

SHIPPENSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Hello to the parents and guardians of the class of 2038!

We are so excited to meet your soon-to-be Kindergartener! We have planned a special **Welcome to Kindergarten** event on **Thursday, June 5, 2025**. Please save that date, as we have a special afternoon planned for you and your soon-to-be Kindergartner. *Please make every effort to be present, as this time is critical to help us plan classroom assignments.*

Families who have completed the registration process **AND** returned all required forms will receive a specific appointment time for the afternoon of **June 5th between 12:30 pm and 3:30 pm** and the building to which you're assigned. Those invitations will go out later this month. Make sure you have completed the registration process to receive your time slot (www.shipk12.org/k)

During this time, your child will experience:

- Story time in a kindergarten classroom
- Playtime with other kindergarteners
- Classroom activities to help teachers assess student readiness

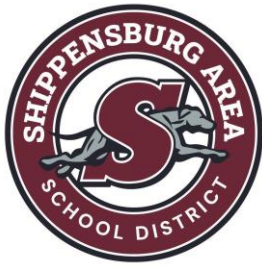
Parents/guardians can expect to:

- Meet the building principal and key staff to answer your questions
- Learn how to log into Skyward
- Add money to your child's lunch account
- Meet the school nurse to discuss medical concerns
- Identify the skills your child can practice this summer for an easier transition to school

Additionally, you will learn how we partner with you to support your child including:

- Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) for learning and behavior
- Kindergarten readiness best practices
- Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) and our House system
- Attendance expectations
- Parent-Teacher Organization

Prepared to contribute; Prepared to succeed



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Students will go with our kindergarten teachers and see what classrooms look like. They will spend time with teachers in the classroom, engaging in fun activities while parents meet with building staff to learn about our special mission and culture that guides our interactions with students.

The event concludes with the opportunity for your child to take a short ride on a school bus with you! You will also receive a bag of information and a treat for your child. (A parent/guardian must remain on site – no drop offs will be permitted).

We are so very excited to partner with you in your child's education! Our Welcome to Kindergarten event is an essential step to help you and your child prepare for the upcoming academic year.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Nicole Avery, principal at Nancy Grayson

Mrs. Holly Garner, principal at Grace B. Luhrs

Mrs. Andrea Pyles, principal at James Burd

(And all of our kindergarten teachers!)

Save the dates:

Thursday June 5, 2025: Welcome to Kindergarten event

Tuesday, August 19, 2025: Kindergarten Open House

First day of Kindergarten (Students in grades 1–12 begin Thurs., Aug 21)

August 21, 2025 (for those whose last name begins with A-K)

August 22, 2025 (for those whose last name begins with L-Z).