



Hello. I am Lynn Turner, the principal of Wilcox Primary School. I'd like to welcome you to our school community. Whether you are new to Twinsburg or already familiar with our school and district, I hope that you find the information in this presentation helpful. We are excited about the opportunity to help your children continue to grow academically and socially in kindergarten.

Presenters

- Kathryn Powers, Superintendent
- Lynn Turner, Principal
- Scott Astey, Assistant Principal
- Kara Miller, Kindergarten teacher
- Kara Morgart, School Counselor
- Jen Pinkney, District Nurse
- Leena Mehta, PTA president



In addition to our superintendent's welcome, during this presentation you will hear from Wilcox Primary School staff who will share details within their area of expertise.

Superintendent's Welcome

- Kathryn Powers, Superintendent



You will learn about...

- Wilcox Primary School
- What to expect in Kindergarten
- Helping your child prepare
- Health information
- Getting involved (PTA)
- Next Steps for enrollment and screening



We are happy to share details about our school, what to expect in kindergarten, how to help your child prepare for school, information about immunizations, ways parents can get involved, and next steps to enroll your child in the Twinsburg City School District.

Welcome to Wilcox

- Wilcox background
- School Hours:
9:00am-3:45pm
- Bus Transportation
- Soft opening for all
students August 14, 15, 16
- [2024-2025 TCSD calendar](#)



Wilcox Primary School is home to over 700 children in grades preschool, kindergarten, and first grade. As part of a commitment to early childhood education, the TCSD has supported full day kindergarten for over 25 years. Typical class sizes in kindergarten include about 22-25 children with one teacher. The first days of school for all students will be August 14, 15, and 16. During these soft-reopening days students will come to school ONE of the first three days in smaller groups to meet their teacher and become familiar with their school. You can find the school calendar with holidays and vacations on the district webpage under “For Parents” but we have included a link on this page for your convenience.

What to expect in Kindergarten

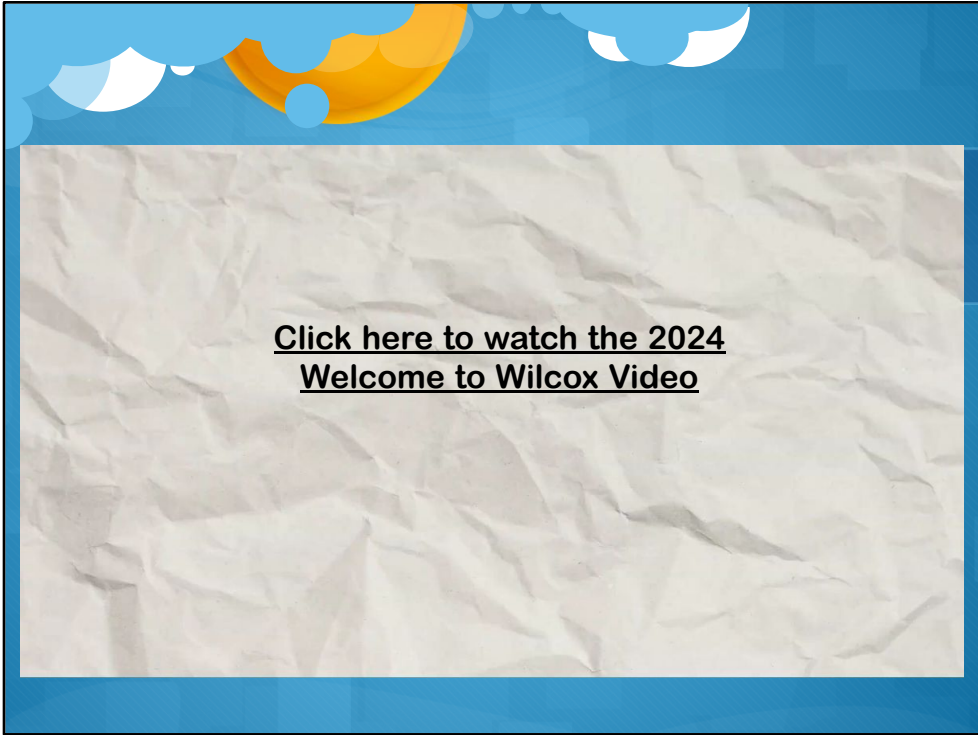
- Typical Day
 - Schedule
 - Lunch/Recess
 - Specials
 - Snack
- What do students learn?
- Technology Integration



Welcome to Wilcox Primary School!

My name is Kara Miller and I have been teaching kindergarten at Wilcox for several years! Kindergarten is so special to me as the children are full of wonder and excitement for learning. I've been asked to share what a typical day may look like in kindergarten at Wilcox.

We begin our day with daily announcements. We recite our Wilcox Pledge. We promise to do our best work, be responsible, respectful, caring and safe. Then classroom teachers begin their morning meetings. We talk about the calendar, weather, count and practice our letters and sounds. We discuss which special class we will have. We rotate through art, gym and music and get to have tech time and library class once a week. We have lunch and recess at school. Students can buy a hot lunch or pack one from home. We also ask parents to send in a daily snack....



**[Click here to watch the 2024
Welcome to Wilcox Video](#)**

“Ready” for kindergarten

- Must be 5 years old on or before August 1, 2024
- Five key developmental areas:
 1. Communication (listening and speaking with others)
 2. Early Learning Setting (adjusting to school)
 3. Motor Development (movement, using scissors, writing tools)
 4. Academic (colors, shapes, letters, sounds, numbers)
 5. Social (working with others, demonstrating independence)



Hello! My name is Scott Astey, I am an assistant principal at Wilcox Primary School. When it comes to being READY for kindergarten, there are only two requirements. The first, you must be five years old on or before August 1, 2024. and second, you need live within the Twinsburg City School District. However, there are 5 key developmental areas that we look for when we say, children are ready for kindergarten. The first key developmental area is communication, this refers to a child's ability to both listen and say what they want and need with others. The second, is the Early Learning setting or how well the children are able to adjust to the structured, social school learning environment. Number 3 is a child's motor development this includes both gross motor, such as movement running jumping skipping, and fine motor, how well the child uses scissors, crayons and writing tools. Number 4 are the academics, here, we look at a child's ability to identify colors, shapes, letters, sounds and numbers. The fifth key developmental area is regarding a child's social ability which is how they interact with other children and teachers and how well they demonstrate their own independence .

Social/Emotional Preparation

- Fostering Independence
- Separation from parents
- Guidance at Wilcox
 - Classroom Lessons
 - Small Groups
 - Individual meetings



Hi everyone and welcome to Wilcox! I'm Kara Morgart, the school counselor. I can't wait to get the chance to see your child in the school setting and to more importantly, get to know them! I'm looking forward to providing academic, mental, social, and emotional support to our students. I am always available to students just by them asking me. I am also available to you for any concerns, suggestions, or support through phone or email. The students will get to know me by me visiting their classrooms once a month for a guidance lesson. In addition, some will also see me during group time and individual time in my office. Here at Wilcox some of my main focuses include fostering independence, helping to make separation from parents and caregivers as seamless as possible and of course building confidence and understanding in each students academic, mental, social, and emotional learning and growing. Please don't ever hesitate to reach out as I love to get to know our students AND their families.

What does PBIS Look Like

Wilcox Pledge

Today is a new day, It is my job to do my **BEST WORK**. I promise to be Responsible, be Respectful, be Caring and to be Safe.

I can make good choices.
I am a problem solver.
I am proud of myself.



WE WILL NEED:



TEACHING TO DOs

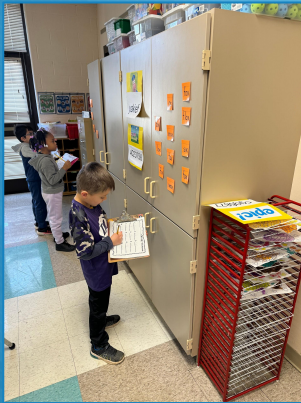
- What it means
- What it looks like



- Reasonable expectations
- Consistent Approach

Early Entrance

(packets available in the Wilcox office beginning April 2)



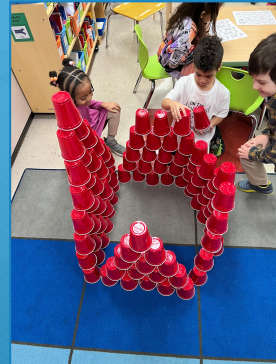
- August 2-December 31 birthday
- Whole grade acceleration
- Need to have superior cognitive ability (>115 IQ)
- Academic Achievement (math, language arts, science, vocabulary)
- Aptitude (compared to much older child)

Sometimes the parents of children whose birthdays do not meet the August 1 cut-off seek the opportunity for their child to participate in Early Entrance testing. Early Entrance to kindergarten is considered a whole grade acceleration, even if the child's birthday is only a few days after August 1st. To complete this process, parents should contact the Wilcox office to pick up an Early Entrance packet. After you complete the information and turn in your child's birth certificate and proof of residency, a school psychologist will contact you for your child's assessment. The first part of the assessment will be a cognitive (or IQ) assessment. Children who score 115 or above will be invited back for further academic and aptitude assessments. Parents should be aware that this is a rigorous process equivalent to skipping a grade, so few children meet all the necessary criteria. You can find more information about Early Entrance under the FOR PARENTS, REGISTRATION and ENROLLMENT tab on our district webpage when by scrolling all the way to to the bottom.

Kindergarten Prep Program (KPP): *Alternative to Kindergarten*

- *Half-day* at Wilcox, 5 days per week
- Project-based learning
- 4-year olds and “young” 5-year olds (Aug. 2-Dec.31 birthdays)
- *2023-2024 tuition = \$2,100
- Scholarships are available for those who qualify
- Information on our website

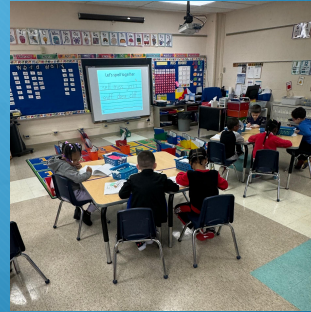
*Tuition is subject to change per BOE



Here at Wilcox primary school, we have a newer preschool program called, the Kindergarten Preparatory Program, or the KPP. The KPP is an alternative opportunity to kindergarten designed for students who have summer birthdays, are young fives or do not make early entrance. Parents, if you're wondering if your child is ready for kindergarten and think they need another year before starting kindergarten, this program might be for you. The KPP is a half-day, pre-kindergarten, program that features project-based learning. Project Based learning, takes students interests and captivates the various learning domains based off their interests in themed projects. The program is designed for students age 4 by August 1st 2024 and not going to kindergarten. The tuition for this past year was \$2,100 for the year which is \$11.67 a day. Scholarships are available for those who may qualify for free or reduced lunch status. The KPP application window is opened but will closes this Friday, March 15th 2024. So if you are interested in the KPP program please visit the preschool web page or contact the school.

Health Information

- Required immunizations, physical, and oral exams – *don't wait!*
- What if your child has allergies?
- What if your child requires medication in school?



Hi, I am Jennifer Pinkney the District Nurse in Twinsburg, welcome to Wilcox! As a Kindergarten student there are 3 medical documents we will need prior to your child starting in August. First is their immunization records, please ask your family doctor to give you a copy of this or if you have MyChart for your child you may be able to print it off there. Next we will need a physical examination form as this is required by the state of Ohio, along with an oral exam that is required per the Twinsburg City School District. Both of these documents are good for 1 year from the date of the actual exams. These forms are available via the Twinsburg City School District website. Go to For Parents and click on Forms. Under Medical Forms are all the documents you may need for your child.

Does your child have any concerns regarding their health? Please let us know if we should be on the lookout for a student regarding their health from allergies, seizures, or to needing daily medication at school. Please know we can keep medications for students in the clinic with our Nurse who is in the building during school hours. All of these forms are available under the same Forms tab mention earlier.

Getting Involved

- PTA at Wilcox
 - PTA links families to important school and community information. We organize fun and educational events and programs.
 - Join the PTA!!!!
<https://wilcoxohpta.memberhub.store/store?category=Memberships>
Find us on Facebook: Wilcox PTA



There are many ways to get involved and stay connected through the PTA. The PTA stands strong with parent volunteers and support. With the help, support and involvement of PTA members Wilcox continues to strive in innovative ways to enrich our students.

Next Steps...

- Begin enrollment process online (week of March 18)

The screenshot shows the Wilcox City School District website. At the top, it says "Wilcox City School District" and "...where the schools and the communities are o". Below this are three main navigation tabs: "FOR PARENTS", "FOR STAFF", and "FOR STUDENTS". Under "FOR PARENTS", there is a list of links including: Athletics, Wilcoxian Contact School Coverage & Dates, Calendar - Home, Calendar - view page summary and annual report, Contact Us, District Departments & Services, District Information and Profile, I-2 Pay, Payer Centre, Forms, Lunch Menu, Our Schools, Parent Access (Gradeschool), Parent Resources, Registration Information, Safe Schooling Tip Line, Staff Directory, Student Fees, Student Handbooks, Student Organizations, and Transportation. To the left of the navigation menu is a calendar for February 2017, showing dates from 1 to 28. Below the calendar are logos for several schools: KURO SCHOOL, AMBERLIN SCHOOL, E. G. DODGE EDGATE SCHOOL, and L. BISSELL STARY SCHOOL. At the bottom of the page, there is a "What's Happening" section with a link to "Kindergarten 2016-17 Parent Information Night" and a brief description of the event.

At this point, you are probably ready to sign up your child for their kindergarten year at Wilcox! You might also have additional questions. The week of March 18 parents will be able to complete the initial enrollment application by going to our website, under FOR PARENTS > REGISTRATION AND ENROLLMENT NEW STUDENTS. This page has information about registration and the documents you will need to bring to your appointment the day your child participates in kindergarten screening.

Registration and Screening

- New Students to Wilcox will Set up your appointment online (website) by Wednesday, March 18)
- Custodial parent
- 8:30am – 3:30pm
 - Monday, June 3
 - Tuesday, June 4



This year, we will be conducting registration and screening appointments for NEW STUDENTS to Wilcox on June 3rd and 4th at Wilcox Primary School. If your child is currently attending Wilcox Preschool, you do not need to sign up for a screening time as they will be screened while they are at school. Each child must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who will drop them off with a Wilcox teacher and will pick them up in the same location after the screening is complete. While your child is with our teachers, parents and guardians will complete the enrollment process and meet with a school nurse. You should plan to be here about one hour.



On the Screening Day

- About 1 hour
- Parents will complete the registration process and meet with the school nurse
- Wilcox teachers, health staff
- Meet with your child to gather initial information

Early literacy

Social Interactions

Math/Numbers

Speech and Language

Vision

As Mr. Astey mentioned, kindergarten screening will take place in June at Wilcox. Parents and children can expect to be at their registration and screening appointment for about 1 hour. Children will complete language arts and math assessments with a teacher, a speech/language assessment with a speech pathologist, and will participate in vision and hearing screenings with a medical aide. A school nurse will be present to talk to parents about medical records, children's allergies, and any medication or health plans that should be followed at school. Parents should bring all registration documents with them to be sure your child's school records are complete and ready for August.

Screening for....

Current Wilcox Preschoolers

Current Wilcox preschool students (IPP and KPP) do not need to schedule a screening appointment.

Students will be screened at Wilcox in May.



Current KPP students and IPP peer models will be screened at school in May. Students on IEPs will not participate in kindergarten screening assessments unless it is recommended by the IEP team. Please refer to the letter sent by Mrs. Turner or call the Wilcox office if you have specific questions about the process for your child.

Thank you!



- Questions
- Visit Classrooms

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@WilcoxCounselor

- Twinsburg City School District



- Wilcox Primary PTA

- Wilcox Primary School Parents



We know that was a lot of information! We are here to do whatever is necessary to make the beginning of kindergarten a wonderful experience for you and your child. One thing you can do right now is follow us on social media. This will help you get connected to our school community, see the fun things we do, and learn more about what primary education is like in the Twinsburg City School District. We are excited to meet you and your children this summer!