

# **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS BY BIG HOLLOW DISTRICT #38 KINDERGARTEN PARENTS**

## **1. What is required for my child to start Kindergarten?**

\* Birth Certificate – A child must be 5 years old on or before September 1 to attend Kindergarten during the school year in which he/she is registering.

**Parents must present an original birth certificate that has the county seal.**

The school will make a copy and return the original.

\* Proof of Residency – Parents must show proof of residency in the Big Hollow School District 38, as designated on the Proof of Residency form in the registration packet.

\* A physical dated within one year of the start of school, with all required immunizations. Specific information and an Illinois physical form are included in the registration packet.

\*A dental exam dated within 18 months of May 15 of the Kindergarten year. Dental exam form is provided in registration packet.

\*A vision exam dated before October 15 of the Kindergarten year. Proof of exam must be provided by the doctor.

## **2. Do I get to pick if my child is A.M. or P.M. Kindergarten?**

No, the A.M. and P.M. classes are determined by bus routes.

## **3. When will I learn who will be my child's teacher?**

In August you will receive notification about your child's teacher. Please be aware that requests for specific teachers are not accepted. Information regarding bus stop, morning or afternoon kindergarten placement and teacher information will be mailed in August.

## **4. What happens to my child when he/she gets off the school bus?**

When your child arrives at school a monitor will get the children off the bus and walk them into the school. Once in the school, the children will go to their designated table in the lunchroom with their class. There will be monitors in the lunch room to supervise the children.

## **5. What happens to my child if he/she is a drop-off at school?**

If you will be bringing your child to school he/she will enter the building through the front doors of the school. Please view the attached map designating the drop-off area. There will be a monitor outside of the school waiting for children who are getting dropped-off. The children will then go into the lunchroom.

**You will need to sign-in your child at the office if he/she arrives late to school.**

**6. Will my child need a snack?**

Yes, children will need to bring a snack from home each day. Your child's teacher will provide you more information about snacks in their classroom.

**7. What happens the first day of school?**

When children arrive at school, all the students are escorted to the gym (a.m. Kindergarten); Kindergarten pod (p.m. Kindergarten). They will be seated with their class and classroom teacher. There will be a short assembly. The students are then escorted by their teacher to their classroom.

**8. Can we visit the classroom before school starts?**

Before the school year begins there will be a Meet and Greet. You and your child will be able to come to the school, go to the classroom, meet the teacher and drop-off school supplies. Please do not label your child's school supplies. Kindergarten teachers request that you help sort your child's supplies into the appropriate bins during the Meet and Greet.

Parking will be available in the front and back of the school. The Meet and Greet day and time will be posted on the school website: [www.bighollow.us](http://www.bighollow.us).

**9. What about busing?**

In August a letter will be mailed home with busing information. Please note that all students at Big Hollow District #38 are eligible for busing. The School District utilizes Durham Bus Company. If you have any questions regarding busing, please contact Durham (847-543-9244).

**10. What if my child has a special medical concern?**

A Student Medical Information form is included in the registration packet. If you need to discuss a medical situation in further detail, please contact the School nurse at your school to make an appointment.

**11. What time does school start and end?**

Morning Kindergarten: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Afternoon Kindergarten: 12:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

**12. What is the earliest I can bring my child to school?**

Morning Kindergarten: 8:45 a.m.  
Afternoon Kindergarten: 12:40 p.m.

**13. Is there before-and-after-school care?**

Currently, A Child's Place is renting space in the Big Hollow Elementary School; the 2012 – 2013 school year is TBD. Other local childcare providers are listed in the hand-out in the registration packet. Parents needing childcare would need to contact these organizations to have questions answered about their specific programs and to make the necessary arrangements.

#### **14. How secure is the building?**

All exterior doors, except the main entrance to our building, are locked during the school day. The main entrance doors allow public access to the building only through the office.

All visitors are required to check in at the main office. Each visitor will be required to provide state issued identification and state the purpose of their visit. The district utilizes software which searches sex offender databases before visitors are allowed in the buildings.

All approved visitors will receive a visitor's badge which must be worn and visible at all times during the school visit.

\* Please be aware the schools utilize video surveillance equipment. Students, staff and visitors will be recorded both inside and outside of the facilities.

#### **15. The information listed below will be mailed to you in August:**

- If your child is A.M. or P.M. Kindergarten.
- Who will be your child's teacher.
- Your child's bus number, bus stop location and bus pick-up time.

\* Please check-out the school website [www.bighollow.us](http://www.bighollow.us)