

**Welcome to Bryan Kindergarten  
and  
Balanced Beginnings!**

Dear Kindergarten Families 2023-2024,

Welcome to Bryan! We are so excited to have your child and family join our school! We are Bryan's kindergarten teaching team: Kristina Russell and Erica Buzolich. As mentioned earlier this spring, Bryan starts the kindergarten year with a special transition process called Balanced Beginnings. For the first two weeks of school, your child will come to school for **half-days**. Half of the class will come in the morning and half in the afternoon. See below for which session your child will attend.

Balanced Beginnings was developed to ease the transition into Kindergarten for the children. We introduce the new environment and kindergarten routines with smaller groups of children. This allows us to reduce their anxiety and provide additional support as needed.

Your child will experience both classrooms and spend time with both teachers. This ensures a positive start to the year and an opportunity to build bonds with all of their peers.

At the end of the two weeks, we will build and post class lists using the information gathered from our time together. Beginning Monday, September 18th, the children will begin in their new homerooms with their homeroom teacher.

Please note: Lunch is available for both sessions. However, please there is no midday bussing for the children.

Starting with Balanced Beginnings helps everyone become comfortable with the new environment, routines, and people. This creates classrooms of children ready to learn.

We look forward to meeting your child in the fall!  
Warmly,

Erica Buzolich and Kristina Russell

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**Balanced Beginning September 5 - September 15, 2023**

Last Name Begins A - L  
8:55 -11:50

Last Name Begins M - Z  
12:30 - 3:20