MAGNOLIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Committed to cultivating a school culture of belonging, inclusivity and perspective validation.

2418 28th Ave. W
Seattle, WA 98199
Principal: Katie Cryan Leary
Secretary: Michele Ramirez

Bell Times 2019-2020
First Bell: 7:50 a.m.
Start Bell: 7:55 a.m.
Dismissal Bell: 2:25 p.m.
Early Release Wednesday: 1:10 p.m.

Seattle Public Schools Website:
www.seattleschools.org

Parent-Created Kindergarten Facebook Group:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/2215403658785421/

2019-2020 School Year

Kindergarten POPSICLES ON THE PLAYGROUND @ ELLA BAILEY PARK
May 31st 3:45 p.m.

JUMP START
August 19-23 (9 a.m.-Noon)

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY AT MAGNOLIA
August 29th 10:30 a.m.

OPEN HOUSE
September 3rd, 4-6 p.m.

KINDERGARTEN FAMILY CONNECTION MEETINGS
Sept. 4-6 (20-30 minute meeting set up with Classroom Teacher)
**Aug 19 – 23** Jump Start

**Aug 19** – Meet the Principle for Kindergarten Parents 9:00 a.m.

**Wed, Sept. 4, 2019** First day of school for 1st – 12 grade students (regular school hours apply, no early release)

**Tues, Sept 3** – Open House at Magnolia Elementary

**Wed, Sept. 4 – Fri., Sept. 6** Family Connection Conferences for incoming kindergarten families.

**Mon, Sept. 9** First day of school for kindergarten

**Fri, Oct. 11** State In-service Day (no school)

**Mon, Nov. 11** Veterans Day (no school)

**Nov 25 – 27** Elementary conference days (no school)

**Nov. 28 – 29** Thanksgiving break/Native American Heritage Day (no school)

**Fri, Dec. 20** 1-hour early dismissal (winter break)


**Mon, Jan. 20** Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no school)

**Tues, Jan. 28** Day between semesters (no school) *possible snow make-up day

**Feb. 17 – 21** Mid-winter break including Presidents Day (no school)

**April 13 – 17** Spring break (no school)

**Mon, May 25** Memorial Day (no school)

**Thurs, June 18, 2020** Last day of school (1-hour early dismissal) *possible snow make-up days June 19 and 22
What is Jump Start?
Jump Start is a FREE week-long experience for kindergartners to learn about school. Children will become familiar with their new school building, staff, typical school day activities and practices. Their parents/guardians will be able to meet with the school principal and ask questions about school (on the first day only). Teachers start to build relationships with students and observe their skills and strengths. Kindergartners will learn school readiness behaviors as well as become more comfortable in their new school environment through joyful learning and interactions with teachers and peers.

Where and When is Jump Start?
Jump Start runs from Monday, August 19, 2019 - Friday, August 23, 2019 from 9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Magnolia Elementary School.

How does the Jump Start drop off and pick up process work?
No transportation is provided. Please arrive at 8:45 a.m. to begin the check-in process outside of the Kindergarten Wing. Students will line up in the area where their name is posted and their teacher for that day will walk them inside. To ease the transition into school, students will say good-bye to their parents outside. Parents are then invited to an orientation with Principle Cryan Leary at 9:00 a.m. on the first day (Aug 19). Children need to be signed in and out by a parent or caregiver every day. After pickup (12:00 p.m.) the first day only, parents will be able to walk through the classrooms.

What items does my kindergartner need to bring to Jump Start?
Please send your child to Jump Start with a leak-proof water bottle, nut-free snack, and a backpack. All items should be labeled with the kindergartner’s first and last name in permanent marker.

What will my kindergartner do for three hours?
Kindergartners will be divided up into groups for the week. The groups will rotate each day, so they will have the chance to meet a new teacher and explore a new classroom. The groups will also get a chance to tour the building and get acquainted with the places that they will eat lunch, play, and use the bathroom. During this time, they will also be engaged in creative learning time and physical activities. Snack and Recess will happen as a whole group, so children can reconnect with friends throughout the day.
What does my child need to know before attending Jump Start?
Students should know, and be able to state, their full name as well as the full name of
their parent/guardian/caregiver. We also suggest kindergartners learn to use a public
restroom prior to starting the school year. Knowing how to lock and unlock a stall door
is an important skill and will allow your children to feel more comfortable in using the
restroom during the school day.

Who do I contact if I have a question about Jump Start or Kindergarten at
Magnolia?
Taylor Andrykowski (Ms. Taylor) is our Jump Start lead teacher. Feel free to email her
at tiandrykowsk@seattleschools.org.

When do we find out the name of our kindergarten teacher?
Kindergarten Teachers will send post cards to the children in their class. These will be
sent through the mail on Saturday August 24th. All other students will find out their
classroom assignments at the Open House on September 3rd.

When is the first day of school, and what is a Family Connection Meeting?
Teachers will schedule these 20 to 30-minute Family Connection meetings with each
family in their class. These meetings take place on September 4th, 5th or 6th. All family
members are invited to this meeting- especially the kindergartener! The link to an
online signup sheet will be included on your class announcement postcard.

This means that the first day of school for every kindergartner in Seattle Public
Schools is Monday, September 9, 2019, while all other grades (1st-12th) begin on
September 4, 2019.

Where do I drop off and pick up my kindergartner?
There is an area outside the kindergarten classrooms where pickup and drop off will be
for jump start and the beginning of the year. There will be plenty of signage on the first
day of jump start to point you to that area. If there are changes to this location as phase
2 of the building begins, we will communicate that to families well in advance.
Before-school supervision begins no earlier than 7:25 a.m. The first bell to line up rings
at 7:50 a.m., and school begins at 7:55 a.m. If your child arrives after the 7:55 a.m. bell,
they are late to school. Please go to the Main Office for a late entry stamp.

**Kindergartners MUST be picked up by a guardian by the kindergarten wing
(same place they are dropped off). Students will not be released until the teacher
has made contact with the student’s parent/guardian/caretaker. It is important
that you inform your teacher and the Main Office if someone other than you is picking up your child after school.

BUS RIDERS

- Information about yellow school bus transportation can be found on the Seattle Public Schools district transportation website.
- Students who ride the bus to school will be dropped off at front of the building where they will enter through the main entrance for breakfast or proceed to the playground to wait for the bell to ring. Staff members meet and direct the children as they exit the bus.
- After school, students line up and wait to be escorted to their bus. Each kindergartner will be given a lanyard or wristband during the first week of school with their Student ID number and Bus Route Number.
- The default location for bus riders is their home address. Parents/Guardians need to call or email the SPS Transportation Office (206-252-0900 transdept@seattleschools.org) each year to change this information IF students are being transported to an alternate after school location (Ton of Fun at Blaine, for example).
- As an extra layer of safety, please include the following information in your child’s backpack: Name, Address, Phone Number, Bus Number, Bus Stop Cross Streets
- It’s very important that you notify both your student’s teacher and the Main Office of changes to your child’s pick-up schedule every day. Please notify the office in writing regarding any changes.

What is the lunch process during the school year?

PACKED LUNCH
Label everything with your child’s first and last name.

SCHOOL LUNCH
The lunchroom and has a mailbox in the main office where parents can drop off lunch money. Please be sure to write your child’s printed full name along with the teachers name on your check and on the payment envelope. If you have two or more students at Magnolia, make sure to designate how much money should be placed in each account. If there are no explicit instructions, the office will divide the money within the accounts as evenly as possible.

Kindergarten teachers walk kindergarteners through the lunch line and help them put in their number until they can complete the process independently.
To add money to your child's account online, you may pay through PayPams. This link can also be accessed on the district website under Nutrition Services.

Free and Reduced lunch forms are also available online at https://paypams.com/OnlineApp.aspx. There are also forms available in the Magnolia front office. If your child moves to a different school within SPS, the money will stay in the account. If your child moves out of district, you may apply for a refund.

www.Paypams.com/onlineapp

Students receive a four-digit pin number that will be with them for their whole school career. Kindergartners receive this number during the Family Connection meeting.

If your child has food allergies, please inform the classroom teacher, office staff, and school nurse before the first day of school.

What forms or paperwork need to be completed? Magnolia Elementary administrators and teachers will send home information packets during the first week of school. All forms in the packet need to be completed and returned to the Main Office. Many of the forms have redundant information, but all forms need to be completed and returned. Address mailing labels can be used to save time. All paperwork should be returned before the end of the second week of classes.

What should students do if they are late to school? Students who arrive after 7:55 a.m. must check in with the office to receive a stamp for entry to class and will be expected to give a reason for their tardiness. Students must enter Magnolia through the front entrance as all other doors will be locked at the start of the school day. Medical appointments and late buses are the only excused tardies, which means students will be marked tardy for all other excuses.

How do I volunteer in the classroom and on field trips? SPS requires that all interested volunteers submit an application prior to working with students in the classroom, chaperoning field trips, or assisting in school-wide events. The volunteer application form can be found on the SPS website.

Your completed application must be turned into the office before October 1, 2019. Please make sure to submit a copy of the ASM Video Confirmation of Completion. The front office will make a copy of your driver license for the mandatory background check.
The application processing time takes ten full business days, so we highly encourage all parents to complete the volunteer form at the beginning of the school year even if they do not plan to volunteer regularly in the classroom. Parents/guardians/caregivers will not be allowed to attend field trips if they are not approved volunteers.

To access the building during the day, visitors and volunteers need to enter through the main entrance located at 28th Ave and check into the office. All volunteers and visitors will need to sign in and wear a badge at all times while in the building.

**Does the school provide before or after school care?**
Yes! The Child Care selection team is working on selecting an after-school program that fits the mission and vision for the school. The program they pick will be set up and ready for the first day of school. This program will come at a cost to families but will have scholarship opportunities based on need. Magnolia Elementary will be available to provide before school care starting at 7:25 a.m.

**What kind of backpack and school supplies should my student bring to school?**
Students need a backpack that is large enough to hold a regular folder, lunchbox, and water bottle. Kindergarten teachers will be collecting $50 per student for school supplies the first week of school. For equity purposes, please do not purchase any school supplies that are special for your child. Each child will be given the same type and number of supplies by their teacher. If you are interested in sponsoring a student in need who may not be able to send $50, you are welcome to include an extra $50.