

# Welcome New Student Orientation



Arrowhead Elementary School  
August 27, 2019

# General School Information

- What does a typical elementary student day look like?

School Day 8:55-3:35 (Grades 1-4)

Kindergarten AM 8:55-11:55

Kindergarten PM 12:45-3:35

## Content and Subject Areas:

ELA –English Language Art - Wonders (year 3)

Math –Math in focus (year 4)

Science

Social Studies

Focus on STEM (4 C's creativity and innovation, communication, critical thinking and problem solving)

# General School Information

Student will participate in special area classes each day.

Art, Library, Music, and Physical Education

Recess: Kindergarten students: 15 minutes each day

Grades 1-4: 30 minutes

Drills: Fire Drills, Severe Weather, Evacuation, Shelter in Place

# Additional School Information

Looking to volunteer:

Please refer to the Methacton School District Website for information.

<http://www.methacton.org>

Click on the link that states [volunteering in Methacton.](#)

It is located in the lower right hand side of the webpage.

# Volunteer requirements

- 1) [Act 34 \(PA Criminal Background Check\)](#) (online)
- 2) [Act 151 \(PA Child Abuse Clearance Form\)](#) (online)
- 3) [FBI Clearance required for PA residents who have not resided in the state within the last 10 years.](#)
- 4) [TB Test, \(Completed by MSD or through your physician's office\)](#)
- 5) [Completed Volunteer Registration Form \(online\)](#)
- 6) Bring completed volunteer information to any MSD school or the district office.
- 7) Approval by Board of School Directors
- 8) **\*\*\*NEW\*\*\* Clearances must be updated every 5 years per PA Department of Human Services. This applies for school volunteers and employees.**

Please visit MSD Website for content and information

The image shows a banner for the Methacton School District website. At the top left, the district's logo features the word "Methacton" in a green serif font with a black apple icon inside the letter 'M', and "SCHOOL DISTRICT" in a black sans-serif font below it. To the left of the logo is a black navigation bar with a white hamburger menu icon and the word "Menu" in white. Below the navigation bar is a green horizontal bar. The main banner area is white and contains various school-related icons: a blue ruler, a stack of colorful books, a calculator, a globe, a yellow pencil, a red alarm clock, a red backpack, a paint palette, a pencil sharpener, a ruler, and a stack of papers. On the right side of the banner, the district's logo is repeated. Below the logo, the text "Welcome to the 2019-2020 School Year" is written in a black sans-serif font. At the bottom right, the text "First Day of School is Wednesday, August 28" is written in a black sans-serif font.

# Methacton SCHOOL DISTRICT

Menu

## Methacton SCHOOL DISTRICT

Welcome to the  
2019-2020 School Year

First Day of School is  
Wednesday, August 28

# Questions or concerns

## School related concerns

- Student drop off and pick up
- Bus drop off and pick up
- Please contact your child's teacher first
- Bus and transportation concerns: contact transportation office or school office.
- School Office Phone number: 610-489-5000 ext. 44200
- Transportation Office: 610-489-5000 ext. 25080 or 25101
- First Student will provide transportation services for MSD.

- School Nurse Information
- School Counselor Information
- Home and School Information



# New Student Orientation

# Student Health Forms/ Contact Information

- Pink medical forms were mailed home over the summer
- Please complete form and return to school during the first week.
- All contact and emergency phone numbers are in Power School
- Please make sure to log onto Power School and ensure all phone numbers are accurate
- Please notify myself or the front office of any changes during the school year.

# Food Allergies or Sensitivities

- Please notify me of any food allergies your child may have.
- Complete allergy survey
- Please send in a safe snack for your child to have during celebrations. These snacks will be kept in my office or the classroom.



# Medication

- Students are not allowed to bring any medication to school without a physician's order and parent signature.
- Please see me or check my website for medication permission form
- Forms need to be completed each school year.
- Medication needs to be properly labeled.



# Injury /Illness

- Please contact me in the event of any injury or illness that occurs during the school year.
- Physician notes are required to miss Physical education class and again when cleared to return to class.
- Please notify the attendance office whenever your child will be absent or late to school
- Child check # **610-831-5331**

# Immunizations

- If you have been contacted this summer by the school district regarding your child's immunizations please take a moment to see me in my office today

# Contact Information

- [kbenarick@methacton.org](mailto:kbenarick@methacton.org)
- 610- 489-5000 ext. 44203

# School Counseling Program

- Counselor introduction lessons
- New Student Meetings
- Developmental curriculum- classroom lessons (Respect self and others, friendship, conflict resolution, human diversity, coping with feelings and stress management)
- Small student groups (anxiety, school success, friendship, etc.)
- Individual meetings (sensitive issues, confidentiality)
- Parent Resources
- Bully Prevention in Positive Behavior Support
  - Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible
  - Stop, Walk, Talk
  - Em-bee-thy







Home and School Association

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yh237vP10sWQryh4QDUcoFcy9cv2rYEG/view?usp=sharing>

**Welcome New and Returning Families!**  
**Our Arrowhead Family just got bigger**  
**and better!**



**We are in for a FANTASTIC Year!**  
**Please get involved!!**

## What's next?

- AM Kindergarten students and their families may exit to meet their teachers. (Mrs. Fischer and Mrs. Raley)
- PM Kindergarten students and their families will exit for a brief bus ride. Upon returning you will meet Mrs. Fischer and Mrs. Raley AM Kindergarten students will ride the bus next.
- Any new students and their families may opt to ride the bus for the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> bus ride. At this time, you may opt to visit your teacher's classroom. Please line up with assigned staff member.

## Tour guides

- AM K class – Mrs. Fischer
- AM K class – Mrs. Raley
- PM K-Mrs. Fischer's class – Mrs. Johnson
- PM K-Mrs. Raley's class – Mrs. Pashley
- Grade 1 new students – Ms. Sawyer
- Grade 2 new students - Mrs. Caccavo
- Grade 3 new students – Mrs. Gattone
- Grade 4 new students – Ms. Takemori

Thank you for attending today's  
new student orientation!  
We look forward to a terrific  
school year!