

July 14, 2023

Dear Parents of Kindergarteners,

Starting school is a big milestone for your child. We want you to know that we value celebrating your child's first day of kindergarten and want to make this transition as easy as possible for both you and them. With this in mind, we are going to hold Kindergarten Transition Day on Wednesday, August 15th from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Kindergarten students will be the only students in the building, so you will be able to walk your child into the building to his/her classroom, take a first day of kindergarten picture and then pick your child up outside at 11:00 a.m. For pick up, your child will be lined up with their class and the teacher will dismiss them to you when the teacher sees that you are present. This will be the normal dismissal routine for students being picked-up after school during the school year. CGES students will be picked up on the playground slab. PHES students will be picked up on the west side of the gym on Garfield Street. For this day, we ask that you only enter the doors by the lunchroom (northwest doors on the bus lane) at CGES and the front door at PHES. Bus routes will **NOT** be picking up/dropping off Kindergarten students on this day.

During orientation, your child will be working on transitions, getting a tour of the building, meeting other teachers, staff, peers and having time to feel comfortable in the building without the other grade levels present. A mid-morning snack will be provided. Parents who have not completed or need assistance completing the ASQ screener surveys will be able to complete them during this time. (More information about these screeners can be found on the back of this page!)

On August 17th, the district's first day of school for all students, drop off and pick up will occur normally outside the school building. All bus routes will run as normal, as well. If you have any questions about transportation, please contact Matthew at the District Office (620-767-5192). If you have any questions about Kindergarten Transition Day, please contact the CGES Office (620)767-6851 or the PHES Office (785)499-6313.

Sincerely,

Heather Honas, CGES Principal
Chris Delforge, PHES Principal
Kelcy Bremer, CGES Assistant Principal

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Because your child's first 5 years of life are so important, we want to help you provide the best start for your child. You've been asked to participate in an Ages & Stages Questionnaires (ASQ-3) and the Ages & Stages Questionnaires®: Social Emotional, Second Edition (ASQ:SE-2TM). These are online screeners to help you keep track of your child's development. You will be asked to answer questions about some things your child can and cannot do. The ASQ-3 questionnaire includes questions about your child's communication, gross motor, fine motor, problem solving, and personal social skills. The ASQ: SE2 questionnaire includes questions about your child's ability to calm down, take direction and follow rules, communicate, perform daily activities (e.g., eating, sleeping), act independently, demonstrate feelings, and interact with others.

These surveys in no way will affect your child's ability to participate in Kindergarten. The Kansas Department of Education is using the survey data to gain knowledge about how prepared children are for Kindergarten. It is our hope that this will help provide resources to early childhood learning. It is important that you complete **BOTH** surveys. You may begin completing the surveys starting August 1st and they **must** be completed by September 20th. Computers will be set up to complete the surveys during Kindergarten Orientation and Back to School Night.

Please access the following URLs by typing it into your Internet Browser.

PHES Links	CGES Links
ASQ-3 - http://asqonline.com/family/cc7a74	ASQ-3 English - https://www.asqonline.com/family/7f8be7 ASQ-3 Spanish - https://www.asqonline.com/family/a257a0
ASQ:SE-2 - http://asqonline.com/family/409b89	ASQ:SE-2 English - https://www.asqonline.com/family/16d4ed ASQ:SE-2 Spanish - https://www.asqonline.com/family/9dfed8

We look forward to your participation in **BOTH** of these ASQ screeners!

Sincerely,

Heather Honas, CGES Principal
Chris Delforge, PHES Principal
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