



# Manchester Public Schools

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Dear Highland Park Kindergarten Families,

I hope both you and your child(ren) have enjoyed summer and are looking forward to starting kindergarten at Highland Park Elementary School on August 27th. This is an exciting year for you and your kindergarten aged child and I am very excited to join you on this journey! This letter is intended to provide you with information to help you get ready for the brand new 2015-2016 school year.

Kindergarten Orientation will take place on Wednesday, August 26th from 3:00-4:00 pm. You and your child are invited to Highland Park Elementary School to meet your child's teacher, visit the classroom, and take a brief bus trip. The schedule for the orientation is as follows:

- 3:00-3:10 Principal's message and staff introduction in the cafeteria
- 3:10-3:30 Get to know the classroom and teacher in your child's classroom
- 3:30-3:45 Light snack in the cafeteria
- 3:45-4:00 Say goodbye to the teacher and students take a brief bus ride

Additionally, our PTA and Family Resource Center will have a welcome back area set up for parents to meet and greet one another and make plans for the new school year.

The first day of school is **Thursday, August 27th, 2015**, which will be a full day of school. Please know that there is a short snack time every morning and a daily lunch time. Children will need a healthy snack and lunch for every day. Children also have the option to purchase lunch. Information for free and reduced lunch applications is available in the main office.

For those students who are eligible for transportation, the bus information will be available online in late August on the district website, [www.mpspride.org](http://www.mpspride.org). Click on the "Transportation" tab and follow the links to find all of the bus routes for Highland Park Elementary School. I encourage you to familiarize your child with his/her bus stop prior to the first day of school.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office at (860) 647-3430 if you have any questions.

On behalf of the entire Highland Park staff, we welcome you and your child to our Highland Park family!  
. Best wishes for a continued safe and happy summer!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joanna Ali".

Joanna Ali

Principal