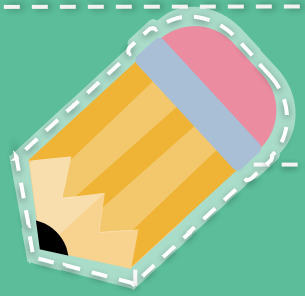
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Welcome to Bradley Gardens Kindergarten Orientation

- About our school
- Our Day
- Bussing/Lunch/Recess
- How you can help

Today you will hear from:

- Mrs. Binford-Principal of the Best School Ever
- Mrs. Duffin Hickey-Our E.T.S
- Mrs. Colavito-The Nurse in the Know
- Ms. Arora-Our Caring Counselor
- The PTO Presidents

When your child comes to Bradley Gardens, they are becoming part of a very special family. We may be the smallest school in Bridgewater Raritan, but we like to believe that we have the most ❤️.

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About our school

We have about 280 students in grades PK-4

- 1 K AM & 1 KPM
- 2 Grade 1
- 3 Grade 2
- 3 Grade 3
- 3 Grade 4
- Self contained classes of BEST, Primary Autism, and Preschool



A Typical Day of Kindergarten

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The time has finally come....

It will be our first year of full day Kindergarten. We will begin this transition with three sections. Over this past summer, we have had construction on the rooms and they are all updated with a fresh layout, a bathroom, and cubbies.

The students will now eat lunch and have recess here, which will be so exciting! Our new cafeteria will (fingers crossed) be done for the start of the year.

Students will be bussed. But, should you have any changes, Click on the arrow to access the bus to babysitter form.
Applications due by Aug. 1st.

Transportation Contacts

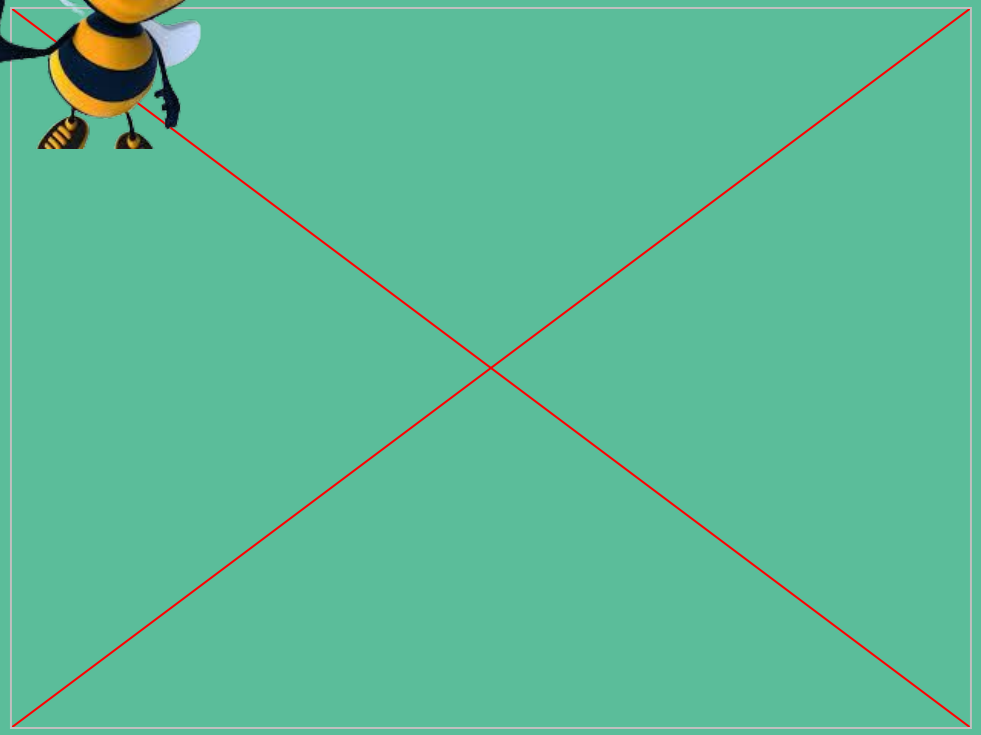
Miuriel Soria
Transportation Dispatcher
908-722-1820 ext 87014
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Cathy Assante-Sobel
Transportation Coordinator
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Forms you may need

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Curious about riding the bus? Watch Buzby the Bee

Bussing

- Someone must be there to accept your child off the bus or they will return to the school
- There is no food on the bus
- We try to seat the students in the front
- The routes are sent out in the summer

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How you can help prepare your child

Bathroom
Please make sure your child is independent.

Routine
Routines like bedtime are important to Kindergarteners.

Alphabet
Practice the alphabet song in the car.

Numbers
Count things around the house.

Name
Practice writing their name in shaving cream, paint, sand, etc.

Don't fret if they do not have everything in place! We'll work together!

1989 and counting...



Mrs. Duffin, Elementary Teaching Specialist

- Curriculum & Instruction
- Professional Development
- Grade level meetings - - Pacing and Best Practices
- Testing Coordinator
  - NJSLA, CoGat, NWEA MAP, and District Assessments
- MTSS - Multi-Tiered System of Support
  - Intervention and Gifted & Talented

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Instruction is based on New Jersey Student Learning Standards

- Standards for all content areas can be found: NJDOE
- Curriculum is written in Bridgewater by Bridgewater teachers & supervisors
  - Based on NJSLS and supported by content programs
- All curriculum K-12 is approved by the Board of Education
- Parents can view curriculum on district website
  - Departments > Curriculum>Curriculum documents
- Standards based report cards are issued in marking period 2, 3 & 4
  - Parent conferences are scheduled at the end of marking period one
  - Standards based report card can be seen on BGS website
    - BGS website>parents>helpful links>Standards based report card K-3

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English Language Arts

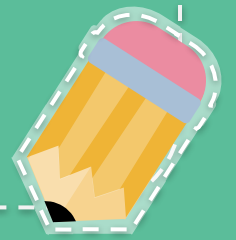
Instructional Models

Whole group
Small Group

Individual attention as needed

Reading, Writing, Handwriting, Grammar & Phonics

- Reading Workshop: Balanced literacy with phonics instruction
- Writing Workshop: Being a Writer
- Explicit handwriting & grammar instruction



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Math

Instructional Models

Focus is on small group instruction

Whole group concepts

Individual attention as needed

Envision Math Program

- Topics include:
  - Size & position, numbers to 100, addition and subtraction concepts, money, order by size, length & weight, geometry, & measurement



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Science

Instructional Models

Whole Group

Investigations

Everyday

TCI program supports Four Science Units:

Life Science: People, places & plants

Physical Science: Pushes & Pulls

Earth & Space Science: Weather & Climate

Earth & Space Science: Effects of the Sun



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Social Studies

Instructional Models

Whole Group

Every day

Various curriculum resources

Four units:

Why do we have special days throughout the year? (This unit runs throughout the year)

What do good rules have in common?

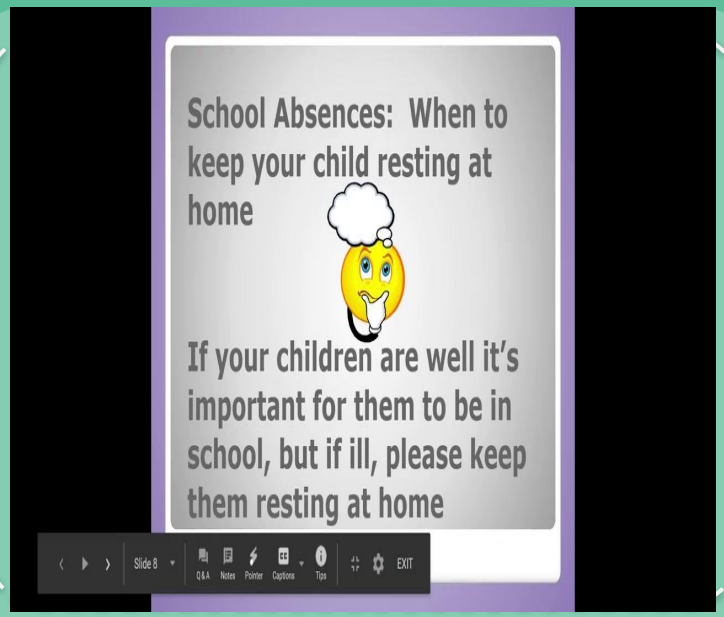
Is everyone unique?

What can I learn from maps and globes?



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Mrs. Colavito
kcolavito@brrsd.k12.nj.us
908-725-8444 ext. 247102



What if my child has an allergy...

Mrs. Colavito will review the policies of our district regarding allergies, medical protocols, and immunization requirements.

BG Health Checklist-click on the star

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Snacks

Students will have a small amount of time to eat a snack each day.

Please send in a healthy snack such as pretzels, cheese sticks, popcorn, veggies or fruit.

They'll need a water or juice box. The nurse will let you know if there is an allergy in the classroom.

Please be on alert that if your child's classroom is nut-free, you can not send in any nut based items.

Health and Wellness Policy

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Student Cabinet/Council



School Counselor & Anti-Bullying Specialist

Classroom Lesson
- Identify Feelings
- Empathy Training
- Conflict Resolution

Individual Counseling

Crisis Counseling

Group Counseling Topics Include
- Social Skills/Self Esteem
- Family Relationships
- Anger Management
- Grief & Bereavement



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Caitlin Platzman & Jessica Weisenbach
2026-2027 PTO Co-Presidents
BGSPTOPresident@gmail.com

Make A Difference With The Bradley Gardens School PTO

The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is the non-profit organization behind school events and fundraising. We are dedicated to making BGS a great place to learn! We support the school through:

- Funding school improvements
- Community Building
- Enriching Education
- Hosting Family Fun events

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With Your **HELP** We Will Make A **BIG IMPACT**!



The new playground that was installed in last year through the partnership of our PTO and BRRSD.



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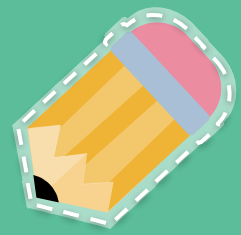




PTO Fundraisers

We raise funds in a variety of ways!

- PTO Membership Dues (per family cost)
- Book Fairs (twice per year)
- Dine & Donate Nights
- The Read-a-Thon
- Spiritwear Campaigns
- Color Run
- Clothing and Toy Sale
- Square One Art
- Donations in Lieu of Fundraiser Participation



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The PTO Isn't All About Fundraising









It's All About The *Fun!*

- Halloween Hoot
- Thanksgiving Feast
- Crafts with Frosty
- Movie & Game Nights
- Parent/Child Sweetheart Dance
- The Brain Show
- Talent Show
- Baseball Night
- 3rd Grade Fun Day
- End of the Year Block Party... *and more!*

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Support Your Child's Learning

Serving with the PTO is a rewarding way to invest in your child and the school community.

Volunteer your time, talents & support.

Model civic engagement for your child(ren).

Even an hour can make a difference in our school!

Studies show "when families are involved in their child's learning both at home and at school, their children do better in school."

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Be In The Know With The PTO



- You can join our private PTO Facebook Group today!

  Bradley Gardens School PTO
- In September, become a member of the PTO through our online portal. https://bgspto.ptboard.com/
- Plan to attend our PTO Meetings every other month (Calendar will be shared in the Fall)
- Read our weekly 'Friday Features' E-Blasts sent from noreply@brrsd.k12.nj.us for the latest news.
- We are here to help you! Email PTO Co-Presidents, Caitlin & Jessica, with questions or for ways you can get involved. BGSPTOPresident@gmail.com

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Your Turn.....

Any questions?

When you get your child, feel free to stop back at the photo booth!

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Follow up questions....

TOPIC	CONTACT
Questions about your child's health needs	Email Mrs. Colavito kcolavito@brrsd.k12.nj.us
Request for specific session	Email with all details to afesta@brrsd.k12.nj.us
Transportation needs	Email/Call Transportation at (908) 722-1820
Behavioral/social/emotional support	Email Ms. Arora parora@brrsd.12.nj.us
To learn more about the curriculum	Email Mrs. Duffin mduffinhickey@brrsd.k12.nj.us
Need more information on the school or any other questions	Email Mrs. Binford bbinford@brrsd.k12.nj.us

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