

Here are the specific questions that were asked at the end of the session:

What time is drop off?

- Students can be dropped off at **8:45 am** for a school day start of **8:55 am**
- Dismissal is at **3:20 pm** for full day students and **11:35 am** for half day students

Will there be an open house?

- Yes. Kindergarten students have an open house during the first day of school for the 1st through 5th graders. More information will be coming on this event.

Have you ever had such a big boy to girl difference?

- Yes we have had this in the past.

What is the breakdown for girls and boys at Vinal for this grade level (just wondering as this class moves forward in the grades and combines into one group?)

- Vinal has 31 girls and 49 boys

How do we set up Aspen?

- You do not need to set this up. It will be set up for you and directions will be sent to you regarding sign offs.

Here are topics that have come up in past years:

Kindergarten Classes/Placement

Typically, we use the kindergarten screening information to create balanced classes. This year, with kindergarten screening on hold until the fall, we will use the information from the parent survey. We spread half day students across the four classes evenly. Our most recent data shows that there are 8 half day students. Class placement information will be shared with families in July. As of right now, there will be 20 or 21 students in each of the four kindergarten classrooms. In addition to the four kindergarten teachers, we will also have two kindergarten aides that will help out in each kindergarten classroom for half of each day.

Kindergarten Screening

Kindergarten screening is a basic screening tool that we use as part of a state mandated screening for all students entering kindergarten. The purpose is to determine if any students have additional needs that we can address at school.

Buses

Currently, Cole School has 7 buses. There may be an 8th bus added next year. Bus pick up and drop off times will be listed in Aspen as well as in the Mariner. Be on the lookout for an email from Kathy Lynch regarding buses. She will want to know if you are choosing to opt out of bus service.

We have regularly scheduled bus meetings to monitor bus behavior. Mrs. Benner, the assistant principal, primarily handles bus concerns and issues.

Before/After School Care

The YMCA runs a before and after school program at Cole School. This information can be found on the Cole School website.

School Tours

We typically have a New Families Picnic in August which is a great opportunity to come and tour the school in a relaxed setting. Stay tuned for more information about this fun family event this summer.

Another opportunity you should take advantage of this summer is the 1,000 Book Club. This is a great way for your child to stop into school to get books while keeping up with reading all summer long!

Specialists

Every kindergarten student will attend four specialists each week; art, gym, library and music.

Parent Involvement

Cole School LOVES parent volunteers! There are many chances to get involved including helping out in the classroom or computer lab, field trips, special events, being a mystery reader, or through the PTO sponsored events and programs. We are not sure if there will be any visitor restrictions next year, but we are certain we can find ways for parents to help out!

When Concerns Arise

Strong communication between home and school is critical and will be established early on. If you have a concern, let the teacher know. If your child's teacher has a concern, they will be sure to inform you. If concerns continue or require more assistance, Cole School has a team that is ready to help whether it means social emotional, academic or medical support.

We can't wait to meet your child! We look forward to working with you. If you have any other questions, please email us and we would be happy to answer them.

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