Incoming Kindergarten Families
Burr Elementary School
June 11, 2020
Agenda

Welcome & Introductions

Burr School Overview

Day in the Life of a Kindergartener

Burr After School Program

Nuts & Bolts

Q & A
Burr School Overview

- 370 students
- 17 classrooms
- Neighborhood Inclusion
- METCO
- ELL
- Vibrant Community
Our School Community

- Core Values: Respect, Compassion, Teamwork, Perseverance
- Responsive School Model
  https://youtu.be/mhV6AcBxeBc
- Conversations about race and equity
- Partnership with families
School Staff

- K-5 Classroom Teachers
  - K Team: Catalina Frail, Vanessa Mc Mahon, Briana Russo
  - K aides: Sarah Blanusa, Michelle Magno, Gillian Richards

- Specialists – Art, Physical Education, Library, Music

- Literacy Specialist, Math Coach, ELL teachers, Interventionists

- Social Worker, School Psychologist, Flexible Support Aide, METCO Social Worker

- Special Education Teachers, Inclusion Facilitators, Team Chair

- Approximately 16 full time inclusion aides, 3 part-time aides

- OT, S/L, APE, Vision specialist

- Administrative Assistant, School Nurse, Principal, Custodians
A Day in the Life of a Kindergartener
Kindergarten Program

- Designed to foster and support development of each child at their pace
- Nurture children’s curiosity and love of learning
- Focus on academics as well as social and emotional development of child
- Year of tremendous growth
- Full time teaching assistants and many support staff
Reading and Writing

- Literary Units
- Phonemic Awareness
- Phonics
- Shared Reading
- Guided Reading
- Writers Workshop
Mathematics

- Counting!
- Games!
- Identifying numbers
- Comparing numbers
- Adding (putting together)
- Subtracting (taking away)
- Learning about shapes
BURR PTO

Spencer Poole, Co-President
Jenn Reale, Co-President
Jon Spack, Co-President

Burr School PTO
Auburndale, MA
Burr PTO Mission

Strengthen Burr School’s capacity to provide quality education to all Burr children by:

- Serving as a communication link between parents, the school and the broader community
- Raising funds to support the education of our children
- Providing supplemental educational programs within the school and
- Building community among Burr families and faculty.

We have many fun events from BooFest to World Culture Potlucks with lots of volunteer opportunities. The PTO sponsors all of these events through fundraising and donations from families.
Wolf Fund

- Through our annual giving program, The Wolf Fund, and various fundraisers, we raise money to bring cutting-edge technologies and curriculum-aligned programs to Burr School.

- The Creative Arts and Sciences consist of programs that are brought into the classrooms for enrichment and to help enhance grade level curricula.

- Every child in every grade benefits from the Burr PTO
You can contact the program director at 617-965-1518. The website will provide more information about the program. Please know the after school program is not a part of Newton Public Schools. However, we do partner with them since we serve the same children and families.
Nuts and Bolts

- School hours
  - M, W, TH, F – 8:20-3:00
  - T – 8:20-12:30

- Communication with school and sharing student information

- Drop off in September - will likely be outside only
Health Office

- Full time school nurse - Diane Best
- Forms
  - Health History
  - Health Report
  - Immunization
- Allergies/Medication forms
Next Steps

- District is planning for 2020-21 school year
- Guidance from the State is expected in late June
- Focus will be on health and safety of our community
- As we gain more clarity, families will receive communication from the district as well as from me
- Placement notifications and welcome letter from teachers are sent home in late August
Thank you for attending!

If you have any other questions or concerns please email me at johalm@newton.k12.ma.us