

Welcome to
Kin**d**er**g**ar**t**en!

Jefferson Elementary School 2024–25 School Year

OUR AGENDA FOR TONIGHT



- ▶ Welcome and Introductions
- ▶ Our current kindergarten team
 - What to expect in kindergarten
- ▶ Notes from our transportation department: Mr. Connell
- ▶ News from the kitchen: Maria Zarrillo
- ▶ Next steps
- ▶ Questions/Answers

JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WELCOMES YOU!

Our Team

- Dr. Reardon, Superintendent of Schalmont School District
- Mrs. Armine Gonzales, Director of Academic and Student Support Services
- Mr. Joby Gifford, Principal
- Jill Facteau & Jennifer Linck, school nurses
- Mrs. Katie Pray, K-1 secretary
- Mrs. Denise Smith, 2-4 secretary
- Mrs. Tebano, security officer
- Special areas instructors, K-4 teachers, AIS providers, and teacher assistants

Information about our school

- Our school day begins at 8:50 and ends at 3:00
- Kindergarten students attend specials that include art, physical education, music, and library
- Students eat lunch in our cafeteria and have recess everyday.

GETTING READY FOR KINDERGARTEN

I can:

- Zip, snap, and button
 - I am learning to tie my shoes
 - Take care of my own bathroom needs
 - Follow directions
 - Clean up after myself
 - Follow verbal directions
 - Share and take turns
 - I am practicing my grip on pencils, crayons, and scissors
- Begin to recognize all upper/lower case letters of the alphabet
 - Practice writing my name with a capital letter
 - Follow words from left to right
 - Begin to read high frequency sight words (Ex. the, of, to)
 - Count and write numbers to 20

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

- We look forward to meeting your children! Always an exciting time.
- The Safety of your child is our highest priority.
- Please fill out Transportation forms either way.
- Bus times mailed to all in mid-late August
- StopFinder App
- Be ready 5 minutes early



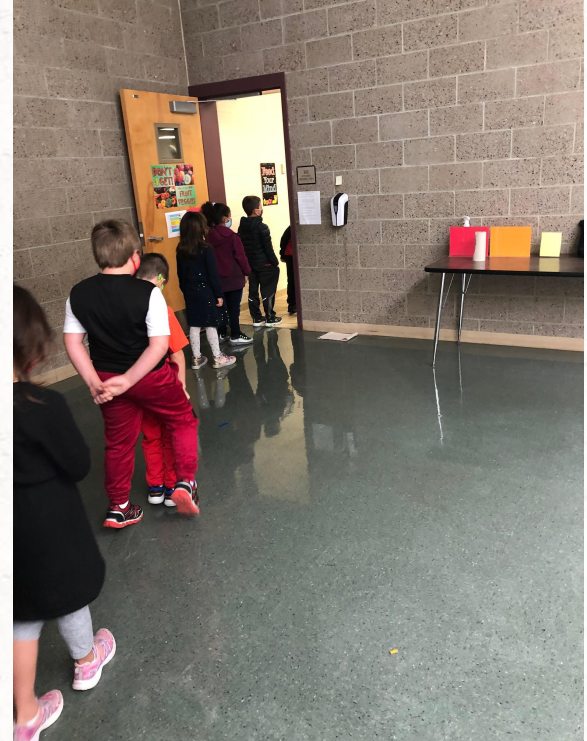
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

- Safety rules: Stay in seat, hands to self, quiet voice, listen to driver.
- Bus Safety Training in Fall by class
- Transportation Office Phone is (518) 356-1889
- Please call anytime with questions or concerns
- Bus Drivers and Bus Attendants needed!
PAID Training!



NOTES FROM OUR KITCHEN

- ▶ **Breakfast served daily - 8:35 am**
- ▶ **Lunch served daily - 11:00 am-1:00pm**
- ▶ **All students eat lunch in the cafeteria**
- ▶ **Additional support at both times to help students.**
- ▶ **Menu changes monthly-available online**
- ▶ **Any allergies/diet restrictions require a note by the nurse**
- ▶ **Birthday Snack Program information on website**
- ▶ **Linq Connect**



Health Information

Notes From The Nurse

Immunization Requirements: New York State law requires that all children entering school must have all of their required vaccines. Please see this site for a complete list of required vaccines: <https://www.health.ny.gov/publications/2370.pdf>

PLEASE NOTE: If your child turns 5 **AFTER** the start of school, or if they have not yet had their 5 year physical before starting school, they will likely need to be seen for a vaccine appointment before school starts in order to be considered up to date for Kindergarten. Please contact your child's doctor to make an appointment.

Physical Form: New York State law also requires that all Kindergarten students must have a physical exam. A physical exam is acceptable if it is administered within 12 months prior to the first day of the school year. (For the 2024/2025 school year, that would be an exam that was done any time **AFTER** September 5, 2024). You can find the physical exam form here: <https://www.p12.nysed.gov/sss/documents/health-exam-form.pdf>

A dental exam is also recommended but not required. That form can be found here: <https://www.schoolhealthny.com/healthexam>

School Health Services Form (emergency card): This form will be sent home by your child's teacher the first day of school. Please fill this form out and return it immediately. It provides the nurse with pertinent information regarding your child as well as parent/guardian and emergency contact information.

Gym excuses: If your child cannot participate in gym due to illness or injury, please provide the nurse with a written excuse. If your child needs to be out of gym for an extended period of time, a note from the doctor is required. A follow up doctor's note is needed for them to return to gym.

Notes From The Nurse

Reporting an absence: Please call 518–355–1342 to report an absence. Include your child’s name, teacher, and reason for the absence.

If your child is ill: If your child has ANY symptom of an illness, please keep them home and call the school to notify us. You will receive information on when your child will be able to return to school.

Dispensing medications: Administration of prescription and nonprescription medications can only occur with a written order from a doctor, a permission note from the parent, AND the medication provided in its original container. These items are to be brought to the Health Office by an adult. Never let a child bring any medication to school.

Allergies: If your child has a food, latex, insect, or environmental allergy requiring medication such as an EpiPen or Benadryl please contact the school nurse regarding additional paperwork needed.

Please see the Schalmont website for more information: <https://www.schalmont.org/district-office-services/health-offices/>

As always, please feel free to reach out to the school nurse with any questions.

Jill Facteau– 518–355–1342 ext 5036 or jfacteau@schalmont.net

Jennifer Linck 518–355–1342 ext 5036 jlinck@schalmont.net

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION!

Jefferson YMCA Program

For more info please contact:

Eileen McGuire, site director, emcguire@cdymca.org

Jessey Adkins, Child Care Coordinator, jadkins@cdymca.org

518-881-0117 extension 4421

- Morning and Afternoon childcare is offered from 7:00 AM - 8:45 AM and 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- Children may enroll full-time or part-time and schedules can be changed throughout the school year
- All staff are OCFS trained and CPR/First AID certified and maintain all state-regulated training
- Children are split into groups by grade level.
- Snack is provided for each child every day!

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION!

What is the PTO?

- Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)
- A group of parents, family members, teachers, and staff members
- Plan and execute events such as our annual trunk or treat, teacher appreciation days, turn off the screen events, and first annual color run
- Help financially with classroom parties, special requests, and students in need who can't afford things such as winter gear, yearbooks, and more
- Monthly PTO meetings, maintaining of the PTO website and facebook page and provide signups for volunteer events such as field day, the book fair, and Lego Club

PTO Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month in the Jefferson Library.

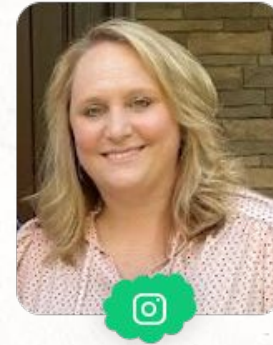
Facebook: facebook.com/groups/jeffersonelementarypto

Website: jeffersonelementarypto.com

PTO Officers



Julie Dion
President



Heather Reid
Treasurer

THANKS!



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