



Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda
“Return to the Building” Student Orientation
for Kindergarten, Grade 1 and K-4 Self-Contained Classrooms

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We are in the process of planning for the phasing in of a hybrid schedule and the safe return of Kindergarten, First Grade and Elementary K-4 Self-Contained students back to the physical classroom with a target date of October 13, 2020. As part of this process, we would like all students to attend a “return to the building” orientation to meet their teacher, ride the bus (if applicable), eat breakfast and lunch, and learn new procedures and safety protocols associated with each part of the school day. These orientations are meant for students only (parents/guardians cannot attend) and will take place on Sept. 30 and Oct. 7. Most students will attend one of these dates as determined by their cohort (see below for details) and elementary students who are in a self-contained classroom at Holmes, Franklin and Hoover will attend student orientations on both days (Sept. 30th and Oct. 7th). Students who will be continuing with fully virtual learning will not attend. Orientations in preparation for the phasing in of Grade 2, Grade 3 and Grade 4 will be scheduled in the near future.

September 30, 2020 (Cohort A & Self-Contained): 9:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. (drop off will begin at 9:00 a.m.)
Kindergarten & Grade 1 Orientation for COHORT A STUDENTS only; Elementary Self-Contained Orientation Day 1

Eligible students will be transported by bus.

Breakfast will be provided at no cost to students.

Lunch will be provided at no cost to students: Cheese Pizza, Green Beans, Sliced Peaches and Chilled Milk (students may bring their own lunch)

October 7, 2020 (Cohort B & Self-Contained): 9:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. (drop off will begin at 9:00 a.m.)
Kindergarten & Grade 1 Orientation for COHORT B STUDENTS only; Elementary Self-Contained Orientation Day 2

Eligible students will be transported by bus.

Breakfast will be provided at no cost to students.

Lunch will be provided at no cost to students: Chicken Nuggets, Dinner Roll, Golden Corn, Blushing Pears and Chilled Milk (students may bring their own lunch)

If you are interested in switching from Virtual Learning to Hybrid, please contact your child’s school.

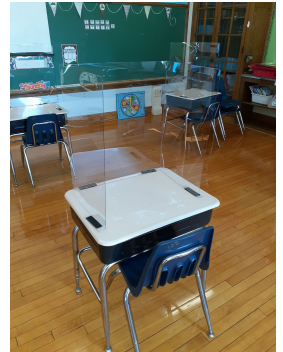
Bus Information for Orientation Only:

- Students will be picked up from their assigned stop starting at 8:30 a.m. and will be dropped at their school by 9:20 a.m. Students will be dismissed at 12:45 p.m. You will receive a call from the school with a more specific pick-up/drop-off time & location prior to the orientation. This time and location is for the orientation only; Transportation will be sending out letters prior to October 13th with your student’s busing information that will be in place for the school year.
- Kindergarten students ***MUST*** have an adult at the stop for drop-off. No exceptions.



Student, Staff & Community Safety:

In keeping with district protocols to maintain safety for students and staff, all students will be required to wear a mask on the school bus and while at school. Students will be given mask breaks while social distancing throughout the day. In addition, each elementary classroom is equipped with individual polycarbonate barriers as an additional layer of protection. Consistent with our safety procedures, children who are sick or may have been exposed to COVID-19 must stay home. Prior to the orientation, parents will be asked to attest to the fact that, within the past 14 days, they have not exhibited symptoms or a fever, tested positive, been in contact with someone who has tested positive, or traveled to an at-risk area. More information will be provided on how this attestation will need to be completed.



Hybrid Schedule:

As mentioned above, Kindergarten, First Grade and Elementary K-4 Self-Contained Students are tentatively scheduled to return back to the physical classroom following the hybrid schedule beginning October 13, 2020. Once we are able to return to the building, your child’s schedule will be as follows:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cohort A	In School	In School	Learn from Home	Learn from Home	Learn from Home
Cohort B	Learn from Home	Learn from Home	Learn from Home	In School	In School
K-4 Special Education Self Contained	In School	In School	Learn from Home	In School	In School
Fully Virtual Learning	Learn from Home	Learn from Home	Learn from Home	Learn from Home	Learn from Home

- ❑ **Cohort A** students are anticipated to start back in the building on Tuesday, October 13, 2020. They will only attend in person one day this week due to the Columbus Day holiday on Monday, October 12.
- ❑ **Cohort B** students are anticipated to start back in the building on Thursday, October 15, 2020 and also attend on Friday, October 16, 2020.
- ❑ Students who are enrolled in a K-4 self-contained classroom will begin on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 and will attend every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday moving forward.
- ❑ Virtual Learning Students will attend four days per week remotely.



If you are unsure of what cohort your child has been assigned or would like to make the switch into the hybrid model, please contact your child's school directly.

We are committed to safely phasing students back into our physical classrooms. We appreciate your continued support during this pandemic. We know you may still have questions, so please feel free to reach out to your building principal with any questions and/or concerns. We are Ken-Ton strong!

Sincerely,

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