

Welcome  
to



Parent Information Night

# District Mission



We commit to high achievement for all students.

## Together Hilltoppers Climb to the Top!

- Take responsibility
- Offer Kindness
- Persevere

# Introductions



**Michael P. Hanlon, Jr., Ph.D.**  
Superintendent



**Ed Klein, Ph.D**  
Assistant Superintendent



**Josh Nau**  
Director of Transportation



**Linda Elegante**  
Director of Student Services



**Mathew Prezioso**  
Principal, Munson Elementary



**Jill Makee**  
Principal, Park Elementary

# Teachers



Mrs.  
Maheu-Park



Mrs.  
Ridgeway-Park



Mrs. Setzer-Park



Mrs. Murzynsky



Mrs. Bednar-Munson



Mrs. Moore-Munson



Mrs. Kingzett-Munson



# Agenda Overview



Focus for the evening:

- Registration
- Kindergarten readiness
- Start of the school year
- Q & A



# When can a student attend Chardon Kindergarten?

- Must be 5 on or before August 1st of the year they enter kindergarten.
- Early Entrance to kindergarten is considered whole grade acceleration
- A parent may request early admission
- Evaluation Required
- Contact [Linda Elegante](#), Director of Student Services
- [Ohio Early Entrance to Kindergarten](#)



# Registration Process



- **Registration** is currently open online.
- Confirmation email stating what to bring with you in person to complete registration.
- Contact lists regarding the 2025-2026 school year is generated by the registration list.
- While we understand that preferences for teachers are important, our elementary schools strive to ensure a balanced and fair classroom experience, so we are unable to accommodate specific teacher requests.

# School Start and End Times



9:20 AM- 3:40 PM

Morning drop off: 9:10 AM

Students are considered tardy  
at 9:21 AM





# School Calendar

## 2025-2026 School Calendar



**Teacher: Pupil Ratio  
1:20-25**

**Projected Students  
Range 140-150**



# August Student Screening

August 13  
August 14  
August 15

- BY APPOINTMENT at Munson
- Parents and students should attend
- Parent Information Session
- Individual Screening



# August Student Screening

## Kindergarten Phase-In Schedule

<b>Wednesday, August 13th</b>	<b>Thursday, August 14th</b>	<b>Friday, August 15th</b>	<b>Monday, August 18th</b>	<b>Tuesday, August 19th</b>
Kindergarten Screening <b>Appointments</b> Last Names A-G	Kindergarten Screening <b>Appointments</b> Last Names H-R	Kindergarten Screening <b>Appointments</b> Last Names S-Z	Full Day of Instruction for Students with Last Names A-L	Full Day of Instruction for Students with Last Names M-Z

**\*\*First Full Day of Instruction for the whole Kindergarten Class is Wednesday, 8/20**

**\*\*\* Emails will be sent with designated screening times the first week of August**

**TEACHER ASSIGNMENT**-Sent via email at the end of day on Friday, August 15th-Teacher pictures and special stories will be posted online that day-check school website

# TRANSPORTATION

## *Bus Stop Safety*

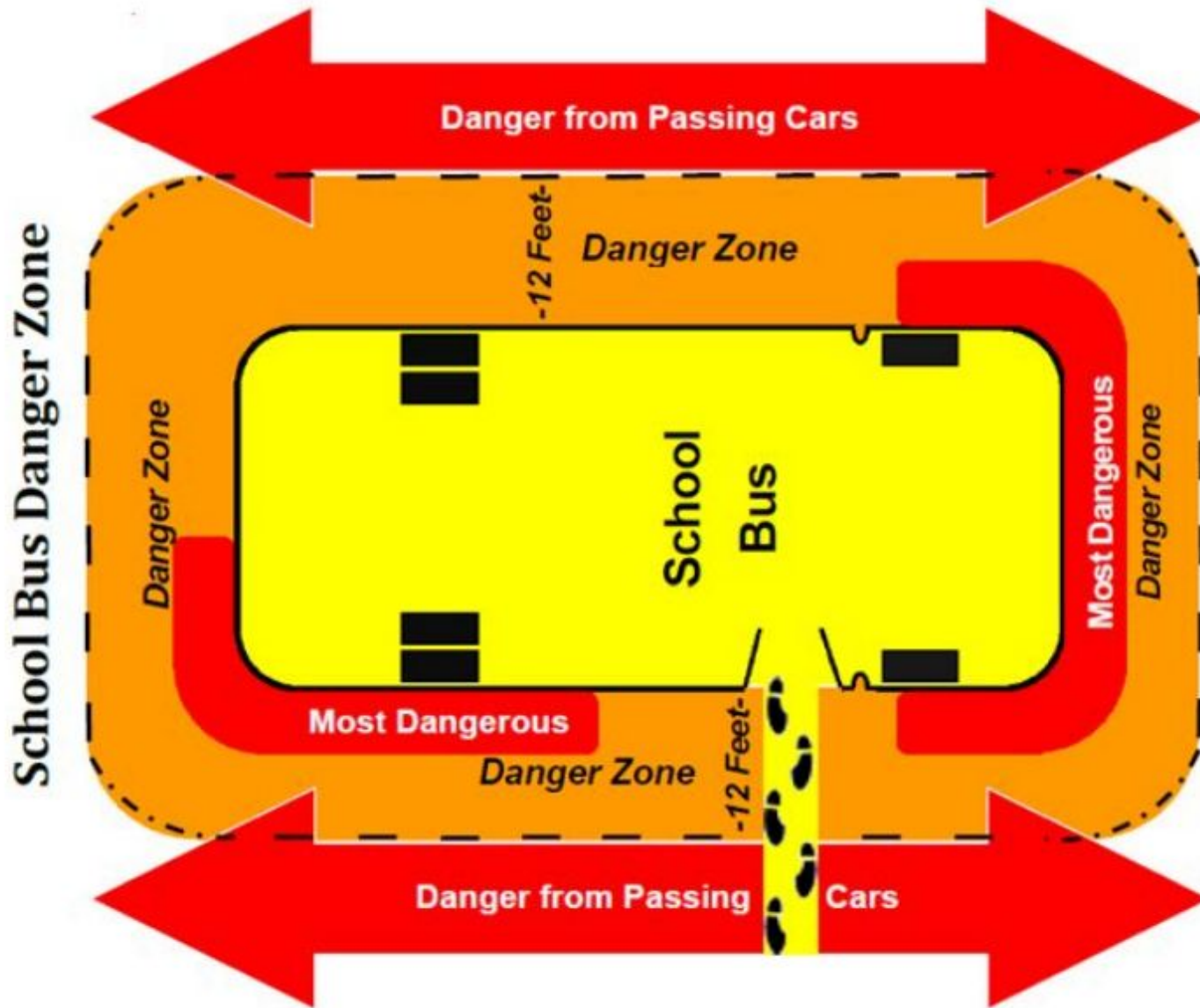
*Important behaviors at the bus stop include:*

- Arriving to the bus stop 5 minutes prior to scheduled pick up time
- Make sure your student has a designated “Safe Spot” that is 12 feet away from traffic
- Once the bus arrives, make sure the bus is completely stopped and the doors are open before your child's starts walking towards the bus to board
- Make sure your child knows about the safety zone around the bus, and never walks in the “Danger Zone” (pictured in the next slide)
- If your child is crossing the road to get on the bus, make sure they wait for the driver to signal that it is safe. The driver will have their hand up while looking for danger, and lower it once they know it is safe for your child to cross.

*Always remember- a blowing bus horn when entering or exiting the bus means danger- look and find safety*



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## *Respectful Riding*

*Important behaviors while riding the bus include:*

- Making sure your child knows that after entering the bus, they should go directly to their assigned seat and sit down
- Once on the bus, students should make sure they always keep their bodies out of the aisle and inside the bus
- Using an inside voice on the bus is very important. Remember, the drivers are focusing on the road and making sure your child gets to and from school safely every day. Yelling and loud voices only take away from the drivers focus on the road
- Make sure your child knows to listen to the bus driver. Riding the bus is a privilege, and there are consequences for unsafe behavior. In the event of a Behavior Referral, the school principal will handle any disciplinary actions and speak with the parent/guardian.

# TRANSPORTATION

## *Bus Tracking App - Downloading and Using*



**1. Download the BusRight App**  
Find BusRight on the Google Play or Apple App Store by clicking below.

**2. Sign Up for an Account**  
Sign up for an account in the app using the email you were invited with. Then, verify your email.

**3. Log In to Your Account**  
Log in to your account using the credentials you just created.

**4. View Your Child's Routes**  
Start viewing your child's routes & track their bus. Get ETAs in real time as they go to and from school.

Switch routes to view morning and afternoon runs or routes for multiple students.

View the real-time ETA to your child's stop.

Manage notification settings to receive alerts when your child's bus starts its trip and arrives at their stop.

Want more information? Check out our [5 minute training video](#) or [Frequently Asked Questions page](#).

Questions? Contact us at [support@busright.com](mailto:support@busright.com)

Chardon Transportation uses the app BusRight for bus tracking. BusRight allows parents to see scheduled pickup and drop off times, along with real time ETA's daily, that change if the bus is ever late or early.

Parents can view who their child's bus driver is, bus number, and more!

Parents and users also get notifications if your child's route is delayed for any reason, or if there are ever any route changes.

**Traffic Delay:** Rowan's bus will be late because of traffic. Estimated arrival changed to 2:45pm.

**Weather Delay:** Skye's bus will be late because of the snow. Pickup moved to 8:05am.

# Bookbag Tags

More Building Specific Info will be provided in August

Book Bag Tags Will be provided at screening:



Student Name

Teacher

Address

How I will Get Home

\_\_ Walk

\_\_ Topper Care

\_\_ Car Rider

\_\_ Bus Number



There will be a special tag for the first 2 days of school. If you need to change your child's method of pick up, please call or email the office no later than 2:00 pm.

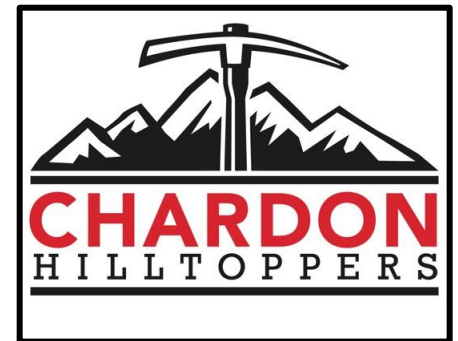
# Kindergarten Experience

## Academic Skills

- All academic content standards covered
- Students experience daily academics along with time devoted to art, music, health, PE, library and technology, world language, recess and lunch.

## Social and Behavior Expectations

- Stamina, Social Skills, Emotional Regulation
- Expectations: Attention, Initiation, Perseverance  
Age Appropriate Independence





# Overview of Kindergarten Day

Mrs. Sarah Bednar, *Kindergarten Teacher*

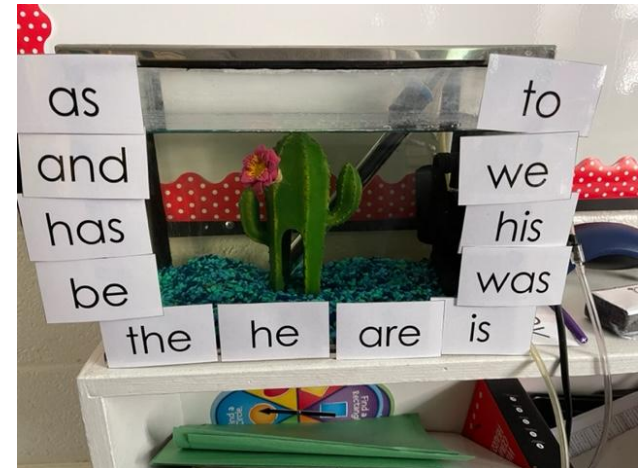




# District Supports

Students enter kindergarten with a wide variety of skills and prior experiences. A tremendous amount of learning and growth will take place in kindergarten.

- English Language Literacy
- Reading and Math Intervention (Title 1)
- Classroom interventions
- Lunch Bunch and Individual Counseling Sessions



# State and District Assessments

- Kindergarten Readiness Assessment-KRA
- MAP Testing
- PBIS - Social and School Behavior
- Dibels
- Formative and Quarterly assessments





# Topper Care

## Before/After School Care

- **Location 1:** Park students bused to and from Chardon Early Learning Center  
Breakfast served at Park
- **Hours:** 6:30-9:00am, 3:40-6:00pm
- **Location 2:** Munson students housed at Munson Elementary  
Breakfast served at Munson
- **Hours:** 6:30-9:15am, 3:40-6:00pm
- **Cost:** \$100. payment with registration for 20 hours of service  
\$2.50 per ½ hour; \$5.00 per hour (1 hour minimum am/pm)
- **Food:** Snack included in the afternoon
- **Paperwork:** Available at BOE after July 1
- **Contact:** Lauri Zampino 440-286-0407  
[lauri.zampino@chardonschools.org](mailto:lauri.zampino@chardonschools.org)



# Getting Ready for Kindergarten

## Pre-Kindergarten Skills Checklist

*Please review these skills with your child over the summer.*

### Bathroom and Self-Care

- ☐ Flush the toilet
- ☐ Use toilet paper
- ☐ Wash hands
- ☐ Respect privacy
- ☐ Blow nose appropriately

### Social Skills

- ☐ Listen when someone is talking
- ☐ Keep hands to self
- ☐ Share and express feelings
- ☐ Manage emotions with words

### Clothing

- ☐ Dress independently
- ☐ Button, snap, and zip
- ☐ Take off jacket or sweater
- ☐ Put on shoes

### Daily Routines

- ☐ Follow a bedtime routine
- ☐ Make it through the day without a nap
- ☐ Eat a meal in 30 minutes

### Mealtime Etiquette

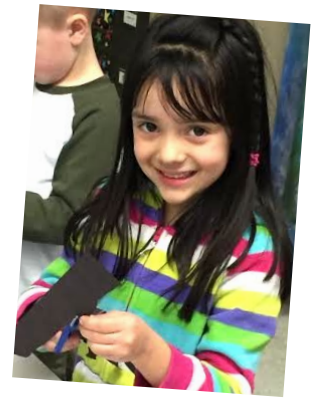
- ☐ Open and close containers
- ☐ Use utensils to eat
- ☐ Use napkins to wipe face and hands
- ☐ Sit down when eating

### Academics

- ☐ Write first name
- ☐ Count to 20
- ☐ Sing the ABC's
- ☐ Play appropriately with pencils, crayons, scissors, and glue



# Resources



## Day By Day Ohio - Family Literacy Calendar

<https://www.daybydayoh.org/may/may-2/>

## Read Together and Grow

<https://crane.osu.edu/our-work/read-together-grow-together/>

## Making Successful Transitions

<https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Early-Learning/Early-Learning-Family-Resources/Helping-Your-Child-Make-Successful-Transitions-Hom>

## Kindergarten Readiness Checklist

<http://goo.gl/LOhiFX>

# Kindergarten

Questions ?

Welcome!



# Mark Your Calendars!



Attend a New Student  
Orientation at your  
Child's School

Friday, August 8th

4:00 - 4:45 PM

Back to School Bash  
Immediately Following

# Department of Education and Workforce

**The Department is a wealth of substantive, reliable,  
and comprehensive resources:**

- \* [Kindergarten Webpage](#) - age requirements, education choices, instruction time / length of school year, and screenings
- \* [Kindergarten Entrance Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#)
- \* [Getting Ready for Kindergarten Webpage](#) - areas of development important to helping young children prepare for learning
- \* [Ohio's Kindergarten Readiness Assessment](#) - how teachers can use this tool to find out the learning needs of children entering kindergarten