

Burning Tree Elementary School

Kindergarten Orientation Quick Facts

Kindergarten Orientation is scheduled for May 8, 2009

***Please complete all the enclosed documents and bring them to orientation.**

You will receive a phone call to notify you of your appointment time.

Please feel free to call to confirm your appointment.

You will accompany your child to orientation – *please do not bring siblings*

Burning Tree has a full-day kindergarten program: 9:05 a.m. – 3:25 p.m.

We anticipate having 3 regular education and 1 special education kindergarten classes next fall.

You **MUST** bring Proof of Residence (required by State)

Current Property Tax bill

(website: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/tax/index.asp>)

OR Lease

AND a current utility bill showing your name and address

Shared Housing?? Contact our office at (301) 320-6510

You **MUST** bring Proof of Your Child's Age

Original State Certified Birth Certificate (Not a copy)

OR Passport

You **MUST** bring Proof of Your Child's Immunizations

Please have your child's doctor complete the immunization form you will receive with your kindergarten orientation invitation letter

Kindergarten Eligibility Date:

Your child must be 5 years old by September 1, 2009.

(DOB on or before 09/01/04)

Kindergarten Exemption: If you feel your child is not ready for kindergarten, you may request an exemption to kindergarten for one year. However, we strongly recommend that parents and children first participate in the registration process.

Early Entrance to Kindergarten (EEK): If you feel your child is ready for kindergarten even though he/she does not meet the age requirement, **and** if your child's birthday falls between September 1st and October 15th, you may apply for EEK. Please contact our office for an application. An appointment for testing will be scheduled when you and your child come to Kindergarten Orientation.

School will begin on Monday, August 31, 2009. Information regarding bus routes, our lunch program, and staffing updates will be mailed home in early August. The calendar for the 2009-2010 school-year is available on the MCPS website and will be distributed at Kindergarten Orientation.

Transfer Requests begin at your child's **home school**. The window for these requests is **February 1st to April 1st**. A Q & A style booklet is available at any school, beginning in January.

MCPS website: <http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/>

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