

Welcome to Orenda

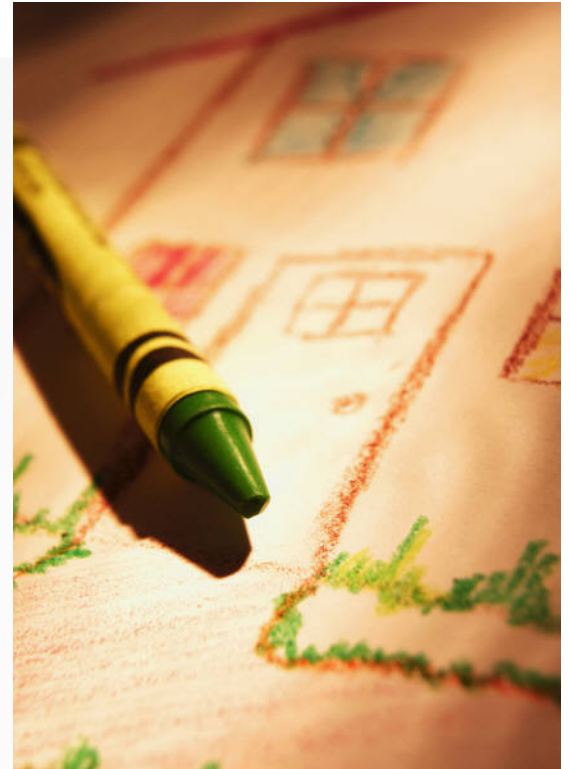
Kindergarten
Orientation
May 16, 2018





Introductions

- Principal
- School Nurse
- School Psychologist
- School Counselor
- ENL Teacher
- PTA President





Going to the Office

- Check in when coming in late or leaving early
- Need to drop something off
- Checking in when volunteering in a classroom
- Celebrating Birthdays

Mr. Smith - Principal

Mrs. Carter - Secretary

Mrs. Markowski - Senior Aide

Mrs. McCarten - Attendance





Again This Year

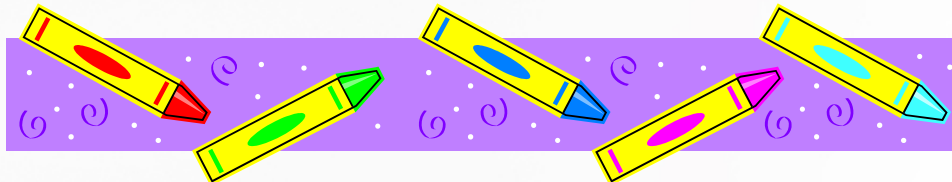
Kindergarten students will begin school on Wednesday, September 5th.

- Will come to school with all grade 1-5 students
- We will provide additional coverage to ensure they get to and from their buses.
- We will assess their needs over the first month of school to determine extra support



Katie Bowers & Susan Truitt PTA Co-Presidents

- We encourage all mothers and fathers (or any other guardian/ family members) to join
- In addition to our events, we provide resources for the school (i.e. whiteboards, advocacy, arts in ed. etc...)
- We have open chair committees, as well as opportunities for shadowing and volunteering (spring Fun Run, Carnival, Ice Cream Social, etc.)
- Back to School Folders in September will contain most of the information they will need for the school year
- Being involved in PTA helps you keep on top of what is going on at the school and in the Shen community
- We are not an exclusive group. We are always happy to see new faces
- Membership meetings will be held on Wednesdays on an as-needed basis (at least every other month). A great way to stay informed and meet other parents and teachers
- Visit our website via shenet.org, like Orenda Elementary PTA on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

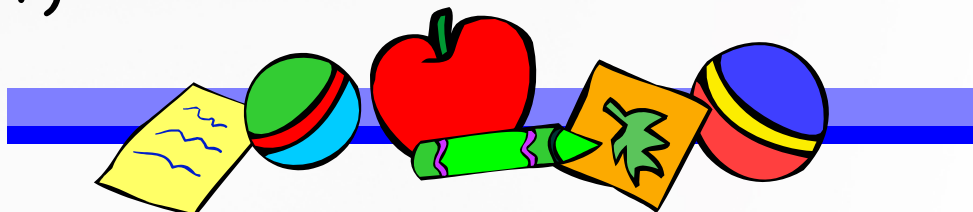




Mrs. Kristen Culver- School Psychologist

What is the Role of the School Psychologist?

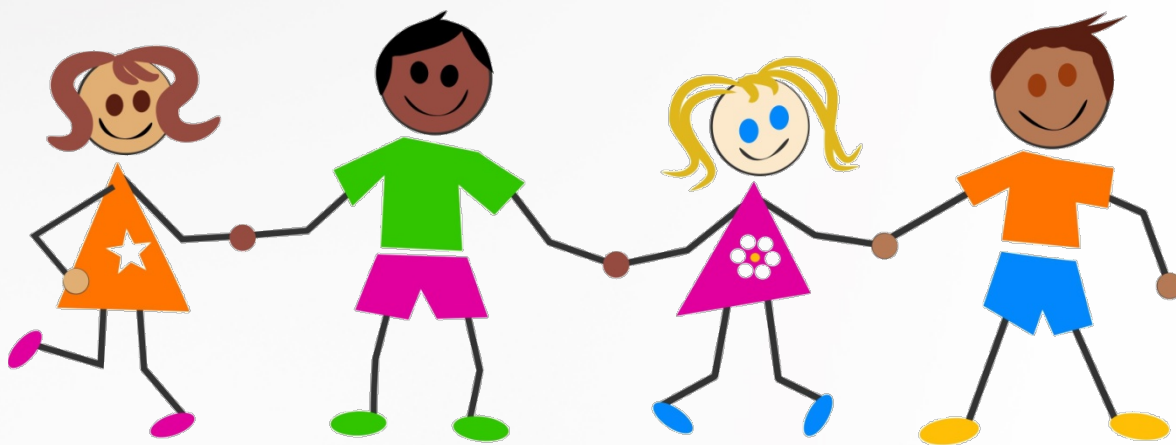
- Collaborate with parents and teachers in order to meet the needs of students
- Conduct Psycho-educational Evaluations
- Facilitate individual or group counseling/social skills training
- Serve as Co-Team Leader of our Instructional Support Team (IST)





If you have a concern about your child..

- Talk with your child's teacher
- Parent or teacher can refer to Instructional Support Team
- Contact the Principal or School Psychologist





Mrs. Melissa Bartoletti - School Nurse

- **What is the Role of the School Nurse?**
 - Care for students who become ill or injured
 - Provide screenings: vision, hearing, scoliosis
 - Administer medications
 - Manage health care plans (Food Allergies)
- **What do you need before school starts?**
 - Current copy of Immunization records. New York State requires immunizations to be completed before school starts.
 - Physical Exam: dated after September 6, 2017
 - Dental Certificates are requested.
- **What if my child is sick?**
 - Keep child home when sick.
 - 24 hour rule - fever, vomiting, diarrhea or starting antibiotics
 - Keep in touch - please inform us if your student is sick. We inform classes if there is strep, pink eye, head lice, or chicken pox.



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- **Medications**

- Must be ordered by a physician (even over the counter)
- Must be transported to school by a parent in original container
- Forms must be signed by parent/guardian

- **Allergies**

- Forms to be completed by parent/guardian
- Nut-free classrooms - please send in snacks that are nut-free

- **Office phone: 881-0551**

- **E-mail: BartMeli@shenet.org**

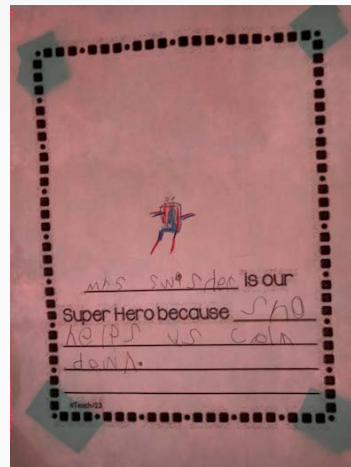
- **www.shenet.org Departments and Services - Health Services**



Mrs. Courtney Swisher – School Counselor



Elementary school counseling is a developmental and preventive program that promotes student learning and academic success by supporting the positive personal, social and emotional growth of all students.





School Counseling Program

Classroom lessons

Individual counseling

Small group counseling

Lunch bunch groups

Curriculum topics:

- Social skills, making friends, being a friend
- Conflict resolution, Big and Small Problems, tattling vs. reporting
- Feelings identification, expressing feelings
- Coping strategies
- Communications skills, listening, tone of voice, body language, personal space
- Kindness
- Bully Prevention
- Diversity
- Responsibility
- Personal Safety/ Internet Safety- Trusted Adults
- Family Changes
- Adjustment to school
- Self-awareness, self-esteem and confidence
- Mindfulness
- Mindset
- Grit
- Career Development
- Crisis response, outside provider referrals
- AND LOTS MORE! ☺





English as a New Language

- Stephanie Feinberg, ENL Teacher, feinstep@shenet.org
- If your child is fortunate enough to speak and/or hear another language at home, please share this with teachers!
- Home Language Questionnaire
- NYSITELL short Speaking and Listening Tests
- Entering, Emerging, Transitioning, Expanding, Commanding
- 90 or 180 minutes of service per week
- small group and individualized support in the regular classroom
- speaking, listening, reading and writing skill development
- NYSESLAT



Our Teachers



Mrs. Brimhall and Mrs. Smith





During the first month of School, Your Child Will...

Be assessed on:

- Letter Identification
- Letter Sounds
- Listen to a story and help retell it
- Draw a picture and tell about it
- Speech and Language





A Sample Kindergarten Day...





We meet for Morning Meeting.





We sing and dance!





We listen to stories and learn how to read.





We work in small groups or "centers."





We do Math.





We learn how to write.







Kindergarten students participate in...

Physical Education
Library
Computer Lab
ELA





We have fun learning!





Thank You!!!

Enjoy your summer!

We look forward to seeing everyone in September!

Please call with any questions 881-0550. ext. 43400





On Line...

- Go to www.shenet.org, Orenda web page for:
 - Sign up for the Parental Portal
 - Supply list
 - Contact Information
 - Parent Handbook

