 by ones and tens (end of Kindergarten)
- Read numbers in your environment
- Play games
- Write numerals
- Read math books
- Learn their phone number and address
- Name objects with a specific attribute, for example name something blue in your house or something that is shaped like a square
- Put a puzzle together
- Ohio Learning Standards- [Kindergarten](#)



# Developmental Stages of Math

One and Two More

One and Two Less

Visual Patterns

Anchoring to 5 and 10

Comparison

Place and Value

Part-Part-Whole

Operations

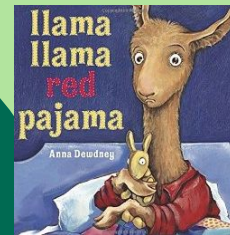
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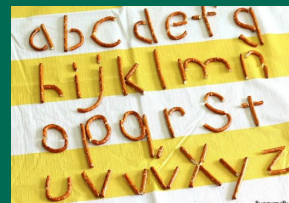
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# Getting Readers and Writers Ready



- Play rhyming games, listen to rhyming books, sing rhyming songs, nursery rhymes, etc.
- Write some upper and lowercase letters
- Practice the sounds letters make
- Say the alphabet and play lowercase and uppercase letter games
- Use a pencil with correct grasp
- Listen to a story and discuss a story (favorite part, connections, retell)
- Hold a book and turn the pages
- **Write your first and last name in uppercase and lowercase letters**
- Write with purpose-- label pictures, make grocery lists, etc.





# IMPORTANT DATES



ABC

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## Kindergarten Registration

Online at [www.dublinschools.net](http://www.dublinschools.net)

Beginning in February 2023

[Registration Info Link](#)

- Birth Certificate
- [Immunization Records](#)
- Proof of Residency (2)
- Driver's License/Passport
- Custody Paperwork

2

## Kindergarten Info Night

Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Each building will hold an in-person session.



# **Tell Us About Your Learner**

Use this link to tell us a little about your incoming kindergartner and complete your AM/PM preference:

[Kindergarten Screening Sign Up](#)

[AM/PM Preference Request](#)

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# What's Happening at Pinney?



@epeDCSD



Eli Pinney PTO



School & District Emails



[DCS Website](#)



# THANKS

? Do you have any questions?

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