
August-September, 2017

Kingsford Elementary

#Kingsford56

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Welcome to 2017-2018 **#Kingsford56** where our energies are devoted to your children and providing them the keys to an outstanding future! We are passionate about giving your children the best opportunities and ask you to partner with us by ensuring they are at school, on time, every day. We also encourage families to meet with your child's teacher to find out how you can best support his/her learning. See below for various ways to be connected to your Kingsford team.

My name is Sue Bizerra, I have been a Polk County principal for 5 years, an assistant principal for 6 years, a teacher for 13 years, and also worked in the ESOL Department. I was thrilled to hear of my placement at Kingsford and look forward to working with our school community to meet our goals!

KINGSFORD CONNECTIONS

Help us keep connected in the following ways:

- Check and sign your **child's agenda** each night
 - Sign up for the **Parent Portal** where you can check your child's attendance, grades, and other information – you can also update your address, phone number, and email address. Ask for your PIN number and directions for signing up in the office
 - Sign up for **REMIND on your cell phone and receive brief text messages** about things going on in school. Look at the attached flyer with information on how to sign up for English or Spanish messages.
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Welcome Back!

Upcoming Events

Sep 4 – No School – Labor Day
Sep 7 – Open House 5:00-6:30
Sep 13 – Early Release
Sep 15 – Interim Report go home
Sep 18 – No School
Sep 27 – Donut for Dad

Initiatives to Support your Child

- * Varied tutoring opportunities starting October.
- * **Reading Pals** to assist Kindergarteners in Reading.
- * **AmeriCorps Polk Reads** to assist 1st and 2nd graders in Reading.
- * **Gifted** pullout program
- * **Speech / Small Group Support / AR Reading Incentives**

Parents, please remember that any changes in the way your child is to go home must be received in person or in writing – note in the agenda, text message, email.



2017-2018 Grade Level Teachers

KINDERGARTEN	FIRST GRADE	SECOND GRADE
Hazel Ceriale	Pamela Cooper	Karla Balzer
Mallory Miles	Judith Hardesty	Laura Britt
Tina Parrish	Gelissa Rodriguez	Denise Decker
Tina Teal	Jordan Singer	Jason Morrison
Yaisha Torres	Amanda Smith	Mike Wayne
Mary Woodall	Shawn Tebo	Wesley Whitlock
THIRD GRADE	Paige Westmoreland	FOURTH GRADE
Jessica Brown	Evelyn Wiggs	Tracie Hall
Melissa Cain	FIFTH GRADE	Christin Judy
Tasha Fisher	Cindy Duke	Kelly Lile
Crystal Melby	Kathryn Kish	Lainee Mitchell
J R Melton	Nina Robbins	Molly Munroe
Linda Stemmerman	Nina Wilbur	Amy Warner
	NEW STAFF	
Jamie Baker - Math Coach		Jennifer Martinez - Secretary
Nyame Dobson - Reading Coach		
Kara Holt - Title 1 Intervention		
Dr. Esther Monclova-Cruz - Speech		



Superintendent Byrd Visits Kingsford Students!

Volunteer Opportunities

Become a school volunteer so you can help out in your child's class, participate in field trips, and get more involved with your child's schooling. We still need Reading Pals volunteers, classroom helpers, Media Center assistance, and PTA volunteers in different areas.

Contact Jessica Tabb, Volunteer Coordinator, or Ashley Pettitt, PTA President

Reading Pals

Our wonderful Reading Pals volunteer one hour a week to read with 4 Kindergarten students, 2 students at a time, for a half hour each. Reading Pal volunteers become the heroes of the class they serve in a truly winning collaboration with the students, teacher and volunteer – not sure who enjoys it more! All materials and a brief training are provided. Please contact Jessica Tabb, Volunteer Coordinator, for more information.

LOOK at OUR PROGRESS!

	2016	2017
MATH	49%	57%
Learning Gains L25 ELA	31%	43%
Learning Gains L25 Math	36%	40%
3 rd Grade Math	59%	64%
4 th Grade Math	47%	61%
Kinder Reading		89%

Bell Schedule



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What is #Kingsford56? Join us as we make a Panther Pounce to a School Grade of 56 – B, on our way to an A!

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