



**Connect to
Kindergarten**

Buckman Arts Focus Elementary



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WELCOME TO BUCKMAN

The mission of Buckman Arts Focused Elementary School is to provide education through a rigorous arts-integrated curriculum designed to engage, excite and empower students. Buckman Elementary School is committed to fostering an inclusive, creative, inquisitive and respectful community of learners.





Angela Ekelof,
Kinder teacher



Jessie Ingraham,
Kinder teacher



Jess Firestone,
Counselor



Lisa Ditto, Assistant Principal
Heather Gordon, Principal

Students We Serve

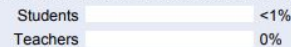


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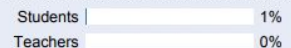
Student Enrollment

DEMOGRAPHICS

American Indian/Alaska Native



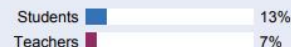
Asian



Black/African American



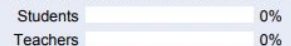
Hispanic/Latino



Multiracial



Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander



White



<5%

Ever English
Learners



14

Languages
Spoken

23%

Students
with
Disabilities

86%

Required
Childhood
Vaccinations

>95%

Free/
Reduced
Price Lunch



Our Staff (rounded FTE)



24

Teachers



9

Educational
assistants



2

Counselors/
Psychologists/
Social Workers



91%

Average teacher
retention rate over
the past three years



83%

% of licensed teachers
with more than 3 years
of experience

2022-2023

*10 students no data available

WHAT MAKES US UNIQUE?

The school's highly trained arts specialists provide concentrated instruction in the disciplines of music, visual art, and dance. The arts specialists collaborate with the classroom teachers to integrate arts into the core curriculum, resulting in effective and creative communicators and thinkers, ready to succeed in school and beyond.



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I love art, painting pictures, watching color spread across
the page

I love music, blending melodies together, learning the
right notes to get the perfect song

RUBY, 2nd grade

Visual Art and Music Rotations!



Darcy Rudnick,
Teacher-Librarian

Weekly Library class!



Eric Schopmeyer,
Music Teacher



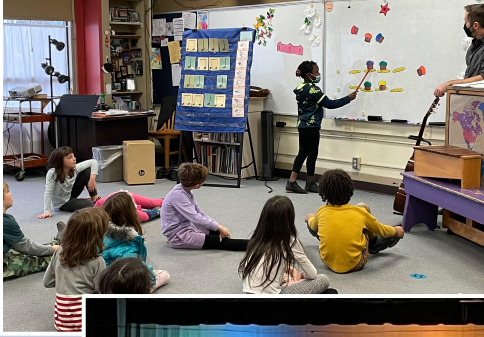
Nicole Penoncello, Visual
Arts Teacher

Dance Every Week for PE!



Hannah Downs,
Dance Teacher





Fundamentals in
expressive art forms...

DANCE,
VISUAL ARTS,
MUSIC!

learned through a joyful,
multi-disciplinary,
multicultural approach.

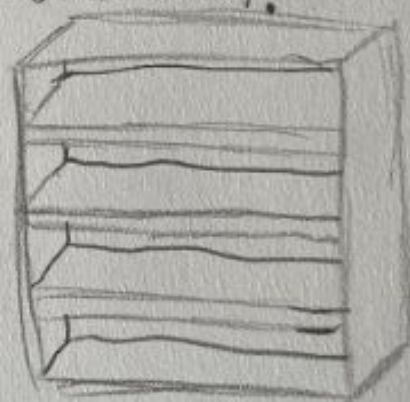
Arts integration: Developing
critical thinking, core content
knowledge, and communication
skills

Buckman, I love library.

I love reading a new book fresh of the shelf.

I love walking around, browsing for a good book.

I love a lot of books a whole lot of books.



Oscar 5th

COMMUNITY AT BUCKMAN



Buddy classroom activities

Schoolwide events: Spirit Weeks,
Fun for the Arts, Field Day, ROARS
assemblies, Fall Festival, Arts &
Crafts nights, and more!

Be You at Buckman,
GSA, & Race Forward:
building a community where
everyone belongs!



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Family and school partnership

Parent Teacher Association

- Room Parents
- Art Show and Sell
- Fun for the Arts

Foundation

- Auction
- Buckman Dines Out

Family Leadership Opportunities

SUN (Schools Uniting Neighborhoods)

- Community events
- Resource support
- After-school program*



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Sample Daily Schedule:

8:28 am	Doors open: grab & go breakfast
8:35 am 8:45 am	First bell rings Last bell rings
	Morning Circle: building community
	Wit & Wisdom: literacy block
11:15 am	Lunch/Recess: Let's Play!

	Math and Calendar: iReady
30 – 45 Min. blocks	Specials: Dance (PE) Music, Visual Art, or Library
	Science, Social Studies or Health
	Choice Time: sharing is caring!
3:00 am	Going Home: Must be met by an adult, bus, or Champions

Activity in Kindergarten

- **Breaks** for recess (2x per day) and snack
- **PE** twice per week
 - PE with Coach C & Run/Walk with classrooms
- **Arts** with specialists 3x per week
- **Yoga** and mindful breathing
- **Guided Play** times daily

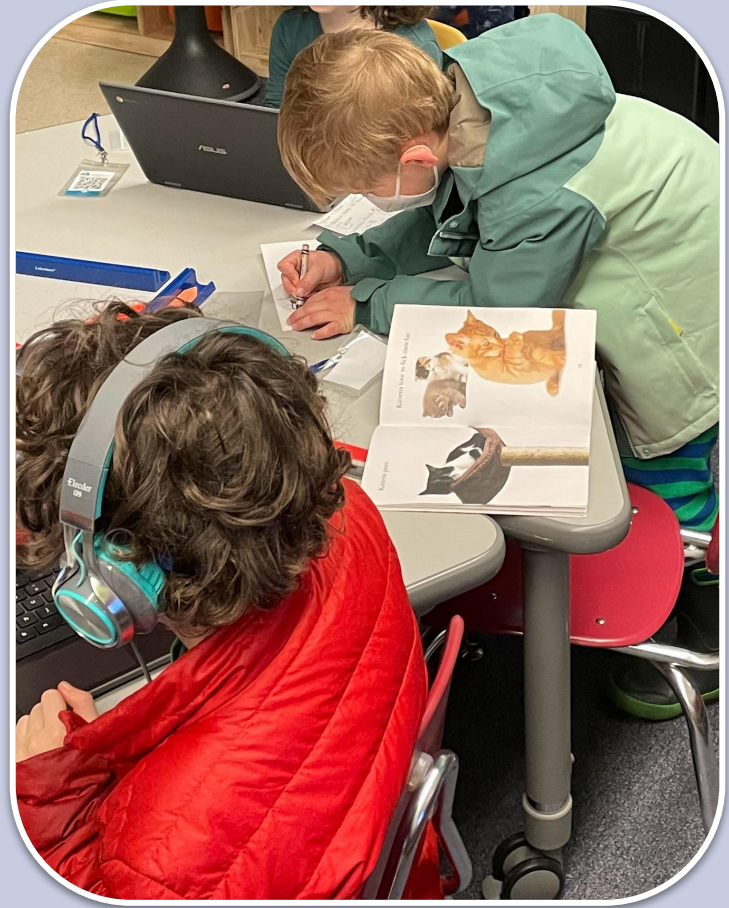


What part of the kindergarten day will YOUR student be most excited about?

- a. Recess/lunch
- b. Arts/specials
- c. Math/science
- d. Read alouds AND learning to read

Helpful kindergarten school skills

- I can zip, button, tie my shoes, and write my name
- I can take turns
- I can use the restroom all by myself, including wash my hands
- I have used pencils, scissors, glue, staplers and tape
- I can eat my lunch and open my containers by myself
- I can follow directions, and I can stay in my own space





HOW TO REGISTER?

Register online:

Visit pps.net/kinderenroll

Prefer paper?:

Call our school office
503.916.6230

Have questions?

Call our school office or PPS
Enrollment & Transfer
(503.916.3205)



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Lottery Timeline

Step 1: Visit the school choice website:

pps.net/schoolchoice

Step 2: Lottery opens in Feb. Watch our school choice video for instructions.

Step 3: Register at your neighborhood school.

Step 4: Lottery results are announced in late Spring. Approved students will automatically be transferred.





Let's Keep in Touch!

Buckman Website:

<https://www.pps.net/buckman>

August 2024 Events:

Kinder Meet Up &
School Tour

Buckman Community
Meet & Greet

September: Open House



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**Hope to See
You Soon!**



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