

## Our Kindergarten Philosophy

Kindergarten forms the bridge between home and school and should provide successful experiences which are of a continuous and interrelated nature.

Our early childhood learning environment is a child-centered, comfortable place where children and adults interact in a secure and relaxed atmosphere. The environment is one that provides for all areas of development which include the specific social, emotional, motor and cognitive requirements of early childhood. Our Kindergarten Program provides these experiences, beginning at each individual level and progressing as far as possible.



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### *Schedule and Program Information*

*Blanchard Memorial School  
Boxborough, MA 01719  
[www.boxboroughschool.org](http://www.boxboroughschool.org)*

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## Schedule for Morning and Afternoon Sessions

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Our Kindergartens offer full-day sessions with the option of half-day. Full-day kindergarten will follow the regular Blanchard school day hours of 8:45 a.m.-3:00 p.m. For families who choose the half-day option, children will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m.

Please note the “Teacher In-service Days” on Thursdays that are circled on the school calendar. These are scheduled half-days once a month, and dismissal is at 12:00 p.m. Children return home on the same bus that picked them up in the morning, unless they are scheduled to attend day care.

### Change in Transportation-

Written notes are required if your child is dismissed earlier than the usual time. You may pick up “Orange Notes” in the office for this purpose. Please be sure to send in an “Orange Note” anytime that you are picking up your child from school (even if it is the usual dismissal time).



### **Tardy Passes**

If your child arrives late to school, please escort him/her to the Main Office. Your child will be given a “tardy pass” to bring to his/her teacher.

### **Absence From School**

If your child is going to be absent, please be sure to call the Safe Arrival Program at 264-4293, and an answering machine will record your message. Please call before 9:00 a.m. A written absence excuse note is required upon your child’s return to school. Thank you.

### **Please Label Everything**

Please label all jackets, lunchboxes, backpacks, boots, etc. with you child’s name. This will eliminate any confusion. There is a “Lost and Found” Box under the staircase next to the cafeteria for belongings that are misplaced.

### **Snack Time/Lunch Time**

Please have your child bring in a healthy snack and drink from home daily. Children staying for a full day will be eating lunch in the cafeteria. At lunch, the children will have the choice of purchasing a lunch or bringing one from home. Children will have the opportunity to purchase milk (white or chocolate) or orange juice when they are in the cafeteria at lunch.

### **Birthdays**

Birthday celebrations are held once a month in class. A special snack is usually provided by the parent(s)/guardian(s) of that month’s birthday child. To avoid hurt feelings, please do not distribute birthday invitations at school. At the end of the school year, we will celebrate summer birthdays on a scheduled day.

### **Sharing**

In Kindergarten, the girls and boys love to share their hobbies, collections, nature finds, special toys, and news with their classmates. Your child will be encouraged to share something with the class on his/her “sharing day”. Please do not send any weapons or items too large to fit into a back pack.

### **Curriculum Map**

You are able to view our curriculum map on the Blanchard website:

<http://www.boxboroughschool.org>

Our program includes a “Hands-on Approach” to Integrated Thematic units of Study. Activities and lessons throughout the units introduce the curriculum and related skills in meaningful ways.

### **Read Aloud To Your Child**

Reading aloud to your child is the best thing a parent can do to develop and encourage literacy, language, and a love of reading.

