



Welcome to Kindergarten

Class of 2039



Hello!

I am so excited to meet your students and to watch them learn and grow throughout the year!



My Family

Holly Besting
Primary School Principal



My Community
Elementary Team

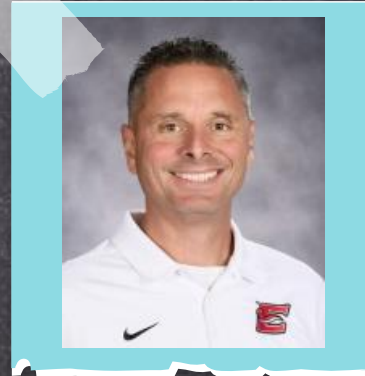
Introductions



EDGERTON
SCHOOL DISTRICT

LEARN TODAY.

LEAD TOMORROW.



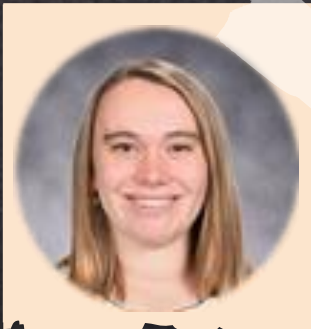
Dr. Tad Wehner

District Superintendent



Carly Whitney

Community Elementary
Associate Principal



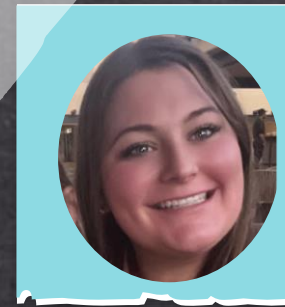
Miranda Ochalla

Primary School
Psychologist



Julie Lodahl

Primary School
Health Aide



Morgan Casey-Schmidt

Community Elementary
School Counselor

Our Kindergarten Team

Mrs. Precourt



Mrs. Shere



Mrs. Knox



Ms. Louis



Mrs. Wanless



Mrs. Callmer



Our Approach to Teaching & Learning in Kindergarten

Play and Exploration

- Learning by doing, creating, and discovering

♥ Social-Emotional Skills and Regulation

- Focus on helping students develop the skills needed to work with others, manage emotions, and persevere through challenges.

📖 Academic Learning

- Students develop strong foundations in literacy, math, language, and problem solving

🌀 Connection

- Students feel safe, valued, and supported.



Play isn't just fun;
it's how young children
build their brains and
learn about the world.



A Day in Kindergarten

8:05	Morning Meeting
8:10	Math
9:15	Recess
9:35	Phonics (UFLI)
10:20	Lunch
10:45	Recess
11:05	Literacy (reading, writing)
1:00	Specials
2:00	Snack and Milk
2:15	Friendship Workshop

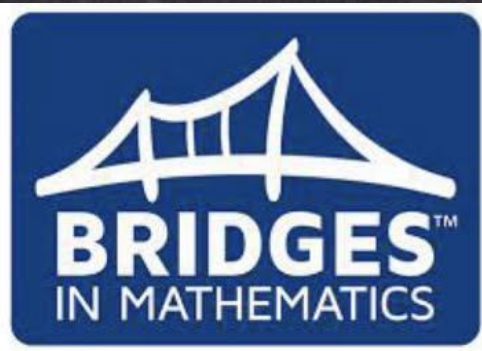
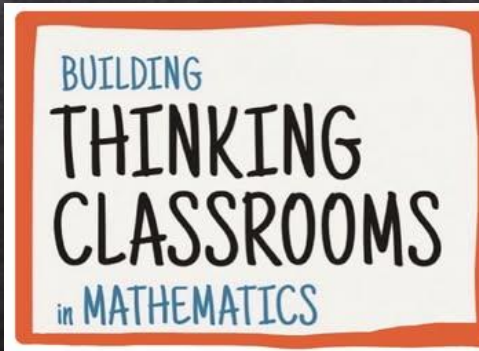
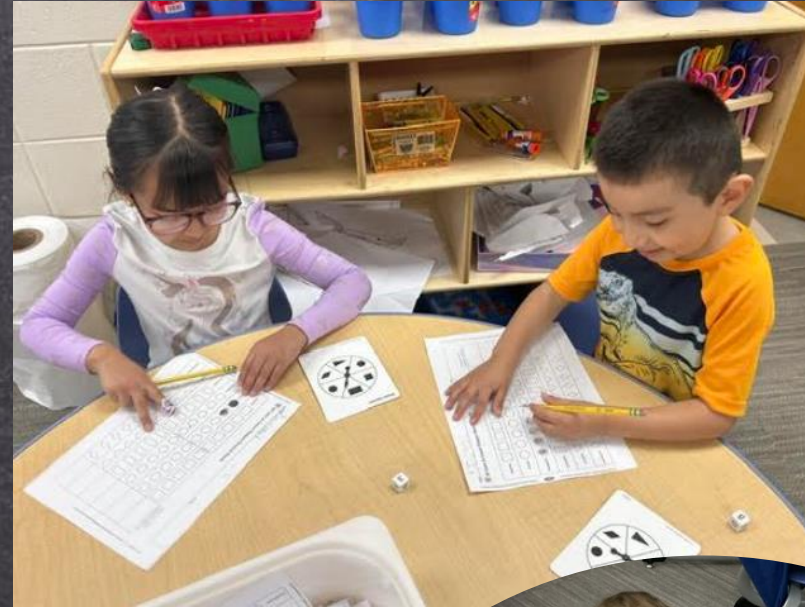


Foundational Reading Skills

- Foundational reading skills are a big focus of our work in kindergarten (and actually throughout our elementary school and state)
- UFLI (phonics instruction)
- Secret stories (Shhhhhh!)
- Focus on fostering a love of books and reading
- Reading Corps, reading intervention for students not demonstrating growth with classroom instruction alone.
- Home support
 - Read with your child nightly - this should be joyful and not stressful for either of you. Ask questions, talk about the story and pictures, take turns reading, or ask your child to find letters or patterns that they are learning about at school.
 - Look for further communication from your child's teacher about phonics skills being taught and home practice suggestions.

Math: Bridges

- Students learn math through the Bridges curriculum
 - Number Corner and Bridges
- Focus on developing math thinkers and problem solvers
- Includes math workplaces (or "playplaces" as one of our kindergarten classes renamed them last year).
- Focus on math talk, exploring, and playing.



"Specials" Classes

- All kindergarten classes have the same schedule for instructional time, specials, lunch, and recesses.
- Students attend their "specials" classes on a 7-day rotation.
- Sample schedule below - your child's teacher will share a schedule with you that is specific your your child's class.

Day 1 <i>Red</i>	Day 2 <i>Orange</i>	Day 3 <i>Yellow</i>	Day 4 <i>Green</i>	Day 5 <i>Blue</i>	Day 6 <i>Purple</i>	Day 7 <i>Pink</i>
LMC	Music	Life Skills	STEM	Music	Art	Life Skills
	Phy-Ed Mr. Schmidt	Phy-Ed Mr. Schmidt		Phy-Ed Mrs. B		Phy-Ed Mrs. B

Promoting School-Wide Positive Behavior

- Universal teaching of "Life Skills" focused on skills for learning, empathy, emotional management, and problem solving.
- Small group and individualized support for students who demonstrate a need.
- Intentional teaching and re-teaching of school-wide expectations
- Students earn Tider Tickets for demonstrating positive behavior that they can use to buy incentives or privileges from their classroom stores.
- Student of the Month selected based on our monthly themes.
- Monthly assemblies to introduce monthly themes and build community.



Make Safe Choices

Act Responsibly

Show Respect

Keep It Kind

**STUDENTS' SOCIAL AND
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING**

GOAL

Prepare students to demonstrate skills and strategies to cope with life challenges and achieve personal well-being. Create an environment where students feel safe, respected, and supported.

Recess

- Please help your child dress appropriately for the weather.
- Kindergarten students should have an extra set of clothes at school for accidents of all kinds.
- Label everything!!
- Students are outside for two recesses per day when the temperature is above 0°



Lunch

- Breakfast, lunch, and a "snack milk" are available to all students daily.
 - Breakfast: \$1.95
 - Lunch: \$3.35
 - Milk Carton: \$0.60
- Payments can be made through your Infinite Campus portal (or by bringing money to the office with student's full name and teacher's name).
- Families may apply for reduced or free meals by completing a Household application for Free and Reduced meals.
- Per district wellness policy, soda is not allowed in student's lunches.
- For questions or unique circumstances, contact our Food Service Director, Pete Hamilton, at (608) 561-6062 or pete.hamilton@edgerton.k12.wi.us
- Nut-free; allergy-aware tables allocated for students with food allergies.

Daily Arrival

- All students enter through the main entrance (Door 100).
- All kindergarten students remain in the gym or cafeteria if eating breakfast until 7:55 when they transition to their classrooms.
- Supervision begins at 7:30 am
- Buses begin arriving around 7:30 am.
- Kindergarten students are not allowed to walk to or from school unless accompanied by a parent/guardian. With administrative approval, older siblings may walk with a kindergarten student.



Daily Arrival



- Enter the drop-off line on Ridgeway Dr.
- Pull as far forward as you can
- Stay in the right hand lane until your student has exited the vehicle.
- Students should only exit vehicles from the passenger side along the curb.
- If students are unable to exit the vehicle independently, please use a parking lot.
- In the drop-off lane, drivers remain in their vehicles and parking of your vehicle is not permitted.
- Our goal is to provide a SAFE and EFFICIENT arrival to school for all of our students.

Dismissal

- The dismissal bell rings at 3:05 pm.
- Staff walk all kindergarten students to their busses.
- Non-bus riders will exit coming up these stairs and you can meet them by the sidewalk or by the circle bench.
 - Supervision by the circle bench is provided until 3:15pm.
- The pick up car line is on Ridgeway Drive
 - Cars may begin parking on Ridgeway at 2:30, but must stay BEHIND the yellow A-frame sign "Pick up Zone Begins Here" until 2:55pm to ensure that the front of the school is open in case of emergency.
 - There is no double parking. The left lane is for cars to exit after picking up their child.
 - All students must enter cars from the sidewalk on the passenger side of vehicles.



Bus Riders

- Students taking the bus will receive tags to attach to their backpacks at Open House in order to help ensure everyone gets to the right place.
- Bus rules are established for students taking the bus.
- If you have questions about your child's route, please contact Riteway at 608-884-8114.

Attendance

- Classes begin at 8:05am - students should be in their classrooms at this time.
- If your student will be absent for any reason, call our attendance line (561-6010) and leave a message prior to 8:25am.
 - Line is available 24 hours per day.
- If a student is absent and we have not received a call:
 - We will reach out to you and then your identified emergency contacts
 - If we are unable to contact anyone, we will pursue a "well check" to make sure the student is safe and accounted for.
- Parents/guardians are allowed to excuse their students from school for up to 10 days per year, in addition to medically excused absences.

Student Health

- You should keep your child home from school when they have a fever over 100°, vomiting, or diarrhea.
- Students can return when free of these symptoms for 24 hours.
- Doctor's excuse is needed to stay in from recess or to exempt from PE
- Accurate contact information in Infinite Campus is important in case of illness or injury.
- Vision Screening: Completed in September by the Lion's Club in collaboration with School Nurse.
- Hearing Screenings: Completed in the fall by our Speech/Language Pathologists

Sandy Biviano
District Nurse

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Julie Lodahl
Primary School
Health Aide

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Student Medications

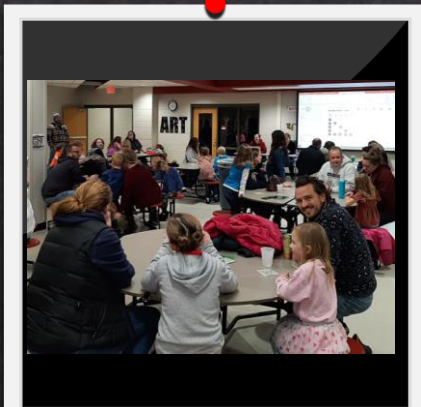
- Medications must be brought to school by an adult and be in the original container.
- MD and parent consent notes are needed for all prescription medications (forms available in the health office)
- Parent consent needed for over the counter medications (including sunscreen and cough drops).
 - Needs to be approved by the FDA to administer at school.
 - All medication forms available in the Health Office.

Student Safety

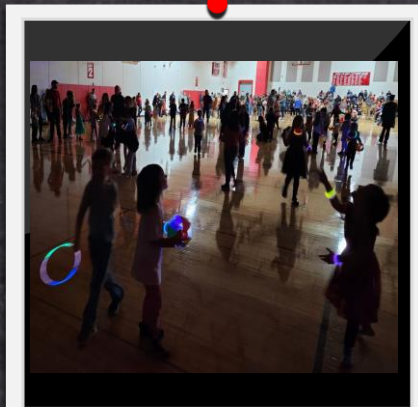
- All doors are locked and all visitors enter through the main office.
- Safety drills are practiced regularly.
- Security cameras throughout the building and property
- Background checks must be on file for all volunteers and visitors
 - Must be completed each year
 - Allow at least 5 days for processing
- "Raptor" Visitor Management System
 - Allows us to screen visitors, contractors, and volunteers
 - Checks the name and DOB of visitors against the Registered Sex Offender database. No other information is gathered/stored.
- School Resource Officer (SRO): McKaylie Hansen

Rascal Community Club (RCC)

- RCC is the Parent Teacher Organization that supports our Primary and Intermediate Schools
- Includes parents, staff, administrators, and community members working together to provide a positive experience for all of our elementary school families.
- RCC is a nonprofit organization that provides services to our school through donations and volunteers
- With support from our community, we are able to host many family friendly events throughout the year and support our students and staff in many ways.



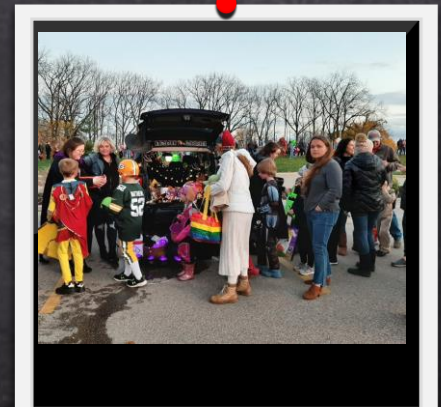
Bingo for Books



School Dance



Bouncy Houses



Trunk or Treat

Rascal Community Club (RCC)

RCC MEETING DATES

2026-2027

AUGUST 11TH @ 6:30 PM
SEPTEMBER 15TH @ 6:30 PM
OCTOBER 13TH @ 6:30 PM
NOVEMBER 17TH @ 6:30 PM
JANUARY 19TH @ 6:30 PM
FEBRUARY 16TH @ 6:30 PM
MARCH 16TH @ 6:30 PM
APRIL 20TH @ 6:30 PM
MAY 18TH @ 6:30 PM

You can help support the efforts of RCC through:

- Attending meetings when you are available to help plan upcoming events.
- Volunteering at events or fundraiser distribution (look for Sign Up links throughout the year)
- Purchasing items during the fundraiser period or provide a monetary donation.

RCC Clothing Store

Get Your Rascal Gear!!

Adult and Child sizing

<https://mkapparel.tuosystems.com/stores/rcc>



RCC Box Tops for Education



EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL

NO MORE CLIPPING. ALL YOU NEED IS YOUR SMARTPHONE.

The NEW and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online.

LOOK FOR
THE NEW
LABEL:



HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:



BUY BOX TOPS PRODUCTS

You can find Box Tops on hundreds of products throughout the store.



SCAN YOUR RECEIPT

Use the app to snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.



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Box Tops earnings are identified and automatically updated at BTFE.com.

You do not need to clip or send Box Tops labels to school.

ECC On Campus

- Wrap around childcare available to families
- Morning: Drop-off at ECC beginning at 6:30am & ECC staff walk students to school around 7:30am
- Afternoon: At Community Elementary until 5:00
- Contact ECC for additional information; 608-884-6393



Open House

- Wednesday, August 26; 4:00-6:00pm
- Bring School Supplies at this time.
- Meet your child's teacher and familiarize yourself with the school.
- Your child's teacher placement will be available in your Infinite Campus Portal on August 21



**Families should also review our Student/Parent Handbook on the district website.