



Welcome  
to  
Pre-K

**PIKE COUNTY SCHOOLS**  
**2023-2024**



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) requires Orientation for Parents of Pre-K Students.

It is intended to give parents general program information.

# PRE-K TEACHERS BFTS CLASSROOMS

➤ Classroom 6:

➤ Classroom: 3

➤ Classroom: 5

➤ Classroom: 8

➤ Classroom: 7

➤ Pre-K Coordinator:

➤ Instructional Coach:

➤ Counselor

➤ Assistant Principal

➤ Principal:

Erica Anthony

Megan Chisholm

Grace Woodall

Lauren Norton

Breanna Oglesby

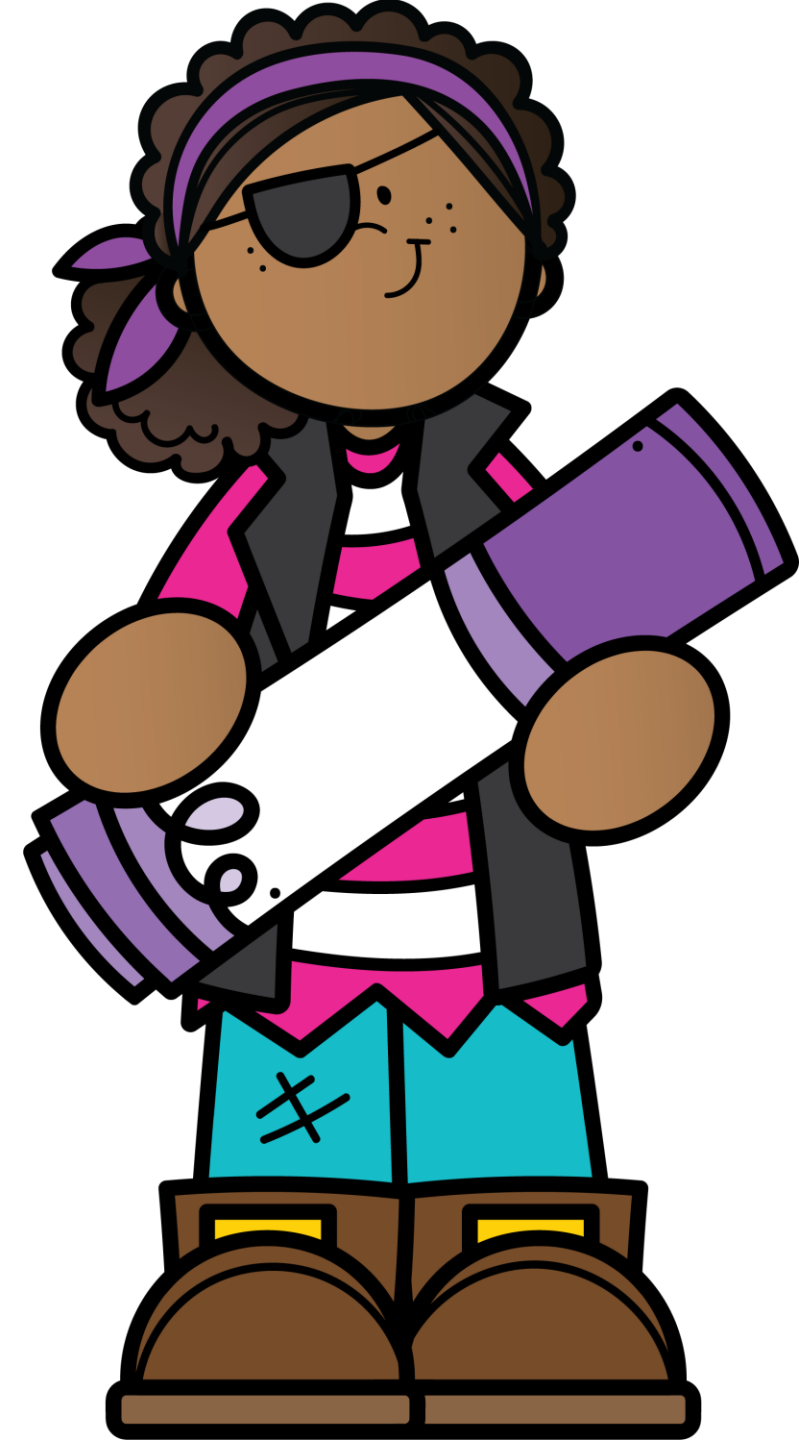
Sherry Westbrook

Lori Beth Reeves

Cassie Pierce

Mandy Cloy

April Teal-Phagan



# Pre-K Support Staff

**Specials Teacher:**

Pam Vickers

**Assistant Teachers:**

Vanessa Clemmons  
Holly Johnson  
Tonya Odom  
Subrenna Weathers  
Jana Turley

**School Nurse:**

Samantha Walker



# Breakfast and Lunch



- Breakfast is \$ 2.50.
- Lunch is \$ 3.75.
- Menus are sent home on the first of each month.
- Students may bring lunch from home if preferred.
- Due to the number of students we have in the cafeteria in the mornings, we are unable to have visitors for breakfast. Thank you for understanding.
- We will begin accepting lunch visitors after the first six weeks of school. Adult lunch is \$4.50.
- Check with your child's teacher for their specific lunchtime.



# Clothing

Students should wear comfortable clothes they are able to manage themselves. Remember that Pre-K is very active and hands-on. Your child will probably get dirt, paint, and food on their clothes during the school day. We play outside, and the children will need shoes to run and climb in. We recommend socks and tennis shoes.

Students should always have a clean change of clothes.



# Daily Schedule

- Our instructional day begins at 8:00 a.m.
- Breakfast eaters should arrive by 7:40 a.m.
- Car Riders are released at 3:05 p.m.

Your teacher will provide a daily classroom schedule.



# Morning Car Riders

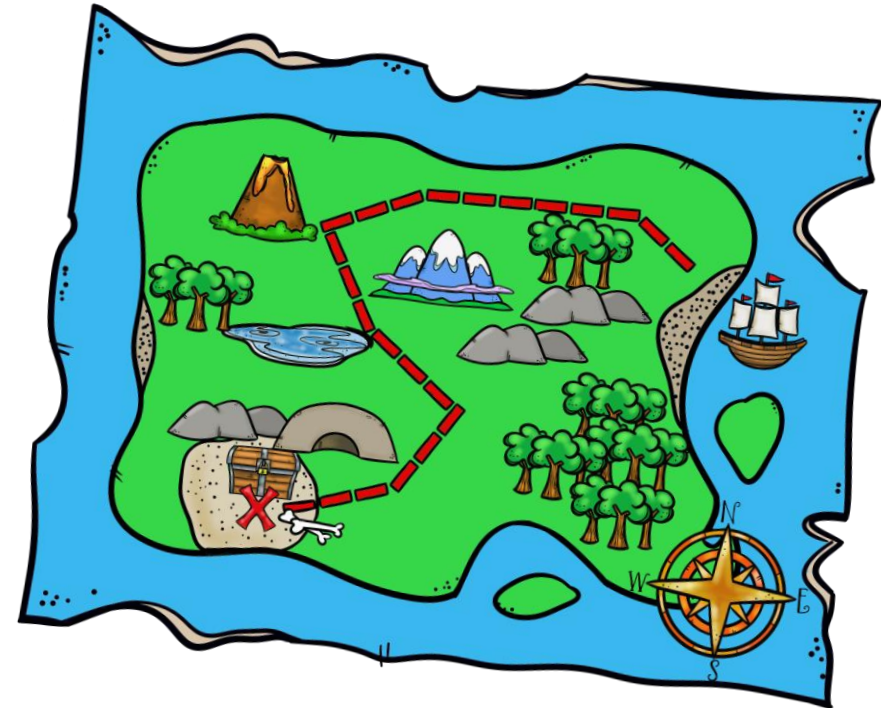
- Parents and guardians must remain in cars. No visitors are allowed in the building during student arrival.
- Staff are on duty from 7:35-8:00 a.m. Students may not be dropped off before 7:35.
- After 8:00 a.m., you will need to walk your child into the building and check-in.
- Students must exit on the passenger side.
- For the safety of your child, do not allow him/her to exit on his/her own.
- Clothing, shoes, and bows should already be put on before pulling up in the carline.
- If your child cannot exit quickly or the driver needs to get out of the vehicle, you will need to pull around and park.
- Pull all the way up to the "STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICK UP SIGN" when unloading.
- Cars will enter and exit in the same place.
- Students are tardy at 8:05.





# Afternoon Carline

- Parents and guardians must remain in cars. No visitors are allowed in the lobby during dismissal.
- Students must be loaded on the passenger side.
- Students must be strapped into car seats or booster seats. You can pull over into Ruth's to buckle up.
- If your child needs help with buckling, please pull on around and to the side.
- Cars will exit to the right beside Ruth's unless buses are in that area. If so, yield to buses.
- Afternoon dismissal begins at 3:00. All students must be picked up before 3:10.

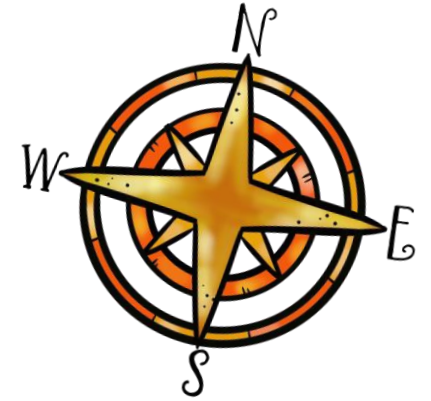


# Miscellaneous



- All money should be sent in an envelope with child's name, teacher's name, purpose of money, and the amount written on the envelope.
- Toys, jewelry, etc. should not be brought to school.
- Label all items - jackets, coats, book bags, change of clothes, blankets, water bottles, ...EVERYTHING!
- Teachers are not available in the mornings. If you have any concerns, please see Ms. Westbrook in the office. She will be happy to assist you.
- Pre-K Office 770 567-4769

# Let's Talk About Attendance

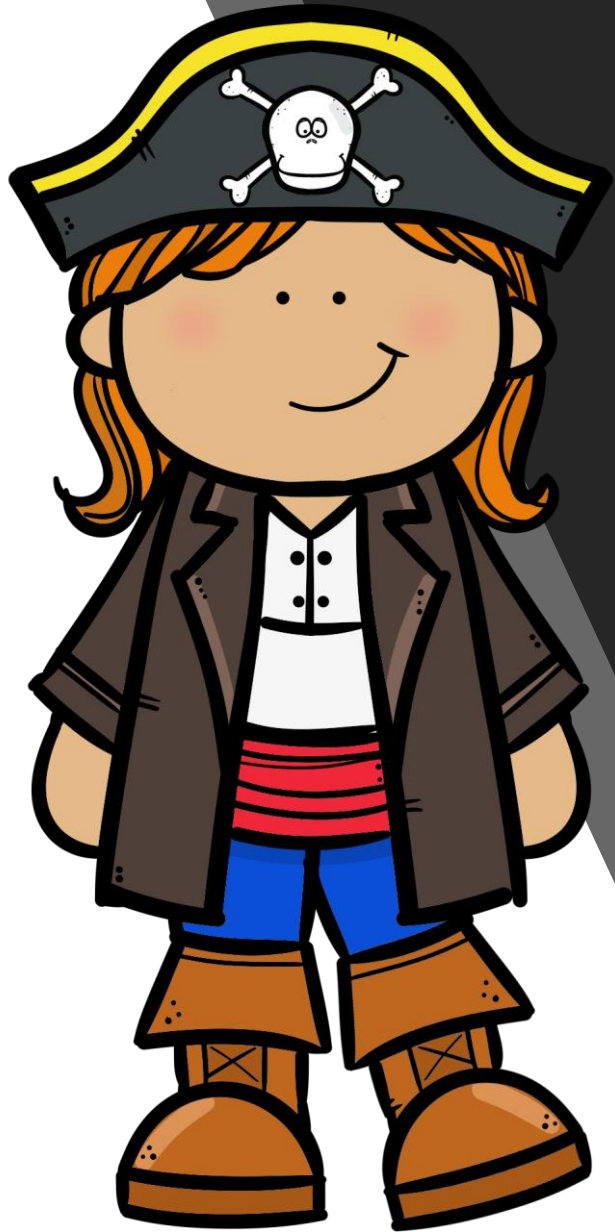


- ✓ The State of Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) checks our attendance records. If a child is absent for more than 10 consecutive days, has a pattern of leaving early, or is chronically tardy he/she may lose their space in the program.
- ✓ We want your child to come to school every day, but if he/she has a temperature of 100 degrees or more, he/she must stay at home.
- ✓ A child who is contagious (with or without fever), must stay at home.
- ✓ Students should be free from fever, vomiting, and diarrhea for 24 hours before returning to school.
- ✓ Upon returning to school, students should have a parent or doctor's excuse.

# Transportation Changes

- ❑ Transportation changes must be in written form. Place a note in the zip pocket in the folder.
- ❑ Otherwise, the request to change transportation must be faxed (678-359-9850) or emailed to [westbrs@pike.k12.ga.us](mailto:westbrs@pike.k12.ga.us) BEFORE 1:30 P.M. along with a photo of your driver's license.
- ❑ Please do not call or text teachers with transportation changes.
- ❑ Please do not leave transportation changes on our Voice Mail.





# Required Documentation

If any documents are missing from your child's file you will receive a letter requesting the missing documents. You will have 48 hours to submit any missing documents.



# GEORGIA EARLY LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

- Communication, language, and literacy
- Social and emotional development
- Physical development
- Approaches to play and learning
- Cognitive development and general knowledge

For more information on Pre-K Standards visit

[www.decal.ga.gov](http://www.decal.ga.gov) and click on **GELDS**





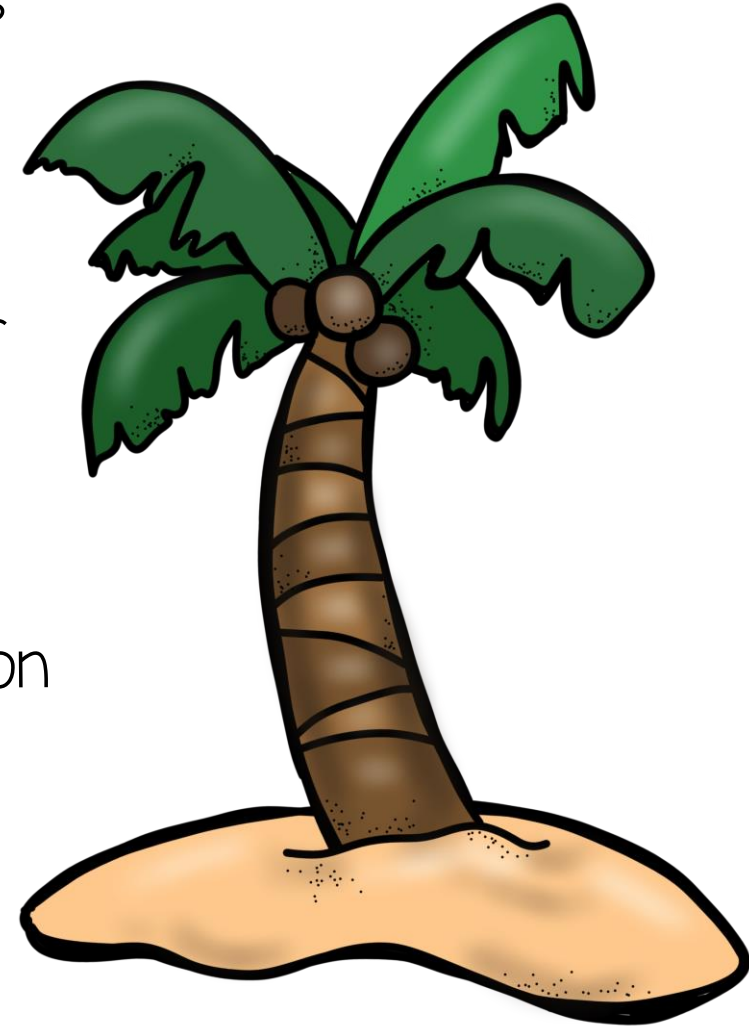
# What if the school closes for inclement weather?

- Pike County Schools Facebook Page
  - TV
  - School Website
  - School All-Call
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- Please make sure parent/guardian contact numbers are kept up-to-date.



# Behavior

- We are in the business of teaching children. This means we also teach them how to behave and get along with others.
- However, children may be unenrolled from the Pre-K Program if they are hurting themselves or others and/or chronically disruptive to the extent that they are not benefiting from the Pre-K Program.
- This would be a last resort.
- Students with chronic behavior problems will be placed on a behavior plan.
- Some consequences for misbehavior are:
  - Counseling
  - Warning by teacher
  - Denial of privileges or time-out
  - Note home or parent phone call



# Counseling



Mrs. Cassie Pierce is the counselor for PCPS and the Pre-K program.

She will be teaching monthly guidance lessons to Pre-K classes.

She will also be available to help with any social, emotional, or behavioral concerns with students.

# Referral Process for Special Needs

- If you have a concern, contact the teacher or call the Pre-K office.
- It could be speech, developmental delay, behavior, medical, etc.
- If the teacher identifies a need or concern, the parent will be contacted.
- A conference will be scheduled, and a plan of action will be established.



# Communication is Key!

- School Calendar
- PCPS and Pre-K Post (lobby and Facebook)
- Teacher Weekly Newsletter
- Agenda
- Phone Calls
- Teacher's Class Facebook
- Flyers and Memos
- Letters and Notes
- Schedule Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Check the student folder daily!



# parent Involvement

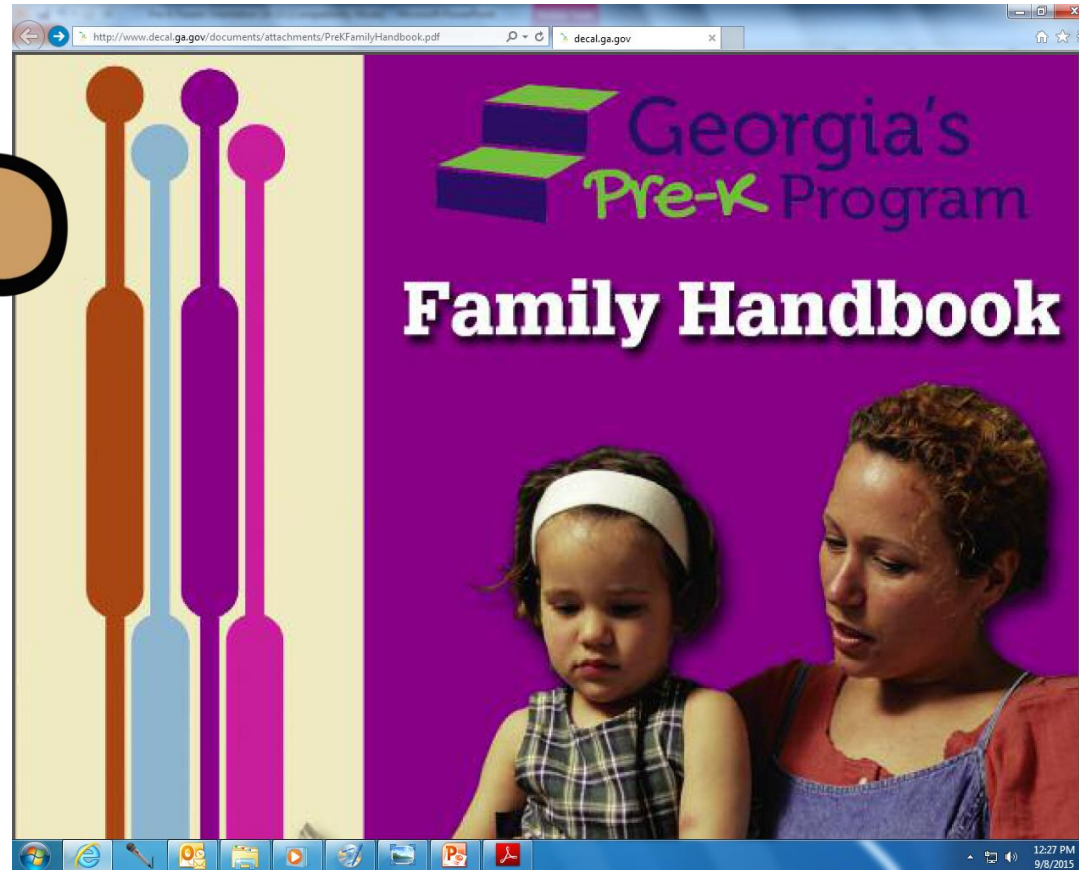
- Communicate with the Pre-K Staff
- Be a School Volunteer
- Attend Field Trips
- Participate in School Functions & Programs
- To volunteer, you must complete the volunteer/participation application, submit a copy of your state picture I.D., have a background check, complete the mandated reporter training, and submit the certificate.
- For classroom parties, you only need to sign-in with Mrs. Westbrook.
- You will be contacted by school staff when there are volunteering needs.





# WOULD YOU LIKE MORE INFORMATION?

<http://www.decal.ga.gov/documents/attachments/PreKFamilyHandbook.pdf>



# **THANK YOU FOR REVIEWING OUR PARENT ORIENTATION PRESENTATION!**

Please be sure to sign-in with your teacher in the classroom.

