



Welcome to Kindergarten

5 year olds
Bushy Park Elementary

Who will work with my child?

- Carol O'Leary – teacher, Team Leader
- Judy Bohn- teacher
- Lynda Powell– teacher
- Dawn Martinec – teacher
- Emily Warner – paraeducator
- Breanne Shaw - paraeducator
- Jennifer Smith– paraeducator
- Judeth Title- special educator

Encourage Independence

It is not what you do for
your children,
but what you have taught
them to do for themselves,
that will make them
successful human beings.

Ann Landers



Communication

- A folder will go back and forth to school every day.
- All flyers and information from BPES will be inside.
- Please use green notes to communicate a change in dismissal, or to excuse an absence when returning to school.

Transportation by Bus

- Arrival time is 9:10 and dismissal is at 3:50 p.m.
- Children will be escorted on and off the bus by a staff member. Children will be given a bus tag with their information on it.
- Adults are required to meet their children at the bus stop when they are in kindergarten. If no adult is present, your child may ride the bus back to school.
- Use the HCPSS bus locator to find more details about your bus stop and times.
<https://www.hcpss.org/schools/transportation/>
- We encourage all bus riders to begin riding the bus on the first day of school.



Cars
stop
here

Buses
stop
here

Bushy Park Elementary School

Transportation by Car

- Arrival time is 9:10 and dismissal is at 3:50 p.m.
- Parents must remain in their cars and follow directions from staff in the car loop.
- Please have your child's car seat in the passenger side of your car if possible.
- Have your child practice getting in and out of their car seat independently.
- Parents who are transporting their children must have an orange fluorescent card (from school) with their child's name written in large print on the visor of their car.

LUNCH

- Lunch will be provided at no cost to families for all HCPSS students throughout the 2021-2022 school year.
- We encourage you to have them bring their lunch the first few days to give them more time to eat.

For lunch this year student will have assigned seats in the cafeteria. We will also offer outdoor seating on a rotating basis, one class per day, weather permitting. For special considerations, please contact administration.

RECESS

- Please be sure your child is dressed for the elements. There playground is in full sun and hot in summer and cool and windy in the winter.
- Sneakers are encouraged for good balance, running, climbing and avoiding mulch in the toes.

Related Arts Calendar

- We follow the HCPSS calendar. There are special color coded days for related arts. Your best bet is to dress your child in sneakers as if PE were everyday.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September holidays and other dates of interest National Hispanic-American Heritage Month (9/15-10/15) 7 Rosh Hashanah (2 days) – Jewish* 18 Yom Kippur – Jewish* <small>*begins sunset of previous day</small>			1	2	3	4
				Capital Budget & FY24-28 Capital Improve. Prog. 7 pm First day of school for Half-Day Pre-K/RECC		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Labor Day Schools and offices closed <small>(State mandated holiday)</small>	Schools and offices closed				
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
				Schools and offices closed		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
				SCS Meeting + pm Public Hearing, Work Session & Approval of FY23 Capital Budget & FY24-28 Capital Improve. Prog. 7 pm		
26	27	28	29	30		

[Click here](#) for the full 2021-22 HCPSS Color Day calendar.

Allergies

- Please inform your child's teacher immediately if your child has allergies.
- Be sure you have communicated medical needs with the health room as well.

Health Information

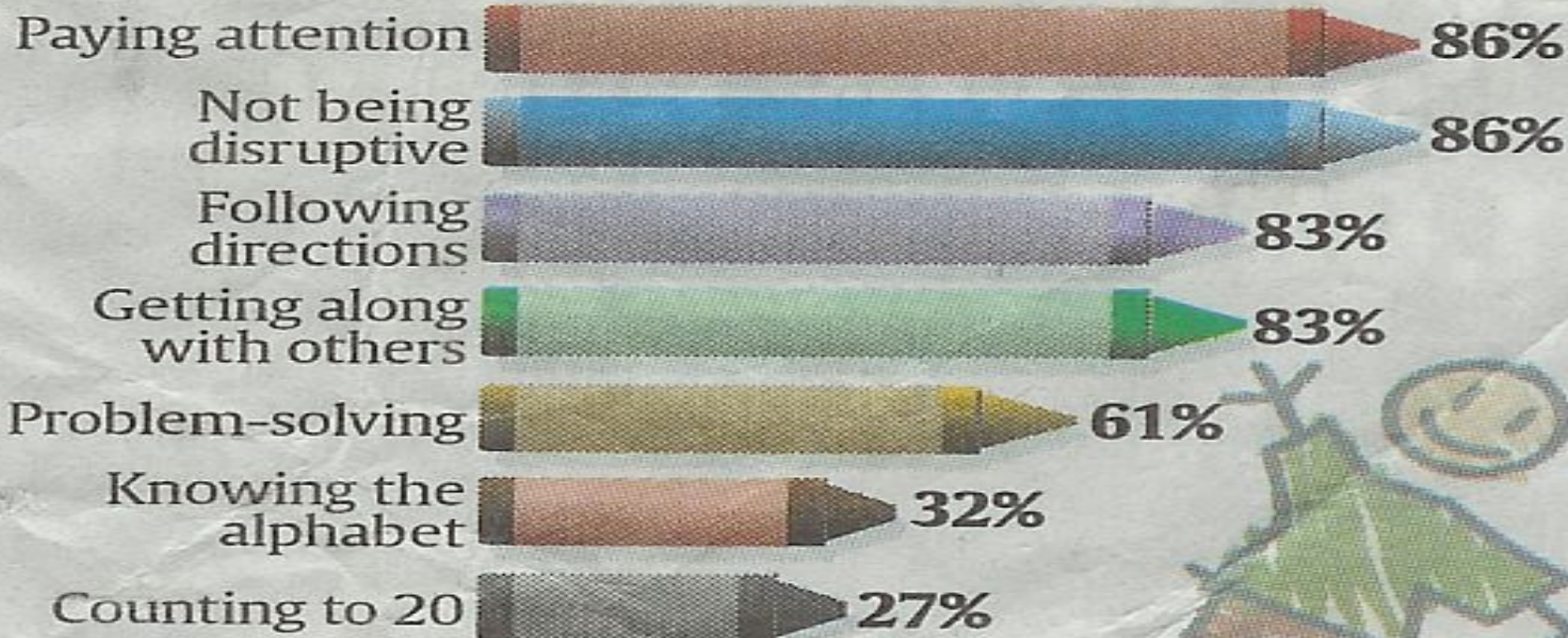
- It is important that your child be healthy when coming to school. Please keep your child home if he or she has the following:
 - Fever within 24 hours
 - Vomiting
 - Diarrhea
 - Discharge from the eye
 - Head lice
 - Viral infections



USA TODAY Snapshots

Early on, social skills trump smarts

Percentage of 800 kindergarten teachers surveyed who say these skills are essential or very important:



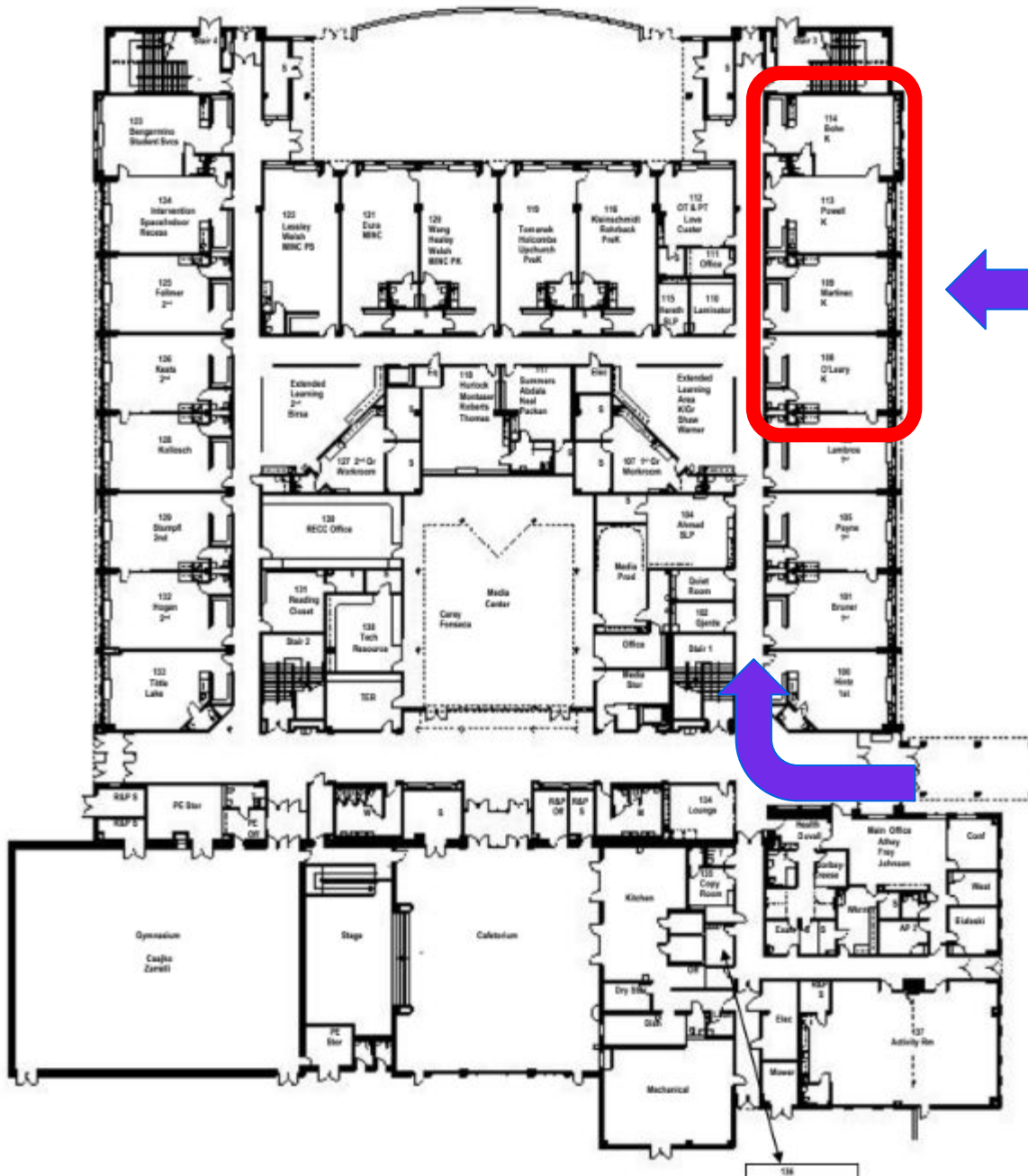
Source: Mason-Dixon Polling for Fight Crime: Invest in Kids

By Julia Neyman and Alejandro Gonzalez, USA TODAY

Volunteers !!!!

- Room Parent- helps to communicate with families.
- Play-dough Fairies- This year instead of homemade play-dough, we are asking for donations of cans for kids to use individually.
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- Team Parent- coordinated parties and communicates with PTA.

Classroom volunteers are still TBA with new restrictions.



Kindergarten
Rooms

Questions?

Please feel free to contact your child's teacher at the school by email.

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