



**Welcome Class of 2037**

**Learning Today... Leading Tomorrow**

# Meet The Team

- Nancy Baker
  - Kat Clifford
  - JJ Cheung
  - Gail Heidt
  - Chris Neach
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- Fifian Loga
  - Aparajita Mehra
  - Rozina Patel
  - Anitha Thirithipulli



# Student Groups to K Classrooms

- Please remember that today's staff members will not necessarily be the assigned staff with your child next year.
- Emails will be sent in August about class placement for the 2024-2025 school year.





# What's in Your Folder?



- Notes Page
- Information Sheet for teachers - by June 1
- Information from SACC, PTA, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts
- Parent Handbook from August 2023

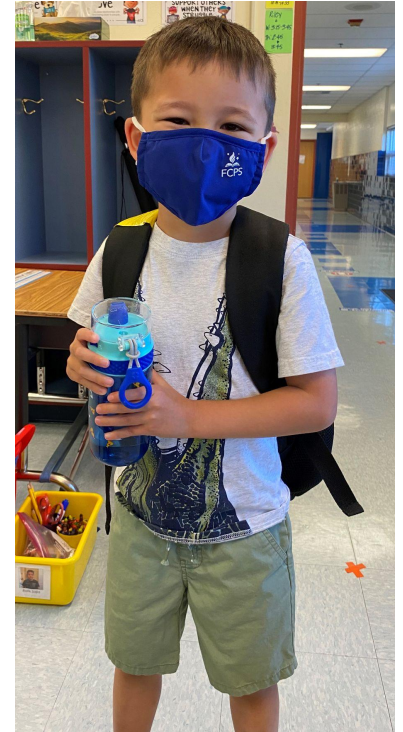


# Building a lifelong love of learning

The kindergarten program is designed to encourage and support children's social, emotional, physical and intellectual development.

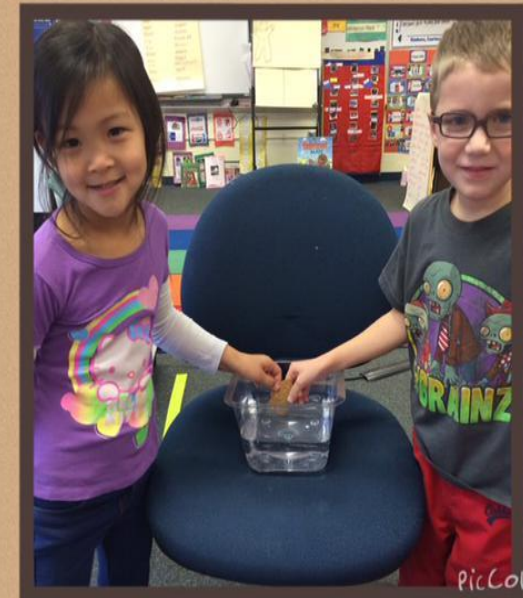
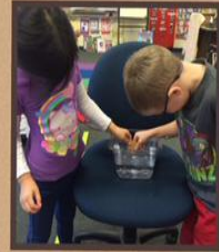
The goal is to meet each student at their level and help them grow.

Our Eagles are involved in learning experiences that include speaking, reading, writing, mathematics, technology, science, social studies, music, movement, and art.



# Students...

- Interact with books, identify sounds, rhyming words, and develop letter-sound relationships.
- Observe, explore, experiment, and investigate the world around them.
- Participate in learning centers and stations
- Actively engage with math and science using real objects as they discuss, investigate, question, and verify.



# Typical Kindergarten Schedule

- Arrival
- Morning Meeting
- Language Arts
- Snack
- Specials
- Lunch
- Centers
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- Recess
- Dismissal

\*Quiet Time- not an official nap time



# Recess

**Children build social skills on the playground!**

- Cooperating
- Helping
- Sharing
- Problem Solving
- Building Community



## Specials Classes

Art, Physical Education (PE), Music, Foreign Language in the Elementary School (FLES)-Spanish, and Library

Additional Lessons with the Advanced Academics Resource Teacher and the Counselor for enrichment and SEL.



# Arrival

- Doors open at 9:00am and school begins at 9:15am
- Yellow tape on backpacks for bus riders
- Kindergarten seating on buses
- Patrol Escorts
- Kiss and Ride
- Walkers



# Dismissal

- Dismissal bell rings at 4:00pm
- Kiss and Ride- register for a number in August
- Extra adults to support
- Patrol Escorts
- Kindergarten students **must be met** at the bus stop and here at school



# Calendar

## Fairfax County Public Schools 2024-2025 Standard School Year Calendar

Approved

July 2024						
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August 2024						
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2 Labor Day Break						

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3 Rosh Hashanah (begins sundown 10/2 - sundown 10/4) 1-2 Yom Kippur (begins sundown 10/11 - sundown 10/12) 14 Indigenous Peoples' Day						

November 2024						
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January 2025						
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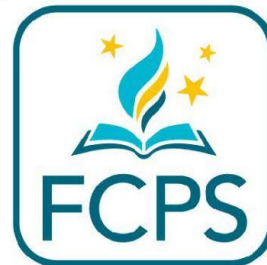
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1 First Full Day of Ramadan (begins sundown 2/28 and continues with daily fast and nightly prayer until 3:00) 5 Ash Wednesday 5 Orthodox Ash Wednesday 31 Eid-al-Fitr (begins sundown 3/30 - sundown 3/31)						

April 2025						
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12 Passover (begins sundown 4/12 - sundown 4/20) 13 Theravada New Year 14-18 Spring Break 15 Good Friday 18 Orthodox Good Friday 23 Easter 20 Orthodox Easter						

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7 Eid-al-Azha (begins sundown 6/6 - sundown 6/7) 19 Juneteenth						



Some holidays and observances, such as Eid al Fitr, may shift due to anticipated lunar sightings.

Legend	
F	First Day of School
ER	2 Hour Student Early Release
QE	End of the Quarter
YE	Last Day for Regular Classes / Early Release
○	Religious and Cultural Observance(s)
○	Religious and Cultural Observance(s) - Evening Only
TW	Teacher Workday / Student Holiday
SD	Staff Development Day / Student Holiday
SP	School Planning Day / Student Holiday
H	Student Holiday
NT	New Teacher Training

Quarter Duration		
Quarter	End Date	Duration
1	October 31	49
2	January 28	45
3	March 28	41
4	June 11	45
180 Instructional Days		

Number of 5-Day Instructional Weeks  
1st Quarter - 6  
2nd Quarter - 6  
3rd Quarter - 7  
4th Quarter - 7

Updated 12/18/23

# Parent Volunteers

Watch Friday Message for start of volunteers (usually the beginning of October)

- Lunch Visits and Lunch Chaperones - usually beginning of October
- Field Trip
- Additional class volunteers opportunities will be explained at Back to School Night



# Handbook

A copy of last year's in folder- new one will be sent in August

- Floris Birthday Policy- no food or snacks for birthdays - no in-school parties
- Contact Information included (attendance, change in dismissal, etc.)
- Visitor Procedure - ID (not a photo of the ID)
- Ways to communicate with school

# Things to Practice this Summer

- Knowing their full name (first and last)
- Opening lunch containers and snacks
- Zipping and buttoning clothes
- Independent Toileting

Please don't worry. Staff are here to help our students gain independence. Being ready with the items above are so helpful to start Kindergarten.

FCPS has a page on the web focused just on Kindergarten Readiness with great ideas!

<https://www.fcps.edu/academics/early-childhood-education/school-readiness-and-transition-kindergarten>

# **From the Health Room**

*Yasamin Asmat, Public Health Nurse*



# About the School Health Room

- **School Health Aide - (SHA)** is not a nurse but is trained to take care of minor school health issues and is in the health room every day during the school hours.
- **Public Health Nurse (PHN)** is a registered nurse. Each PHN is assigned to multiple schools. The PHN develops health care plans, trains school staff, communicates with parent about health conditions that need attention during the school day. Our PHN can also provide resources as needed.
- **Emergency contact information is very important:** Please make sure that emergency contacts are up to date with the school – Make sure the individuals on the emergency contact form are people who live in this area and can pick up your child if you can not. If you cannot have your phone with you during work please provide a phone number for an individual who will be able to contact you in case of an emergency. Keep the school updated on changing phone numbers/cell phone numbers and email addresses.
- **Services in the Health Room:**
  - *Minor first aid*
  - *Dispense medication*
  - *911*
  - *Temporary care*
  - *Vision/Hearing Screenings*



# Children are sent home when they:

- Have a fever of 100.4 degrees or above.
- Vomiting/Diarrhea
- Skin conditions and rashes

Example: *If a child has a documented diagnosis of eczema the child would not generally be sent home.*

**Please keep your child home when they are not feeling well. They can't learn to their fullest potential when they aren't feeling well.**

# As a Guideline...

- **Fever and the “24 Hour Rule”** - Students will be able to return to school once they are fever free for 24 hours without the administration of fever reducing medications.
- **Extra Clothes**- Please send in extra clothes for your student should they have an accident. Kindergarten is exciting, and sometimes they forget to go to the restroom. We do not have extra clothes in the health room.
- **Health condition that might affect their school day** (i.e. severe allergy, asthma, seizures, diabetes, etc.) The Health Information Form is very important to complete as soon as possible. The PHN will review these forms and will reach out to you over the summer to learn more about the various health conditions. The PHN will work with parents to determine if an individualized health care plan or action plan will be needed. If you have concerns related to medication in the health room please reach out to the health room for the appropriate forms or you can look on the FCPS website.

# FLORIS PTA

## What is the role of the Floris PTA?

- Providing academic, creative and social enrichment
- Advocacy on behalf of our children
- Building a supportive community among families
- Assisting Floris with meeting their needs for educational tools



# FLORIS PTA

## What can you do?

- **Get involved!!** Help us continue to support our school and children
- Visit <http://florispta.org>
- Participate in our events, activities and fundraisers
- Identify those opportunities where you can lead and/or contribute (e.g. fulfill a board or chair position, volunteer for a classroom or school event)
- Contact [florispta.pres@gmail.com](mailto:florispta.pres@gmail.com) with questions, suggestions and/or comments.



# Floris Community

## Extracurricular Events

- PTA coordinated programs. Contact the PTA president at [florispta.pres@gmail.com](mailto:florispta.pres@gmail.com)

### **Girls Scouts:**

- Christina Bevington - Floris Troop Coordinator  
[tinava@gmail.com](mailto:tinava@gmail.com)
- Morgan Sorenson - Membership Specialist- Girl Scouts Nation's Capital [msorenson@gscnc.org](mailto:msorenson@gscnc.org)

### **Boy Scouts -**

Contact JK Jayavela at [kjayavel@yahoo.com](mailto:kjayavel@yahoo.com)

Keep watching for other fun activities as we get closer to the beginning of the school year.

# REMINDER

- If you are not yet registered, please contact Vernella Lanham at 703-561-2900 to make an appointment to register your child(ren) for Kindergarten

 [Get started with Kindergarten  
Registration here!](#)

# Where can I find more info?

- Check out our [Floris Website](#)
- Sign up to receive our Friday Message at [News you Choose](#)
- Find out more about before and after school care [School Aged Child Care \(SACC\)](#)
- [Learn more about Kindergarten in FCPS!](#)
- [2024-2025 School Year Calendar](#)

👁️ Keep a lookout for emails from Floris! 👁️



**We look forward to welcoming  
you in August!!**

**Floris Mascot: Eagles  
Colors: Royal blue and white**



# Questions ??

KINDERGARTEN  
★ ROCKS! ★

