



May 6, 2020

Dear Bryant Kindergarten Family,

We are SO excited that your child will be joining Bryant as a Kindergarten student this fall!

It is important to mention that due to the COVID-19 pandemic and evolving social distancing guidelines - our Jump Start plan could likely change. For now, we are being optimistic and moving ahead with planning for our usual program. We'll keep you informed as things develop and the Jump Start week approaches. Now, with that out of the way, read on and get excited!

To help all our new Kindergarten students feel excited and ready for school, we want to invite your child to come to a weeklong Kindergarten "Jump Start." During Jump Start, children will get to know the school, meet some Bryant teachers and practice school activities. We will be offering Jump Start for five days, from 9 am to 12 pm during the week of August 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>th</sup>. This is a FREE program open to all new K students enrolled at Bryant. Unfortunately, we cannot offer transportation. Plan to drop off and pick up your child each day of Jump Start. Please send your child with a lunch each day.

During Jump Start your child will become familiar with the school building, meet new friends, learn school routines and rituals, play games and practice new skills, and get to know some of the school staff. We have not yet made classroom assignments, so please know that your child will find out about their kindergarten classroom placement for the year on Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>.

Jump Start is also a chance for adult family members to meet one another, the kindergarten teachers and Bryant's Principal. We invite parents to come to school on Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 for a meet and greet with Bryant's principal. This will be your chance to learn more about our school, ask questions, and take a building tour. Then join the kindergarten students for a cafeteria "picnic" at 11:15! We look forward to celebrating the start of kindergarten with you on the 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30.

All children registered at Bryant are invited to attend. Please let us know if you will/won't be able to attend the Jump Start week. Complete the enclosed registration form and return it by email to kindergarten teacher, Alex Jones at [aljones@seattleschools.org](mailto:aljones@seattleschools.org). Let Alex know if you have ANY Jump Start questions. It's helpful if we hear from you by June 19<sup>th</sup>.

We welcome you and your family to Bryant and look forward to seeing you at Jump Start!

Sincerely,

**The Bryant Kindergarten Team**

(Please find enclosed: Typical Daily Jump Start Schedule and Jump Start Registration Form.)



## Typical JUMP START Schedule

Parents/guardians/family members will sign-in children on the school playground at a sign-in table and collect a student nametag. This is where you should come to drop-off and pick-up your child at 9:00 and 12:00 each day.

**9:00 – 9:30** Morning welcome routines in kindergarten classrooms: learning to be part of a class, listen to stories, sing songs, learn chants and rhymes, practice raising hands to ask or answer questions, listening quietly, taking turns, unpacking routines, etc.

**9:30 – 11:15** Every 30-minutes, children move in groups between activities to practice different skills such as:

**Fine Motor** (drawing, coloring, cutting with scissors, etc.)

**Math** (counting objects, making patterns, playing with number cards or pattern blocks)

**Literacy** (listening to stories, drawing, writing and retelling stories)

**Language** (poems and stories, rhyming and letter sound games)

**Cognitive or Thinking** (problem solving games, puzzles, blocks, sorting objects)

Each day students will visit a different part of the school – the library, cafeteria, playground, gym, etc. to become familiar with the school campus and learn school rituals for lining up, walking quietly through the halls, washing hands before/after recess, etc.

**11:15 – 12:00** Lunch and Recess: get comfortable eating in the cafeteria, learn playground rules and procedures, practice dismissal routines.



## Jump Start Registration

Please fill out BOTH sides and return to Bryant Kindergarten teacher Alex Jones:  
aljones@seattleschools.org. Electronic copy, scan, or a cell phone photo all work.

School name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your child's preferred first name? \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ | Early Entrance K: ☐ | Gender: Male ☐ Female ☐ Other ☐

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Guardian First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Guardian Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Work/Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Guardian First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Guardian Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Work/Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Primary Language: \_\_\_\_\_

Is an Interpreter required: Yes ☐ No ☐ Do you have any other children that attend this school? Yes ☐ No ☐

*If yes, please list your other children names, grade and date of birth.*

\_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contacts:** List others you authorize to pick up your child in an emergency.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work/Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work/Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Photo/Video Permission:** Do you give permission for your child to be included in photos or videos during Jump Start for school use only? Yes ☐ No ☐

In case Jump Start cannot be held at school it will be held online: **Do you have:**

Internet access at home: Yes ☐ No ☐ | Computer, Laptop or Ipad: Yes ☐ No ☐ | Smart Phone: Yes ☐ No ☐

## Health Information

☐ **My student has no known health concerns**

☐ **Allergy/Anaphylaxis:** Please attach the child's individualized health plan (IHP) for this allergy.

What is the student allergic to: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes ☐ No ☐ Does the student have an epinephrine auto injector rescue prescription?

☐ **Asthma with rescue medication** (for example: rescue inhaler)

Yes ☐ No ☐ Does child use rescue inhaler routinely for asthma symptoms?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Has your child been hospitalized for asthma in the past year?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Has your child used steroids (prednisone) for asthma symptoms in the past year?

☐ **Seizure Disorder:** Please attach the student's individualized health plan (IHP) for seizures.

Yes ☐ No ☐ My student needs emergency medication for seizures.

Medication: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Diabetes:** Please attach student's individualized health plan (IHP) for diabetes.

My student has:      insulin pump ☐      insulin pen ☐      injected insulin ☐

☐ If child has any other health issues, please indicate issue or treatment needed:

\_\_\_\_\_

**My child has an Individual Health Plan (IHP):** ☐      **My child's condition is life-threatening:** ☐

My child currently takes the following medication(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

and/or needs these treatments: (tube feeding, suctioning, toileting and etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

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*Before Jump Start: If your child has a serious health concern requiring medication at school, send your school the Individual Health Plan (IHP) & an [Authorization for Medication](#). Call (206) 252-0750 (SPS Health Services) for help or questions. Without these, an adult family member will need to stay onsite at Jump Start in case of an emergency.*

## Behavior and Learning

**What will help your child feel comfortable participating at school?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**What can staff do to help your child make friends and enjoy Jump Start?**

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**Does your child have a:** Individualized Education Plan (IEP): Yes ☐ No ☐ 504 Plan: Yes ☐ No ☐

*Before Jump Start: If you have concerns about your child, or your child has an IEP or 504, we'd like to talk with you to plan together. Please call your school to speak with the Jump Start Lead or Principal.*

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions?** [jumpstart@seattleschools.org](mailto:jumpstart@seattleschools.org) - (206) 252-0127 - MS 31-588, PO Box 34165 Seattle WA 98124