

Northfield Elementary School

Kindergarten Orientation

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

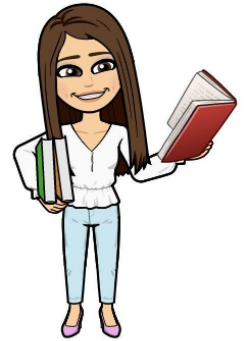
Welcome!

This presentation is posted on our website!

Meet the Kindergarten Team



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Mrs. Dolan: School Counselor

What is a School Counselor?

- Professional educators with a mental health perspective.
- Support students' academic, social/emotional, and career development.

What do Counselors do?

- Classroom Guidance Lessons, Small Groups (*as needed*)
- Individual Counseling (*brief, non-therapeutic*)
- Consultation/Collaboration with students, teachers, parents
- Building Test Coordinator



School Hours

Kindergarten Daily Schedule

Full-Time KDG Hours:

Our all-day, every-day kindergarten will start at 9:00 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m.

Part-Time KDG:

Morning session is 9:00 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.



Kindergarten Football Night



Friday, September 4, 2026

6:15 p.m.

Tennis Courts @ High School

Wear Kindergarten T-Shirt

Free Admission for Families



Staggered Start

Kindergarten Schedule August, 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8/17 Teacher In-Service 	8/18 Teacher In-Service 	8/19 Teacher In-Service 	8/20 KRA-R Screening Day by appointment-NO SCHOOL	8/21 KRA-R Screening Day by appointment-NO SCHOOL
8/24 KRA-R Screening Day by appointment-NO SCHOOL	8/25 Full and Part-Time Students Students (A-K) Attend	8/26 Full and Part-Time Students (L-Z) Attend	8/27 Full and Part-Time Students (A-K) Attend	8/28 Full and Part-Time Students (L-Z) Attend
8/31 All KDG Students (full and part-time) Every School Day Moving Forward	9/1			

Small Group Assignments

- Blue Group, Gym
- Green Group, Classes
- Pink Group, Building Tour
- Goldenrod Group, PTA/Popsicles



School Safety & Security

- Visiting Northfield Elementary School
- Lunch Visits, October 1 - April 30 (RSVP Required)
 - Signing In at NF Expectations
 - Types of Safety Drills (4)
 - SRO: Deputy Brandon



Attendance & Absences

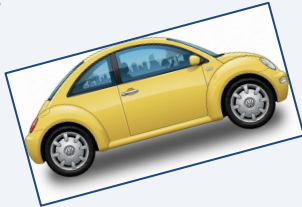
- **Students are considered tardy after 9:00 a.m.**
(Proceed to the vestibule with parent to sign in).
- **Call the attendance line: 330-908-6160 if your child will be missing school. (24 hours a day)**
- **All absences should be communicated to the office ahead of time (appointment/vacation, etc).**
Call/Notes only, please.
No emails!



Arrival & Dismissal

Arrival

- **Doors Unlocked:** 8:40am
- **Warning Bell:** 8:55am
- **Tardy Bell:** 9:00am
- **Car Drop-Off Location:**
side of building
- **Bus drop-off**



Dismissal

- **Daily Tags:** Students wear dismissal tags daily (*approx. one month*)
- **Changes:** Requires a note or phone call

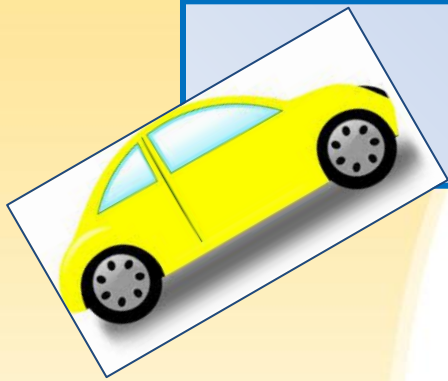
Dismissal Options:

- YMCA Program
- Bus (*home/day care programs*)
- Car Riders (no office pick-up)

Car Ride ends at 3:45pm

Pick-up for appointments must be done by 3:00pm daily.





Arrival & Dismissal

Aerial View of School Property



Bus Information

Bus Route & Pick-Up Times

1. Go to www.nordoniaschools.org
2. Click on the “Families” tab.
3. Go to “Bus Routes”.
4. Click the link “26-27 Bus Route Information”

**Bus Routes Announced/Available on
Friday, August 14th in the Afternoon**



How to Log In

User Name: Your child's 6-digit student ID #.

Password: Your child's birthday (mmddyyyy).

Questions?

Transportation Department:

330-468-4710

Final/Miscellaneous Information

- Knights Caring for Knights
- Free and Reduced Lunch Program
- YMCA After/Before School Programs
- Parent Square
- Car Parking Tags



A Day in the Life of a Kindergartner...

•Specials 45 minutes (20 mins for ½ day): Music, Gym, Library, Art

•Read, Write, Rest

o No nap, music, read aloud, journaling, listening to books, independent reading

•Recess and Lunch for full day (25 minutes each)

•Math (whole group & independent practice)

•Reading (large & small groups)

•Social Studies & Science

•Writing

•Handwriting & Fine Motor Practice

•Intervention/Enrichment Time Daily

Bus & Car Tags



Kindergarten Assessments



Kindergarten Screening (May 2026)

Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (August 2026)

STAR- 3x per year (September, January, May)

Additional Kindergarten Assessments (quarterly)

Dyslexia Screening



Kindergarten Supply List

1 Large backpack, labeled with student's name (*no wheels*)

12 #2 pencils, please sharpen

4 Boxes of CRAYOLA crayons, 24 pack

2 Washable CRAYOLA markers, 8 pack (*thick pack*)

2 Washable CRAYOLA markers, 8 pack (*thin pack*)

2 Set of 8 colors CRAYOLA washable watercolors

4 ELMER'S jumbo glue sticks

1 ELMER'S liquid glue bottle

1 pair of scissors, blunt tip

1 Hard frame 3-ring binder, 1 inch (solid with clear front sleeve)

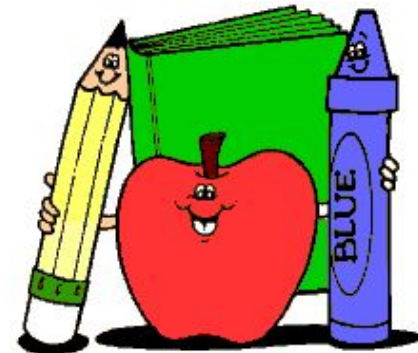
6 Large size **BLACK** dry erase markers, low odor

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1 sturdy pocket folder

Headphones (no earbuds please)

Art Shirt (labeled with child's name)



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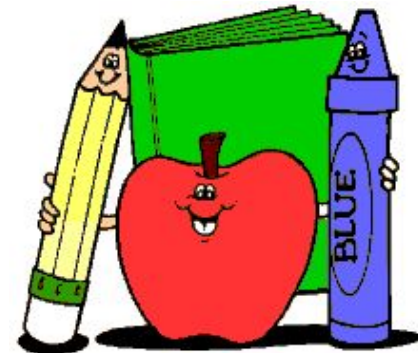
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What's for Lunch?

- Lunch menus can be found on the district website. Visit: www.nordoniaschools.org and click on the “Families” tab, then “Lunch Menus”.
- Menus are listed by school building for the month. (PB&J and hot dogs are available daily.)

- Breakfast and lunch prices:

Breakfast = \$2.00, Lunch = \$3.00

Students can purchase extras for a small fee (\$0.25-\$2.75) with your permission.

*Cash or online payments only please.



Acceptable Snack Options



- Fruit
- Vegetables
- Cheese sticks
- Crackers (no peanut butter)
- Pretzels (no peanut butter)
- Dry cereal
- Half sandwich (no peanut butter)
- Water bottle
- Nutrigrain /cereal/breakfast bars (no peanuts)



**We are unable to allow edible birthday treats but love to celebrate with your child in other ways!*



Northfield PTA

- Membership fee is \$7.00/person to join
- Facebook: Northfield Elementary PTA (request to be added)
- Website address: <https://www.nordoniapta.com/northfield>
- Email: northfieldelementarypta@gmail.com
- Twitter: @northfieldpta

How do I join Northfield's fabulous PTA?

- Sign up by visiting: <https://northfieldelementarypta.new.memberhub.store/store>

*** 2026-2027 PTA President = Mrs. Shana O'Malley-Smith**



Thank You!

Teachers and Administrators will be
happy to answer your questions.

We look forward to a fun year
with all of you!

