

May 11, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you have likely heard, school has been closed for the remainder of the school year due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Kindergarten Screening that was scheduled for April 13 and 14, 2020 and Kindergarten Orientation that was scheduled for May 29, 2020 has been cancelled due to this closure.

During Kindergarten Screening, incoming students participate in the Developmental Indicators for the Assessment of Learning- Fourth Edition (DIAL-4). This screening tool provides information on children's development in the areas of Motor, Concepts and Language. In addition, children participate in a hearing and vision screening completed by the school nurse's office. These activities will occur in the fall when students begin school.

While students are participating in the screening activities, parents are interviewed by members of the Burgess Elementary School staff in order to gain information about your child. We will be reaching out to all families to complete these interviews virtually.

Student placement will occur prior to the beginning of the 2020/2021 school year. Students who currently attend the Burgess Elementary School preschool program will be placed based on recommendations from their current teachers. For students who are new to Burgess, staff will review the information provided in the registration packets and information provided during the virtual interview. If your child attends a daycare or preschool program other than Burgess, school staff would be happy to talk to your child's program staff with your written permission.

Orientation will occur prior to the start of kindergarten for the 2020/2021 school year in a modified virtual format. More information will be provided about orientation when you receive notification of your child's kindergarten teacher.

Thank you for your understanding during these unprecedented times. We look forward to meeting your child in the fall.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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