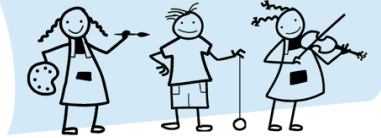


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July 27, 2021

Binkley Families and Friends,

Thank you for choosing Binkley Preschool (BPS) as the starting point for your child's educational experience. My name is Kim Buckley and it is both an honor and a privilege to serve as your director here at Binkley Preschool. This year marks the start of my 13th year here at Binkley. From parent, to classroom, and now director, I am excited to lead in a place, and among people, I love dearly! Be prepared to laugh a lot, play a lot, and learn a lot during the coming year.

At BPS, we believe that children should be allowed to be children. We strive to foster a loving and nurturing environment that is challenging and stimulating, but not frustrating. During the course of the year, you will hear the phrase "Binkley Family." The atmosphere at Binkley truly is family-like. We know that your child will forge new friendships. We hope that you and your family do as well!

For many of you, this will be your child's first school experience, while others are now preschool pros. Regardless of degree of experience, all children have adjustments to make. There will be new teachers, new friends, and new expectations. The staff at Binkley wants to make this transition as easy as possible for you and your child.

Please know that my door is *always* open! If you have any questions or concerns, comments or suggestions, I want to hear from you. Teachers are available for conferences most days at 11:30am. Just phone or email me to schedule.

Please mark your calendars now for all of the important dates for the upcoming school year. Of special note is our yearly **Parent Orientation Night, scheduled for Thursday, September 2 2021, at 7:00pm**. This is a chance for parents to gather together, meet one another, meet your child's teachers, hear about the goals for the class and to ask questions. We only do this once a year, and while it is not 'required' as it is at some preschools, we do strongly encourage you to attend. Once the children begin school, our focus will turn to them.

Parents, this year we have adopted the saying "Safety is no Accident." An ongoing concern at Binkley (and indeed at most schools) is safety in and around cars and car lines. Binkley Preschool has a pick-up system, and now a drop-off (Kiss & Go), voted on by the Parent Board, approved by Binkley Church, and outlined in the Parent Handbook. These procedures have been designed with the safety of all children in mind. Please help us by learning our policies and sharing them with anyone who will be dropping off, or picking up your child. In addition, I have directed the staff to adhere to our policies and to make no exceptions to our procedures. I will be out in the car line to answer your questions, and to help direct traffic so that we all have a clear understanding of how the system works. The first and foremost rule is for both drivers and walkers.... as soon as we begin loading/unloading children, all phone calls/texts/email must cease. If you are in the middle of a call and cannot end it, please refrain from entering the car line or the walk zone until you conclude your business. **Drivers**, please use caution as the loading /unloading road is a 2-way street and we have pedestrian traffic as well. **Walkers**, the policy is that you use the sidewalk that runs around the Binkley Church property, we cannot permit you to walk up and down the carline or to cut across traffic to University Place. If we continue to have safety concerns either school-wide, or in specific cases, we will modify our policies.

Again, thank you for allowing us to be part of your child's early years. It is a responsibility that the teachers, staff and Parent Board take very seriously. We are looking forward to a year of excitement, wonder and growth.

Smiles,

Mrs. Buckley

Director, Binkley Preschool

director@binkleypreschool.org

(919) 968-1427

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Binkley Preschool Information Summer Packet 2021-2022

Thank you for taking the time to read the attached information concerning Parent Orientation and the procedures for the first three weeks of school.

The enclosed forms must be filled out and returned to Binkley no later than Thursday, August 26, 2021.

Please note that this due date is **BEFORE** the first day of school. You are also welcome to bring the forms with you if you attend to one of our playdates scheduled for August 18 and August 26. You may also drop them off in the church mailbox (large black mailbox to the left of the Binkley Church office doors), or return them to us via mail (Binkley Preschool, 1712 Willow Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27514). For those of you with 3's and 4's who are interested in LUNCH BUNCH, please note that **we must receive the LUNCH BUNCH Lottery Form by August 26** in order for your child to be considered in the initial lottery.

We are looking forward to a great year! Your talents, your time, and your efforts are welcomed and needed at Binkley Preschool. We will keep you informed about the program through our weekly Friday Family Notes, website, weekly classroom emails (including photos!), emails, and written notices. If you have any updates to the information you filled out upon applying to BPS, please email (director@binkleypreschool.org) or phone (919-968-1427) so that we make sure we have current information to start the year. We hope you will contact us whenever you feel the need. The Parent Handbook which includes details about procedures and school policies is available on our website. We ask that you take some time this summer to read the handbook. If you would like a paper copy of the Parent Handbook, please tell your child's teacher or the Director. If you have any questions about anything in the Parent Handbook, please see the Director.

Parents, there is one important note about our pick up times and late fees. At Binkley Preschool, we have set drop off and pick up times for all students, including those staying for our Lunch Bunch program. Please adhere to these hours and leave yourself enough time to navigate stoplights and traffic. State law requires that we keep strictly to the stated hours. Thanks so much for your cooperation.

Enclosures:

Separation Hints
Important Summer Dates
First Weeks of School Schedule
2020-2021 School Calendar

Forms to fill out and return to BPS no later than August 26:

Child's Health Form
Emergency Transportation Permission
Pick-Up Authorization
Tell Us About Your Child
Lunch Bunch Lottery Form (Optional for children in our 3's and 4's classes.)
One-Time-Ride Permission Slips (Use as needed throughout the school year)

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Separation

One of the biggest challenges for many of you will be dealing with separation. Developing coping skills and methods for separation will be a necessity. Of course what works best for your child may be completely inappropriate for another child. In consequence, our policy is to deal with each separation on an individual basis. The key to managing separation is good communication between you and your child's teacher. When we reopened in January, 2021, during Covid, we began a drive through "Kiss & Go," drop off because we couldn't have parents in the building. We found that the transitions for ALL of our kiddos, but especially our youngest, were much easier than classroom drop off like years past. We are hopeful that this becomes a Covid "silver lining discovery" for many years to come (there are always silver linings if you look hard enough ;-)) as we always strive to do what is best for our kids!

Meet the Teacher Binkley Preschool will have a **"Meet the Teacher Morning!" on Friday, September 3, 2021.** This is a wonderful opportunity to meet the teachers, other parents, and children, in a casual environment prior to the opening of school. **The schedule is as follows: 4's Classes and MWF Classes will meet from 9:00-10:00am, T/Th Classes will meet from 10:30-11:30am. Parents, you must stay with your child during this fun meet and greet time.** If you feel that your child will benefit from a one-on-one visit, please contact the Director at 919-968-1427, or at, director@binkleypreschool.org. She will arrange for you and your child to have a short meeting with the teacher on the playground before the start of school.

Books Visit the public library and explore books about preschool. Below are several suggestions:

For Children:

Penn, Audrey - *The Kissing Hand*.
Oxenbury, Helen - *First Day of School*
Cohen, Miriam - *Will I Have a Friend?*
Rogers, Jacqueline - *Tiptoe Into Kindergarten*
Hill, Eric - *Spot Goes to School*

For Parents:

Balaban, Nancy - *Learning to Say Goodbye*. Signet Books
Jarvis, Kathe, Ed - *Separation: Strategies for Helping Two to Four Year Olds*

Friends Consider arranging a playground playdate with a student from your child's class to help establish a familiar face.

Playground Take some time to visit the Binkley playground and/or explore the preschool wing with your child. Be sure to attend the August Play Dates.

Pictures Sit down with your child and have him/her draw or scribble a picture to bring to school on the first day.

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Important Summer Dates

August 18 (WEDNESDAY)

Play Date

9:30am

Big Playground

Please bring your child for a fun, informal play date to meet other Binkley Families. Parents are responsible for their own children. This is also a great time to return the required school forms to the preschool.

August 26 (THURSDAY)

Play Date

9:30am

Big Playground

Please bring your child for a fun, informal play date to meet other Binkley Families. Parents are responsible for their own children. **All forms are due this day**, so take advantage of this time to return these forms to school!

September 2 (THURSDAY)

Parent Orientation

7:00p – 8:00pm

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7:00p-7:30pm: General Orientation in the Lounge

7:30p-8:00pm: Classroom/Teacher Visit

We encourage you to attend this evening event without your children. We will be covering lots of information, which will be tedious for the young ones. The classrooms will be set up for meetings, not play.

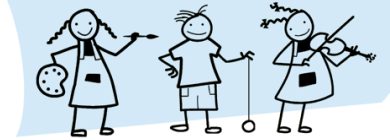
September 3 (FRIDAY)

Meet the Teacher Morning!

Classrooms

Please bring your Binkley student by the school to meet the teachers, new friends, and to see the classroom! **4's Classes and MWF Classes will meet from 9:00-10:00am, T/Th Classes will meet from 10:30-11:30am. Parents, you must stay with your child during this fun meet and greet time.**

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The First Two Weeks of School For Our 2's (Mrs. Bennett's Bear Cubs!) Classes:

Tuesday, September 7 - T/TH Class

Please bring your child for a **one-hour** session of preschool. **Child Only, no snack.**

9:00am – 10:00am Child's last name starts with **A-P**

10:30am – 11:30am Child's last name starts with **Q-Z**

Wednesday, September 8 - MWF Class

Please bring your child for a **one-hour** session of preschool. **Child only, no snack.**

9:00am – 10:00am Child's last name starts with **A-I**

10:30am – 11:30am Child's last name starts with **J-Z**

Thursday, September 9 - T/TH Class

Please bring your child for a **one-hour** session of preschool. **Child Only, no snack.**

9:00am – 10:00am Child's last name starts with **A-P**

10:30am – 11:30am Child's last name starts with **Q-Z**

Friday, September 10 - MWF Class

Please bring your child for a **one-hour** session of preschool. **Child Only, no snack.**

9:00am – 10:00am Child's last name starts with **A-I**

10:30am – 11:30am Child's last name starts with **J-Z**

Monday, September 13 - Thursday, September 17

9:00am - 11:00am All children attend for a **two-hour** session. ***Please bring a small snack.**

Beginning Friday, September 17

All 2s classes begin regular School Hours:

Arrival: 9:00am

Dismissal: 12:00pm

***Please bring a small snack daily.**

PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:

1. A backpack.
2. A change of clothes (labeled with child's name), to be left at school.
3. Six disposable diapers (if the child wears diapers).
4. A container of baby wipes or disinfectant wipes.
5. A family snapshot that can be displayed in the classroom.

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The First Two Weeks of School For Our 3's (Mrs. Geier's Manatees!) and 4's (Mrs. Jones' Superstars! and Mrs. Prejs' Superstars!) Students:

3's (Mrs. Geier's Manatees!) Classes

Children in the 3's classes should bring to school:

- A backpack.
- A change of clothes (labeled with child's name) to be left at school.
- Mon/Wed/Fri One container of disinfectant wipes.
- Tue/Thu-One box of Kleenex.

Tuesday, September 7 (T/TH class only)	9:00am -10:00am	Child Only	Child's last name A-M attend No snack needed
	10:30am – 11:30am	Child Only	Child's last name N-Z attend No snack needed
Wednesday, September 8 (MWF Class only)	9:00am -10:00am	Child Only	Child's last name A-M attend No snack needed
	10:30am – 11:30am	Child Only	Child's last name N-Z attend No snack needed
Thursday, September 9	9:00am – 11:30am	Child only	All T/TH children attend *Please bring a small snack for your child.
Friday, September 10	9:00am – 11:30am	Child only	All MWF children attend *Please bring a small snack for your child.

4's (Mrs. Jones' Superstars! and Mrs. Prejs' Superstars!) Classes

Children in the 4's classes should bring:

- A kindergarten size backpack with a seasonal change of clothes (to be left in the backpack).
- One container of disinfectant wipes a box of tissues OR a box of gallon size zip-lock bags.

Tuesday, September 7 – Friday, September 10	9:00am – 11:30am	All children attend. *Please bring a small snack for your child.
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Beginning Monday, September 13th: All 3s and 4s classes begin regular School Hours (9:00am-12:00pm). Please bring a small snack for your child each day.

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Binkley Preschool 2021-2022 Calendar

August 18	WED	Parent/Child Playdate (9:30am, Big Playground)
August 26	THUR	Parent/Child Playdate (9:30am, Big Playground)
August 26	THUR	All Required Forms Due Today
September 2	THUR	Parent Orientation -- 7:00pm -- Binkley Lounge
September 3	FRI	Meet the Teacher Morning! Details in the Summer Packet
September 7	TUES	First Day of School! Follow Schedule for your Child's Class
September 20	MON	Fall LUNCH BUNCH Begins
October 6	WED	NO LUNCH BUNCH -- Teacher Meeting
October 14	THUR	Fall Family Picnic! 5:00pm -- Big Playground
October 15	FRI	NO SCHOOL -- Binkley Teacher Workday
October 20	WED	"Drop In Day!" Drop Off, In Your Child's Classroom Today - MWF and 4's Classes
October 21	THUR	"Drop In Day!" Drop Off, In Your Child's Classroom Today - T/Th Classes
October 28	THUR	Halloween Parade -- T/Th Classes
October 29	FRI	Halloween Parade -- MWF and 4's Classes
November 3	WED	NO LUNCH BUNCH -- Teacher Meeting
November 11	THUR	NO SCHOOL -- Veteran's Day
November 17	WED	"Drop In, Drop Off Day!" MWF and 4's Classes
November 18	THUR	"Drop In, Drop Off Day!" T/Th Classes
November 24-26		NO SCHOOL -- Thanksgiving Holiday

December 1	WED	NO LUNCH BUNCH -- Teacher Meeting
December 15	WED	Drop In, Drop Off Day! MWF and 4's Classes
December 15	WED	Pajama Day! -- MWF Classes
December 16	THUR	"Drop In, Drop Off Day!" T/Th Classes
December 16	THUR	Pajama Day! -- T/Th and 4's Classes
December 17	FRI	NO SCHOOL -- Binkley Teacher Workday
December 20-31		NO SCHOOL -- Winter Holiday
January 3	MON	School Resumes -- Spring LUNCH BUNCH Begins
January 5	WED	NO LUNCH BUNCH -- Teacher Meeting
January 14	FRI	2022-2023 Registration Deadline - Current, Sibling, Alumni and Church Students
January 17	MON	NO SCHOOL -- Martin Luther King Holiday
January 18	TUES	NO SCHOOL -- Binkley Teacher Workday (Conference Prep.)
January 19	WED	"Drop In, Drop Off Day!" MWF and 4's Classes
January 20	THUR	"Drop In, Drop Off Day!" T/Th Classes
January 28	FRI	2022-2023 Registration Deadline - General Public
February 2	WED	NO LUNCH BUNCH -- Teacher Meeting
February 3	THUR	NO SCHOOL -- Parent/Teacher Conferences
February 4	FRI	NO SCHOOL -- Parent/Teacher Conferences
February 16	WED	"Drop In, Drop Off Day!" MWF and 4's Classes
February 17	THUR	"Drop In, Drop Off Day!" T/Th Classes
February 21	MON	NO SCHOOL -- President's Day Holiday
March 2	WED	NO LUNCH BUNCH -- Teacher Meeting
March 8	TUES	NO SCHOOL -- Binkley Teacher Workday
March 16	WED	Drop In, Drop Off Day! MWF and 4's Classes
March 17	THUR	Drop In, Drop Off Day! T/Th Classes
March 28-April 1		NO SCHOOL -- Spring Break Holiday

April 6	WED	NO LUNCH BUNCH -- Teacher Meeting
April 15	FRI	NO SCHOOL -- Good Friday
April 18	MON	NO SCHOOL -- Easter Monday
April 20	WED	Drop In, Drop Off Day! MWF and 4's Classes
April 21	THURS	Drop In, Drop Off Day! T/Th Classes
May 4	WED	NO LUNCH BUNCH -- Teacher Meeting
May 12	THUR	Spring Family Picnic! 5:30pm -- Big Playground
May 13	FRI	NO SCHOOL -- Teacher Appreciation Holiday
May 20	FRI	Last LUNCH BUNCH Day
May 24	TUES	Last Day of School T/Th Classes
May 25	WED	Last Day of School MWF Classes and 4's GRADUATION DAY!
May 26-27		Binkley Teacher Workdays
May 31-June 10		Binkley Summer Camp!

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Child's Health Form

Name of Child: _____ Birth Date: _____

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Address of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

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A: MEDICAL HISTORY **(may be completed by parent/guardian)**

1. Is child allergic to anything? NO YES If yes, what? _____

2. Is child currently under a doctor's care? NO YES If yes, why? _____

3. Is child on any continuous medication? NO YES If yes, what? _____

4. Any previous hospitalizations or operations? NO YES If yes, what/when? _____

5. Any history of significant previous diseases or recurrent illness? NO YES Describe _____

6. Does child have any physical disabilities? NO YES Describe _____

7. Will any of the above noted illnesses/conditions affect the child's performance in school? NO YES

Describe _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

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B: PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

This examination must be completed and signed by a licensed physician, an authorized agent currently approved by the NC Board of Medical Examiners (or a comparable board from bordering states), a certified nurse practitioner, or a public health nurse meeting DEHNR standards.

HEIGHT %	WEIGHT %	HEAD	EYES	EARS	
NOSE	TEETH	THROAT	NECK	HEART	CHEST
ABD/GU	EXT	NEUROLOGICAL SYSTEM	SKIN		
RESULTS OF TUBERCULIN TEST, if given	TYPE	DATE	NORMAL	ABNORMAL	
SHOULD ACTIVITIES BE LIMITED?	NO	YES	IF YES, EXPLAIN:		
SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED EXAMINAR & TITLE				DATE OF EXAM	

D. IMMUNIZATION HISTORY

This form must be completed by Health Care Provider or Provider can provide a signed copy of the records.

Enter Date of Each Dose -- Month/Day/Year. *Required by State Law

VACCINE	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5
*DTP/DT/DTaP					
*POLIO					
*HIB					
*HEPATITIS B					
*MMR (combined doses)					
*VARICELLA					

Signature of Licensed Health Provider: _____

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Binkley Preschool Emergency Contact Form
and Transportation Permission

Child's Name _____

I understand that no medical treatment may be given without consent, except in a life-threatening situation. Because informed consent must be given at the time of the incident, I agree to leave numbers where I, or those listed below, can be reached promptly.

In case of any illness or medical emergency while my child is attending Binkley Preschool I understand that the following procedure will be followed:

The preschool will contact in the order listed below (include parent names, if applicable):

Contact #1: _____

Relationship to child: _____

_____ *cell phone* _____ *home phone* _____ *work phone*

Contact #2: _____

Relationship to child: _____

_____ *cell phone* _____ *home phone* _____ *work phone*

Contact #3: _____

Relationship to child: _____

_____ *cell phone* _____ *home phone* _____ *work phone*

Contact #4: _____

Relationship to child: _____

_____ *cell phone* _____ *home phone* _____ *work phone*

If necessary, the preschool will arrange for emergency transportation for my child to the nearest emergency medical facility. At no time will a staff member drive with my child unless accompanied by another adult. My child could also be transported by emergency services.

The preschool may contact my medical care provider, if needed.

Provider _____ Phone _____

I hereby authorize the program to follow this procedure.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

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Tell Us About Your Child.

Questionnaire for Teacher Planning

Child's Given Name _____

Name Called _____

Child's Age and Birth Date _____

1. What language is spoken at home? _____

If English is a second language, does your child understand and/or speak English? YES NO

2. Will your child be enrolled in another school, aftercare or daycare this year? YES NO

3. Please share with us any speech, developmental or behavioral challenges pertinent to your child: _____

4. Does your child have difficulties with separation? YES NO Describe _____

5. Does your child have any worries or fears? _____

6. List your child's special interests _____

7. List your child's favorite toy/book/activities _____

8. What pets do you have in your home? _____

9. Does your child have a special security snugly? _____

10. How do you handle discipline in your home? _____

11. Are there any specific concerns you would like us to be aware of? _____

12. Does your child have any allergies? YES NO If yes, what are the restrictions? _____

13. Is your child potty trained? YES NO In the process

Describe _____

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Lunch Bunch Lottery **Fall 2021**

Lunch Bunch begins at 12:00pm with pick-up at 1:00pm on school days. **Potty-trained children enrolled in our 3s and 4s classes** are eligible to participate on the days they are enrolled at Binkley Preschool. Children enjoy a lunch and drink brought from home, a story read aloud, and additional playground time.

The cost is \$6.00 per day, paid in advance by the semester.

Please be aware that your child may not eat in his/her own classroom with their regular teacher. Different classrooms and teachers are utilized each day.

Lunch Bunch is optional and all spaces are filled by lottery.

Please circle the day(s) below that you would like for your child to attend Lunch Bunch. **Only circle the day(s) that you intend to use, as this form is considered a commitment.** Teachers will be hired according to the number of students signed up.

This is a signup for the Fall 2021 semester only (September–December, 2021).

The bottom of this form is due back to Binkley Preschool no later than **Thursday, August 26, 2021.**

Your Lunch Bunch bill will be based on the day(s) your child received in the lottery. Bills will be sent home with your child by September 10, 2021. Payment-in-full is required before Lunch Bunch starts (9/20/21) to complete your child's lunch bunch enrollment. Please send payment in with your child upon receiving your bill.

The Fall Semester Lunch Bunch Program begins on Monday, September 20, 2021.

Any questions?

Please contact Mrs. Derby, the Lunch Bunch Coordinator, at mlderby05@gmail.com

LUNCH BUNCH – FALL 2021

Child's Name _____

Child's Class: 3 MWF 3 T/TH 4s Mrs. Jones' Superstars! 4s Mrs. Prejs' Superstars!

Circle the day(s) you would like for your potty-trained child to attend Lunch Bunch:

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

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My child,

has permission to travel home with

on _____.

His/her cell phone number is:

Signed _____

My cell phone number is:

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My child,

has permission to travel home with

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