



Connect to Kindergarten



**Clark Elementary School
2024-2025 School Year**



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WELCOME TO CLARK ELEMENTARY

Vision: We believe that all staff members are responsible for ALL student's educational experience.

- Working as a collaborative team through continual reflection and a growth mindset.
- Empowering our students through engaging instruction and meaningful assessment.
- Meeting our students where they are and moving them forward towards academic proficiency.
- Ensuring students are self advocates and positive members of their community.

Our Mission: Together we will continually

- Respect ourselves, Respect others, Respect our community





Our Demographics

School Demographics by Resolve Race/Ethnicity:

- 22% White
- 21% Black
- 22% Asian
- 15% Latinx
- 24% multiracial (not historically underserved)
- 3% multiracial (historically underserved)
- v1.5 %American Indian/Alaskan Native
- 6% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

Demographics by Program:

- 35% English Language Learners
- 15% Special Education





Our Staff

- ★ We have 4 Kindergarten Educators
- ★ a PE Teacher
- ★ A Visual Art Teacher
- ★ A Music Teacher
- ★ A Librarian & Media Specialist
- ★ A School Counselor
- ★ A Qualified Mental Health Specialist
- ★ A School Social Worker
- ★ A Special Education, OT, Psychologist, Speech Pathologist
- ★ A Climate Specialist
- ★ ESL Educators
- ★ Reading Specialist
- ★ School Health Assistant



HOW TO REGISTER?



Register online:

Visit pps.net/kinderenroll

Prefer paper?:

Call our school office

Have questions?

Call our school office or PPS
Enrollment & Transfer
(503.916.3205)



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We enjoy our diversity

**Clark is a diverse school.
We pride ourselves in
celebrating our vibrant
community. We strive to
embrace and celebrate all
the cultures that make us
special.**



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WHO ARE WE?

- We are the PANDAS
- We are located at 1231 SE 92nd Portland
- We are a Neighborhood & Chinese Immersion School serving over 350 students in grades K-5
- Our students speak 7 different languages
- We are Title I School Receiving Federal Funds to support student learning



A day in the life of our Kinders

- **Morning Meeting**
- **Math Talk**
- **Heggerty & Foundations**
- **Wit & Wisdom**
- **Lunch//Recess**
- **Specials**
- **SEL**
- **iReady**
- **Science**
- **WIN**
- **Snack/Guided Play**
- **Closing Circle**





Clark Community

Supports all students in achieving their highest educational and personal potential, inspires in them an enduring love of learning, and prepares them to contribute as citizens of a diverse, multicultural and international community



WHAT MAKES US UNIQUE?

We are part of the larger Harrison Park community. This is our first year in the Clark Building. We are younger brothers, sisters, cousins and family members of HP MS. Both Clark and HP strive to educate the whole child. We focus on developing students socio-emotional well being while providing rigorous academic content. We offer a lottery based Chinese immersion program. Although not all of our students enter the immersion program, the rich multicultural practices and celebrations are part of the whole community.



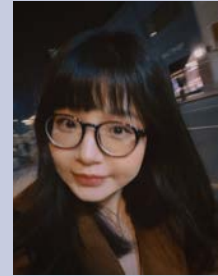
OUR Kindergarten Educators

- ★ Kindergarten teachers with 40+ years of combined experience
- ★ Mandarin Immersion Program K-5
- ★ We believe in fostering student learning through social interactions, creativity, and play
- ★ We follow PPS' Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum

Our Kindergarten Team!



Ms. Metcalf



Ms. Wu
吴老师



Teacher Michele





We Offer

- Neighborhood and Chinese Education experiences
- Weekend Backpack Food Program
- PTA (Parent Teacher Association)
- Yu Ren (Mandarin DLI Family Support)
- Morning Yoga
- Walking School Bus
- Family Library Check out



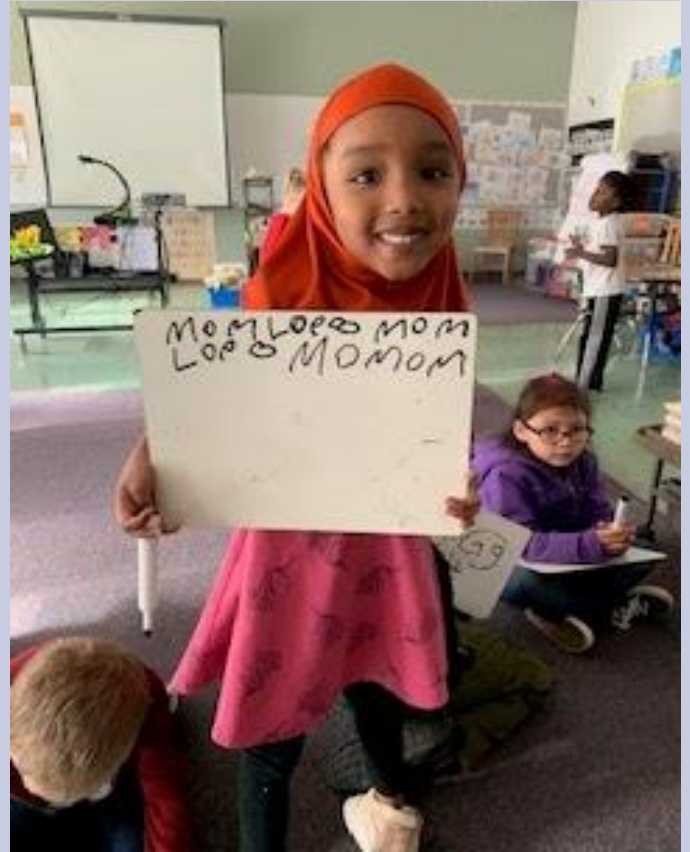
Fun Learning Activities

- ★ Garden Class
- ★ Playworks
- ★ Multnomah County Library Visit
- ★ Oregon Humane Society Visit
- ★ Safety Patrol
- ★ Tree Lady-Lisa Wilcke
- ★ EKT Program
- ★ OBOB?
- ★ Community partners?



After-school Program Option

- ★ On-site Childcare offered by Camp Fire Columbia before and after school (this program is not run by Portland Public Schools)
- ★ For Program Information Please visit:
<https://www.campfirecolumbia.org/>





Important for all Kindergarteners

- Productive struggle is so valuable in the learning process. Please provide opportunities for your child to learn!
- Build independence: Tie their own shoes, get themselves dressed, open their own snacks and clean up after themselves.
- Quick goodbyes seem to be the most effective way to say goodbye.
- Organization skills should be taught at home to prepare students for Kindergarten and first grade. Children can practice how to pack, carry, and hang up their backpacks and coats on their own.



HOW TO ENTER THE LOTTERY?

Step 1: Visit the school choice website:

pps.net/schoolchoice

Step 2: Lottery opens in Feb. Watch our school choice video for instructions.

Step 3: Register at your neighborhood school.

Step 4: Lottery results are announced in late Spring. Approved students will automatically be transferred.





Why DLI?

Students who participate in dual language immersion (DLI) receive instruction in two languages to become **bilingual, bi-literate and develop the cultural competency** to succeed in a global society.

Being bilingual brings a number of well documented cognitive, academic and employment benefits. Research shows people who are bilingual demonstrate greater cognitive flexibility, increased attention control, better memory, and superior problem solving skills, as well as enhanced understanding of their primary language. (Lindholm-Leary 2001) Even though DLI students spend half their academic day on English they tend to outperform their non-immersion on academic achievement tests in English (Turnbull, Hart & Lapkin 2000). In the 21st century, being able to conduct business or professional discussions in more than one language is essential. Many local and global employers need a multilingual workforce to remain competitive.



DLI-Kindergarten
China's Ming Dynasty
Blue and White Porcelain
青花瓷 Qinghua /ching-hwaa/
with Chinese Plum Blossom
梅花 Meihua /mey-hwaa/



What is Dual Language Immersion?

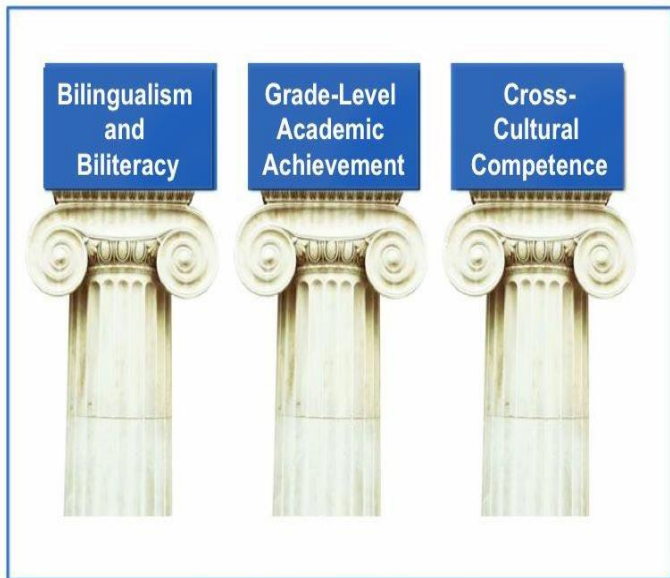
PK-12 program in which students learn content (i.e. Social Studies) in TWO languages.

什么是双语沉浸式教育？

在PK-12项目中，学生用两种语言学习，如社会研究。



Three Pillars of Dual Language Education



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Dual Language Education

Chinese Language Arts 中文课

Phonological Awareness 语音部分

Oral Language 口语部分

Read Aloud & Print Concepts 跟老师读书

Characters & Words 学字词

Language Skills - Grammar 学习语法

Guided Activities & Independent Work 课堂学习活动和练习

Chinese Culture 中国文化



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We learn language and culture from songs and dance, stories and nursery rhymes, games, art, and crafts.



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DLI Lottery

Step 1: Attend an Open House on February the 28th or an In Person Open House on March 8th

Step 2: Apply to the lottery by March 28th.

Step 3: Apply to your neighborhood school.

Step 4: Lottery results will be announced in early May—approved students will automatically be transferred.



Chinese New
Year
Performance



**Our PPS Chinese Community
Agent**

**Our Chinese
Community Agent is
Mandy Chen**
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971-716-7330





Important for all Kindergarteners

- Kindergarten is an important time for learning school readiness skills (taking turns, working together, how to play games, how to listen, how to hold a pencil, how to draw).
- Please read in your home language every day, talk to your child about what they are reading.
- Every child develops at a different pace.





HOW TO REGISTER

Register online before June 1:

Visit pps.net/enroll

Prefer paper?:

Call our school office at 503-916-6561 or email Clark School Secretary Kelly at kmcknight@pps.net

Have questions?

Call our school office 503-916-6561 or PPS Enrollment & Transfer (503.916.3205)





HOW TO STAY CONNECTED

Clark Connect to K Events:

April Date TBD: Virtual

May 7, 2024 6-7pm In Person @Clark

Clark website <https://www.pps.net/clark>

**August Kinder Meet & Greet @ Berrydale Park
TBA**

**Take a look at PPS Connect to Kinder video
<https://youtu.be/D-UrrG7XsIM>**





Information from PPS

All required documents can be uploaded at the time of registration. You will need:

Two Proofs of Address

Proof of Age (birth certificate/passport)

[Certificate of Immunizations](#)

[Vision/Dental Form](#)

PPS Connect to K Flyers:

- [English](#)
- [Chinese](#)
- [Russian](#)
- [Somali](#)
- [Spanish](#)
- [Vietnamese](#)



Early Kindergarten Transition (EKT)

Program Information

Early Kindergarten Transition (EKT) is a three-week summer program to help you and your child have a great start to school.

- Students are in class from 8 am to 12 noon, Monday through Friday.
- Families/caregivers are provided with educational training twice a week during EKT.
- Child care for siblings is available during family/caregiver sessions.
- Students receive free breakfast and lunch, books, and school supplies.
- Sponsored by Portland Public Schools in partnership with Schools Uniting Neighborhoods (SUN).

Program details (sites, dates, and hours) will be shared as soon as they are finalized. Check back soon!



See You Soon!



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