



Welcome to Camden Rockport Elementary School,

Each year we welcome a large cohort of new students, from those entering PreK and Kindergarten to students in Grades 1-4 that have moved to our community.

Getting started with Pre-K and Kindergarten is a new and exciting time filled with wonder and lots of questions, for both children and adults. Whether you are sending your oldest child, or you've been a part of our school community before, we all want this first school experience to be positive, welcoming, and safe. Sending your child to school for the first time is a big deal! We take that responsibility seriously and we're here to support your child, and you, during this transition. One way we provide that support is through our Orientation Day.

We will hold four events on **September 6th** to ensure smooth transitions to a new year at CRES.

Pre-K and Kindergarten Orientation from 7:30-8:45 a.m.

Pre-K and Kindergarten parents/guardians and students will meet your child's teacher, bus driver and classmates at the morning Orientation.

New Parent Orientation (all new parents/guardians) from 7:45-8:45 a.m.

We hold a new parent orientation on the morning of September 6th in the cafeteria at CRES.

15-minute Introduction & Information meetings (all students/families)

Teachers will hold these 1:1 meetings with all families throughout the day.

Multiage Visit, September 6th between 7:30-8:45 a.m.

A chance for students and families to stop in and see the classroom, classmates and teachers. Multiage families should feel free to drop by anytime during that time. **Multiage Kindergarten students** will have their first day of school on Thursday, September 8th.

Please review the memos that follow to learn more about the orientation events.

While the COVID-19 pandemic continues, everyone entering CRES will sanitize hands and will need to pass our health screening. Unless you are returning from having COVID, masks are optional in our school district. Please stay home if you don't feel well, if you have tested positive for COVID, or you are in the quarantine period due to COVID.

I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, September 6th.

Best,
Chris

Pre-K Orientation

Tuesday, September 6th is Orientation Day.

PreK family 1:1 meetings will take place on September 6th AND 7th.

The first official day of school for **PreK** students is Thursday, September 8th.

An exciting part of the Orientation Day for all Pre-K students is the “practice” ride to school on the bus. CRES Pre-K students, older siblings and parents are welcome to ride the bus. **Unfortunately, only school-age children are allowed to ride the bus for safety reasons**, so younger siblings and other family members are welcome to meet you at the school.

Parents, your child’s bus driver will be contacting you before Orientation to verify that your child will be riding the bus to school and to inform you of the approximate pickup time on the 6th and on school days. This bus ride is a great way to experience your child’s bus route firsthand and practice bus safety.

Where: Camden-Rockport Elementary School
11 Children’s Way, Rockport, ME 04856

When: Tuesday, September 6th from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Who: Pre-K students and their families

Transportation: School bus rides to and from CRES for your Pre-K student and parents. We collect bus information through the Transportation Form during the registration process. The information we collect will prompt a call from your bus driver to confirm the pick-up time and location.

Parent Schedule: **7:30:** Parents/Guardians and students arrive on buses.

7:45 – 8:15: -Parents to the **cafeteria** for an informational meeting.

- Presentation by administrators Chris Walker-Spencer and Katie Bauer
- PTA, Food Service and Transportation director introductions

8:15 – 8:45: Parent Meet & Greet

- Explore PreK woods classroom and trails
- Socialize with other families
- Meet our Transportation and Food Service Directors
- Meet PTA representatives
- Meet CRES building administrators

8:45: Parents to PreK playground to meet their child

9:00: Parents and children to the bus loop to board buses and ride home

PreK Schedule: **7:30:** Arrival at school – enter the PreK playground in the bus loop

7:40 – 8:15: PreK teacher leads group activity on the PreK playground

8:15 – 8:45: Intervention teachers lead group activities

8:45: Parents to PreK playground to meet their child

9:00: Parents and children to the bus loop to board buses and ride home

Kindergarten Orientation

Tuesday, September 6th is Orientation Day, and the first day of school is Wednesday, September 7th for **single-grade Kindergarten** students.

Please note: **PreK** and **Multiage Kindergarten students have a different starting day** than single-grade Kindergarten classrooms: Thursday, September 8th.

An exciting part of this day for all Kindergarten students is the “practice” ride to school on the bus. CRES Kindergarten students, older siblings and parents are welcome to ride the bus. **Unfortunately, only school-age children are allowed to ride the bus for safety reasons**, so younger siblings and other family members are welcome to meet you at the school.

Parents, your child’s bus driver will be contacting you before Orientation to verify that your child will be riding the bus to school and to inform you of the approximate pickup time on the 6th and on school days. This bus ride is a great way to experience your child’s bus route firsthand and practice bus safety.

Where: Camden-Rockport Elementary School
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When: Tuesday, September 6th from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Who: PreK and Kindergarten students and their families

Transportation: School bus rides to and from CRES for your Kindergarten student and parents. We collect bus information through the Transportation Form during the registration process. The information we collect will prompt a call from your bus driver to confirm the pick-up time and location.

Parent Schedule: **7:30:** Parents/Guardians and students arrive on buses.

7:45 – 8:15: -Parents to the **cafeteria** for an informational meeting.

- Presentation by administrators Chris Walker-Spencer and Katie Bauer
- PTA, Food Service and Transportation director introductions

8:15 – 8:45: Parent Meet & Greet

- Explore woods classrooms and trails
- Socialize with other families
- Meet our Transportation and Food Service Directors
- Meet PTA representatives
- Meet CRES building administrators

8:45: Parents to playground to meet their child

9:00: Parents and children to the bus loop to board buses and ride home

Kdg Schedule: **7:30:** Arrival at school – enter through the lobby and go to the playground

7:40: Homeroom teachers lead group activity on the playground

8:15: Specials Teachers lead group activities

8:45: Parents to playground to meet their child

9:00: Parents and children to the bus loop to board buses and ride home

Grades 1-4 New Parent/Guardian Orientation

We're so glad you're joining us at CRES. We want this transition to be a smooth one and we have time devoted to answering your questions and introducing you to staff members at CRES. Your family will select a 15-minute block to meet the homeroom teacher for each of your children. We also offer a meeting just for parents/guardians, detailed below. Students, and parents, often feel a lot better about the first day of school after attending these orientation activities.

Where: Camden-Rockport Elementary School
11 Children's Way, Rockport, ME 04856

When: Tuesday, September 6th

Who: Parents/Guardians of new students in Grades 1-4 at CRES

Parent Schedule:

7:30 – 8:15:

Parents to the CRES **cafeteria** for an informational meeting

- Presentation by administrators Chris Walker-Spencer and Katie Bauer
- PTA, Food Service and Transportation director introductions

8:15 – 8:45:

Parents Meet & Greet

- Explore woods classrooms and trails
- Socialize with other families
- Meet our Transportation and Food Service Directors
- Meet PTA representatives
- Meet CRES building administrators