

Connect to Kindergarten

For parents/guardians with students starting kindergarten in the Fall of 2023.





STEPHENSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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HOW TO ENROLL YOUR STUDENT



Enroll Online

Visit pps.net/kinderenroll

Prefer Paper?

Get the Connect to Kindergarten packet from the school office

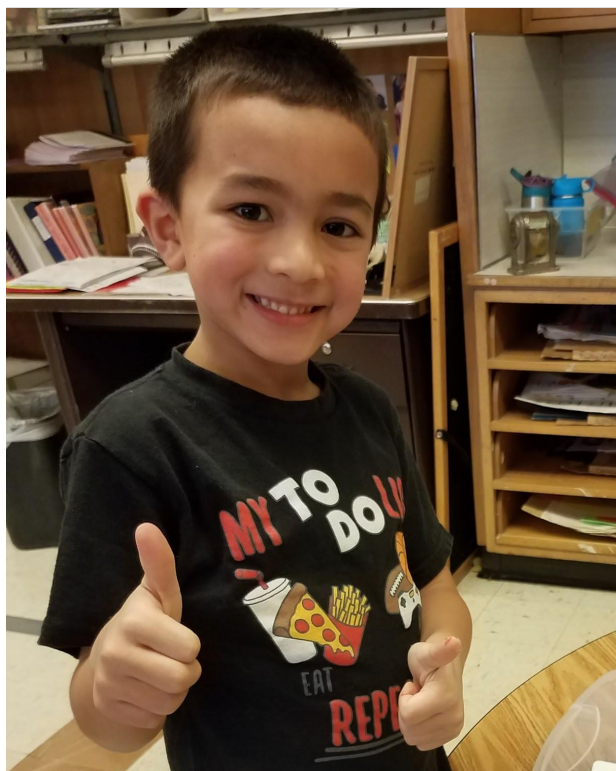
Have Questions?

Call the school office 503-916-6318, or

[PPS Enrollment & Transfer](#)

503-916-3205

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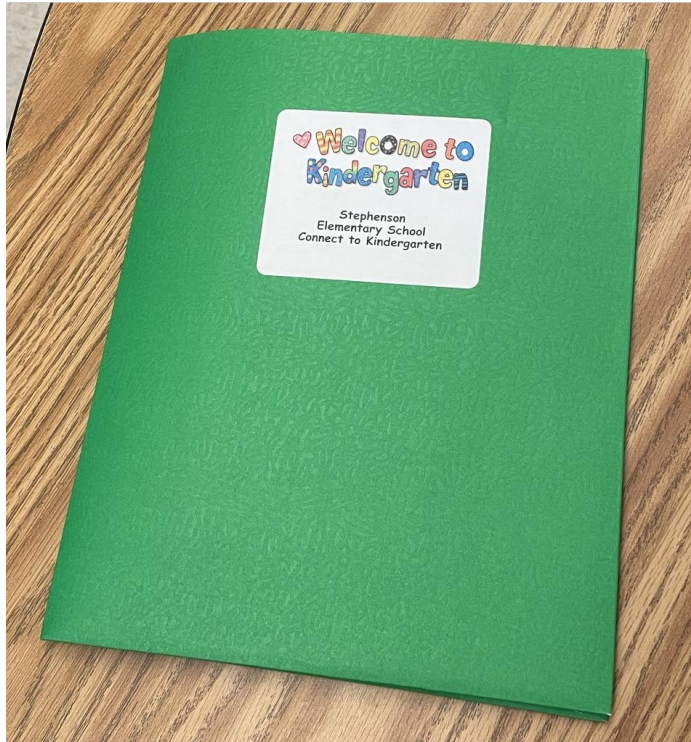


MATERIALS FOR ENROLLMENT



Connect to Kindergarten Packets

- Contains paper registration forms, information about kindergarten readiness and a book about kindergarten for children.
- Stop by the school between the hours of 8AM and 4PM. Ring at the front doors.



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UPCOMING EVENTS - At a Glance



Connect to Kindergarten - Parent Event, Wednesday, April 19, 6:30-7:45 PM, Stephenson Library

Connect to Kindergarten - Family Event, Wednesday, May 24, 6:30-7:45 PM, Stephenson Gym

Popsicles on the Playground, Wednesday, August 16, 6:15-7:30 PM, Stephenson Playground

Find Out Your Child's Teacher, Date TBD (late August)

Community Care Day, Date TBD, A Saturday in late Aug. for neighbors to spruce up the grounds,, 9 AM -12 PM

Kindergarten Family Visits, August 29-30, 8 AM - 3:30 PM, an individual appointment with your kindergarten teacher to get to know one another.

Kindergarten Practice Days, August 31-September 1, a warm-up day with half the class to build relationships and routines prior to the first day of kindergarten

First Day of Kindergarten, Tuesday, September 5, 8 AM - 2:15 PM

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UPCOMING EVENT



Connect to Kindergarten Parent Event

Wednesday, April 19, 6:30 -7:45 PM,
Stephenson Library

Parents of Incoming kindergarteners meet in the library for a presentations by the kindergarten teachers and other staff.



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UPCOMING EVENT



Connect to Kindergarten - Family Event

Wednesday, May 24, 6:30 -7:45 PM, Stephenson Gym

Incoming kindergarteners and their families join the kindergarten teachers and other staff in the gym for a story, a song and various activity centers.



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UPCOMING EVENTS



Popsicles on the Playground

An event to welcome our new kindergarteners and families to Stephenson Elementary

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2023

6:15-7:30 pm

Stephenson's Playground



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UPCOMING EVENTS



Community Care Day, Date TBD (A Saturday in late August), 9AM -1PM

The community has a great opportunity to show their care for Stephenson Elementary. If you can, please join us in sprucing up our school grounds with tasks like raking, mulching, and weeding. Be sure to bring your rakes, gloves, and other yard equipment.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Kindergarten Family Visits, Tuesday, August 29, or Wednesday, August 30, 8 AM - 3:30 PM, in your child's classroom

We are excited to meet you and your kindergartener! The purpose of this 1:1 visit is for you and your child's teacher to get to know each other and to answer questions you or your child may have about kindergarten.

- ▶ We will take a photo of your child that will help us in labeling materials in the classroom.
- ▶ Siblings can come if necessary.
- ▶ Teachers will reach out to in August to set up this appointment.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Kindergarten Practice Days, Thursday, August 31, or Friday, September 1, 8 AM -2:15 PM, in your child's classroom

This is a warm-up day with half the class and is prior to the first day of kindergarten. We will be focusing on community-building and introducing basic school routines.

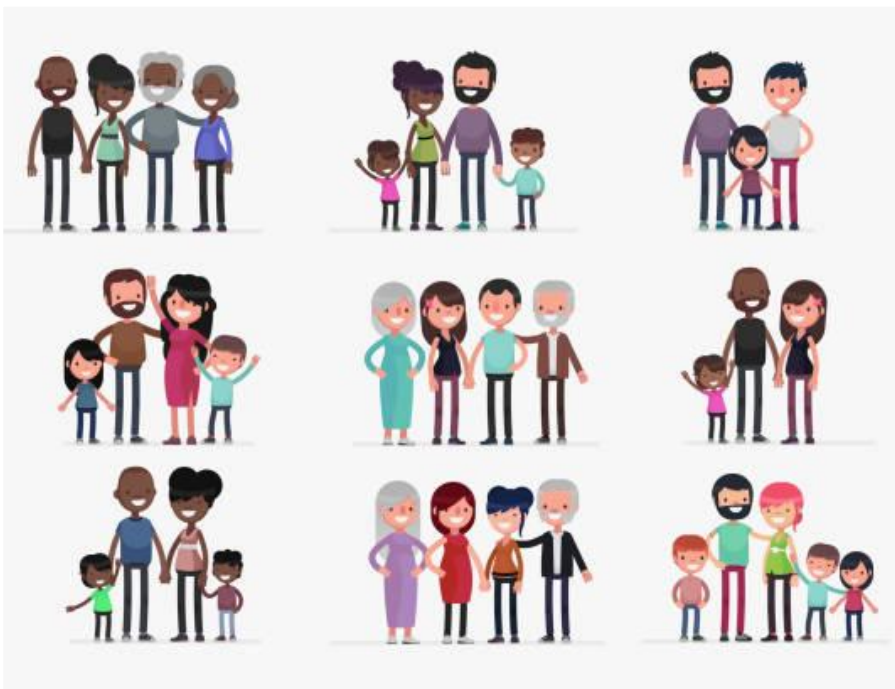
Practice Day 1: Thursday, August 31, 8 AM - 2:15 PM, **for students with last names A-L.**

Practice Day 2: Friday, September 1, 8 AM - 2:15 PM, **for students with last names M-Z.**

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KINDERGARTEN INTAKE SURVEY



We are so excited for you and your family to join the Stephenson learning community. Please take a few moments to help us get to know your child and your family a little better by clicking [HERE](#).

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STEPHENSON VISION STATEMENT



Stephenson School will provide a compassionate, caring environment where all students, staff and the community are challenged and motivated to achieve their personal, academic and creative best.





STEPHENSON MISSION STATEMENT



To prepare students to become responsible world citizens and life-long learners, Stephenson School is committed to becoming a professional learning community. We recognize art, music and second language as avenues to self expression and communication and as essential to the educational experience of all students.

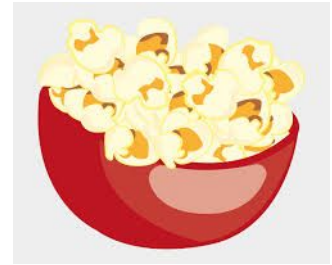
Stephenson Elementary School is at its best when all individuals honor each student by name, value their individual contributions and recognize that all students have the ability to strive, shine and succeed. The Stephenson learning community is at its best with a continued collaborative partnership between school and a highly involved community.



CARLOS GALINDO, PRINCIPAL



- ▶ Originally from Nyssa, Oregon
- ▶ Taught elementary school 7 years and middle school for 11 years
- ▶ Twenty years as a principal
- ▶ Eight years as principal at Stephenson
- ▶ **Fun Fact:** *Loves popcorn!*



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KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS - General Education

Mrs. Evans & Mrs. Bussey



Linda Evans

- ▶ Originally from Sunnyvale, Calif.
- ▶ 29 years teaching and 27 years at Stephenson
- ▶ **Fun Fact:** *I can play the clarinet and yes, I went to band camp (twice)!*

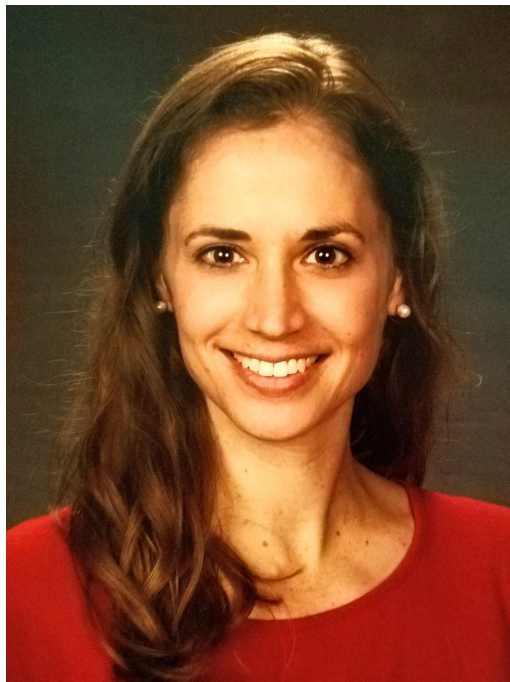
[Mrs. Evans' website](#)

[About Mrs. Bussey](#)

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KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS - General Education

Mrs. Evans & Mrs. Bussey



Dana Bussey

- ▶ Originally from Madison, WI
- ▶ Sixteen years teaching—mostly at kindergarten and seventh year at Stephenson.
- ▶ **Fun Fact:** *I love to sing and dance and have recurring dreams about performing on stage.*

[Mrs. Bussey's website](#)

[About Mrs. Evans](#)

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SUPPLY LIST 2023-24



printable version

- ☐ 1 backpack labeled with the child's name and big enough to hold a 9x12 folder
- ☐ 4 boxes 24-count Crayola crayons
- ☐ 4 small Elmer's glue sticks
- ☐ 2 boxes 24-count Crayola colored pencils
- ☐ 1 travel-sized bottle of hand sanitizer
- ☐ 1 box facial tissues
- ☐ 1 ream 20 lb (standard) white copy paper
- ☐ 4 packs fragrance-free baby wipes
- ☐ 1 handheld pencil sharpener

- ☐ 1 set of children's headphones (not earbuds, please), labeled with child's name and placed in a gallon ziplock (also labeled with name)
- ☐ Last names A-L: 1 box sandwich-size, plastic zipper bags
- ☐ Last names M-Z: 1 box gallon-size, plastic zipper bags
- ☐ Water bottle with a pop top (not a screw lid)

For Ms. Bussey's class only: 1 pencil box (e.g., plastic 5½ x 8½ with snap lid)

For Mrs. Evans' class only: 1 box 10-count Crayola fine-line markers



CURRICULUM



EDUCATING THE WHOLE CHILD

- Reading
- Writing
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- Library
- Technology
- Music
- Social & Emotional Learning
- Art
- Health
- Physical Education





DAILY SCHEDULE



SAMPLE SCHEDULE*

7:45 - 8:00	Arrival	11:15 - 12:15	Lunch and Recess
8:00 - 8:30	Social/Emotional Learning	12:15 - 12:45	Literacy continued
8:30 - 9:00	Foundational Skills - Literacy	12:45 - 1:30	Math
9:00 - 9:45	Literacy	1:30 - 2:00	Guided Play (Discovery Time)
9:45 - 10:00	Snack & Recess	2:00 - 2:15	Pack-up / Afternoon Meeting
10:00 - 10:35	Science/Social Studies/Health	2:15	Exit Bell
10:35 - 11:15	Enrichment (Dance, Music, P.E., Library, or Technology)		

*The schedule may be slightly different during the 2023-24 school year.



ABOUT LUNCH



- Kindergarten students eat in their classrooms.
- Some students choose to bring a sack lunch. Please include a drink or a water bottle.
- Some students choose to buy school lunch or receive free or reduced-price lunch. See the [PPS Nutrition Services](#) website for more information.
- School lunch includes milk (1% or chocolate.)
- There is a nut-free table at lunch. For severe allergies, a whole classroom may be nut-free.

Visit the [PPS Nutrition Services](#) website for menus and other resources.



TRANSPORTATION



- School buses run in the morning and afternoon.
- Students can be picked up at the school. Guardians park and pick up their student at a designated spot.
- Some students attend the aftercare program, [SCCA](#).
- After-school activities such as yoga and Spanish take place in the building with cooperating organizations.
- Teachers or other school staff escort kindergarten students to all after-school destinations including buses and after-school activities.

Visit the [PPS Transportation website](#) for more information.



COMMUNICATIONS



- **Weekly newsletter** by email from kindergarten team
- **Friday News Notes** by email from the principal
- **PPS news emails** occasionally from PPS Communications Dept.
- **Urgent/Emergency communications** by text and robocall from PPS Communications Dept.
- **Parent Vue***(access to grades, attendance records, etc.)

** You will get an activation letter after registration.*



CAN WE REQUEST A TEACHER?



No. You may, however, send an email to Principal Galindo telling him of your child's specific learning style or special needs. We will take this information into consideration when forming classes.



OFFICE STAFF



Georg Sperle & Janel Hansen School Secretaries

Georg and Janel help families with enrollment, attendance and more.

Email: gsperle@pps.net, jhansen@pps.net
503-916-6318



STEPHENSON PTA AND FOUNDATION



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PTA Link Tree

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SCHOOL COUNSELORS



Miranda Trullench

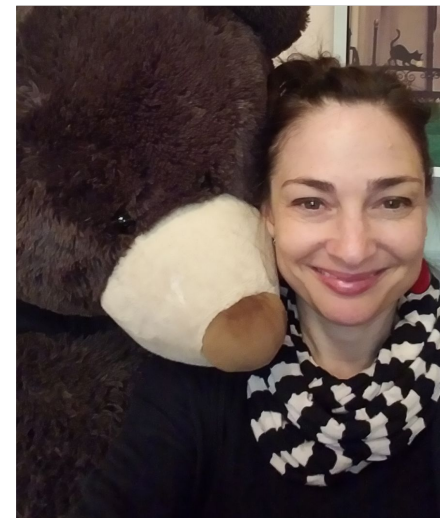
Nicole Gekov

The counselors work alongside teachers and parents/guardians to help students develop socially and emotionally, and to help remove any barriers they have with learning.

Miranda



Nicole



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OTHER STAFF TO BE AWARE OF



- **School Nurse** (once a week)
- **School Health Assistant** (daily)
- **English Language Services Teacher** (once a week)
- **Resource Room Teacher** (Special Education)
- **Speech and Language Pathologist** (4 days per week)
- **School Psychologist** (once a week)



SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASSROOM

K-2 Communication/Behavior Classroom



Ellen Eustice

+ 3 Paraeducators



For students with special communication and behavioral needs.

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STEPHENSON CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION (SCCA)



**Offering before-
and after-school
child care for
Stephenson
students**

Contact SCCA_kids@yahoo.com for more information

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SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS (optional)



padlet

*Or click on the logo
above to open padlet*

1. What are you hoping for your child and their time at Stephenson Elementary?
2. What worries you, if anything, about your child starting kindergarten?

Click **HERE** to visit the virtual bulletin board (padlet) and share your thoughts about your child starting kindergarten.

CONTACTS

Please feel free to contact us with any additional questions you may have.

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Dana Bussey, **K Teacher**: dbussey1@pps.net

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