



Welcome to the
Center Elementary School
September 10, 2025



Administrative Team

Principal: Sara Almeida

Director of Early Childhood Programs : Nancy Charest

School Clerk: Linda Hebert

Nurse: Nurse Stacey Laro

K-5 IEP Chairperson: Rachel Vieira

Preschool IEP Chairperson: Heather Roan

Our Classroom Teachers:



Preschool: Donna Casaletto, Amy Cassidy, Maria Dunn-Coleman, Ashley Eddy,
Elexa Finn, Alissa Kaufman, Stephanie Lynch and Susan Taylor

Kindergarten: Jen Nash and Mary Parker

First Grade: Barbie Marsden and Abby Murphy

Second Grade: Helen Meroli

Third Grade: Michelle Hughes and Colleen White

Fourth Grade: Jesse Alexander and Jody Johnson

Fifth Grade: Eds Blaus and Emily Lamkin

Our Specialists and Counselors:



Reading Specialist: Paula St. Pierre

Inclusion Specialists: Chelsea Levine and Maureen Veiga

ML Teachers: Kerry Henrichon and Kathy Santo

K-5 Specialists: Eloise Augustin (Art and Music), Jenn Call (Library Tutor) and Evan Ruddock (Health and Physical Education)

Guidance/School Counselor Colleen Lawless

School Adjustment Counselor: Julie Checca

Our Related Service Providers and Special Education Staff:



BCBA: Lise Murabito

K-5 Speech and Language Pathologists: Elisabeth Batch and Liane Wallace

Preschool Speech and Language Pathologists:

Occupational Therapists: Nicole Mosca and Shari Riley

K-5 School Psychologist: Taralee Kirk

Preschool Psychologist: Stephen Franklin

Physical Therapist: Lew Cassidy and Christine Chiaradonna

Teacher of the Deaf: Michelle Higdon

Our Paras, Custodian, Kitchen staff and Crossing Guards:



K-5 Paraprofessionals: Cat Bruno, Julie Medailleu, Roy Pacheco and Shannon Torres

Preschool paraprofessionals: Heather Callanan, Ana Elwell, Jaclyn Cranfill, Rhonda DePietro, Gianna DiGianfelice, Laurie Pedone, Sara Kuchinsky, Donna Dzielnik, Kim Hartnett, Danae Iannalfo, Kelly Slattery, Heather LeMay, Wendy Purcell, Kaitlyn Pedone, Vijeyal Palaniandi, Angela Charles and Giovana Pereira

Custodians: Mr. Mark Kotchian

Kitchen Staff: Angela Gill

Crossing Guards: Mike Del Sonno

Staff to Classrooms/Offices



PEABODY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

H O P E

High Expectations

Optimism

Personalized Learning

Equity and Access

Building a Community



Equity and Access



EFFECTIVE
COMMUNICATION

COLLABORATIVE
RELATIONSHIPS

COMMUNITY
PARTNERSHIPS

**OBJECTIVE
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CURRICULUM,
INSTRUCTION &
ASSESSMENT

STUDENT
AND STAFF
SUPPORT

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL
LEARNING



Arrival and Dismissal

- ★ **Preschool students are expected to be here at 8:20 a.m. for the AM and full day sessions and 12:00 noon for the PM session and enter through Door 6 in the back of the school.**
- ★ **Preschool dismissal time is 10:50 a.m. for the AM session and 2:30 p.m. for the PM and full day sessions. Students will exit through Door 6.**
- ★ **K-5 students are expected to be here at 8:40 a.m. and enter through their grade level door.**
 - **Door 8 (blacktop near basketball court) for kindergarten-grade 2**
 - **Door 9 (front side door) for grades 3-5**
- ★ **Dismissal time is 2:55 p.m. Students will exit through their grade level doors.**



Arrival and Dismissal

- ★ All bus and van students will enter and exit the building from the front.
- ★ Please be aware of the No Parking signs on the streets and the yellow curb surrounding our school grounds.
- ★ The parking lot is for staff use only. Please call Mrs. Hebert if you need of an accessible parking space. We have four designated parking spots.
- ★ Please use crosswalks and walk on the sidewalks when walking your students to and from school. Staff will be entering and exiting the staff parking lot at various times during the day and our top priority is the safety of all of our community members

Bus Safety



- ★ **All BUS students discussed the Bus rules/guidelines today**
- ★ **Rules/Guidelines were emailed to all parents/guardians**
- ★ **Acknowledgement Form sent home with students today**
 - **You can also sign one tonight in the main lobby**



We Ask For Your Cooperation with the Following:



- ★ Please call the Student Absences Reporting line at 978-536-5958 by 9:15 a.m. the day of your student's absence. You will still receive an automatic phone call stating that your student is absent.
- ★ If you need to change your student's dismissal plans please notify the school in writing. In emergency situations where plans change during the day, please call the main office at 978-536-5475.
- ★ If your student is being dismissed during the school day please send your student with a note indicating the time for dismissal. Please include your student's full name and teacher's name. Upon arriving at the school please ring the bell at the front door.
- ★ Following arrival and dismissal procedures/parking

Student Birthdays/ Celebrations



Birthday Book

- ★ Every student in grades 3-5 will choose a free birthday book provided by the Peabody Education Foundation
- ★ Summer Birthdays will receive a book in June
- ★ Students in preschool to grade 2 will receive a book during Read Across America Week

Out of School Birthday Parties Invitations (given out at school)

- ★ Must go to (a) entire class or (b) to all girls or boys in class

Food Policy

- ★ We strongly recommend non-food items such as birthday pencils, stickers, etc.
- ★ Best food option: Sealed, Nut free labeled baked goods from supermarket or Oreos
- ★ If a food item, please contact Nurse Laro in advance to check if safe for the class.

School Safety



- ★ Peabody has continued our partnership with the I Love You Guys Foundation and the Standard Response Protocol (SRP)
- ★ Visitors only enter the building from Main Doors
- ★ School is limiting the number of visitors in the building
- ★ All employees and visitors must wear an ID Badge.



CORI Forms



To participate in classroom/volunteer events/attend field trips, all individuals must have a CORI.

- ★ A CORI is good for 3 years
- ★ To process your form, we must make a copy of your photo ID and expect it to take a minimum of 7 days for approval
- ★ If you need a form, we will have some available this evening or contact Mrs. Hebert

Bullying



- ★ We take EVERY allegation of bullying seriously. Please watch this brief video to explain what constitutes bullying and to learn about Peabody Public Schools Anti-Bullying policy.
[PPS Bullying Prevention Video](#)
- ★ Please report any allegations of bullying either via [Google Form Incident Report](#) or to the principal for K-5 or director for preschool.

[PPS Bullying Prevention and Title IX](#)



Attendance



Here Today, Ready for Tomorrow!

GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MEANS...



PRESCHOOLERS

build skills and develop
good habits for showing
up on time



ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

read well by the
end of third grade



HIGH SCHOOLERS

stay on track for
graduation



COLLEGE STUDENTS

earn their degrees



WORKERS

succeed in
their jobs

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Too many absences—excused or unexcused—can keep students from succeeding in school and in life. How many are too many? 10% of the school year—that's 18 missed days or 2 days a month—can knock students off track.

Stay Connected




It is our goal to keep our Center Elementary School families informed. Here are some ways that we can keep you connected to what is happening here at the Center School.

- Email - Please make sure Aspen has your most current email.
- Class Dojo [Invite link](#) or QR code: 



- Talking Points for our ML families
- Twitter [@CenterPeabody](#)

- Backpack Mail (K-5 home/school communication folder)
- Family Star Chronicles - Sent every month via email
- Our PTO Facebook page 



Communication



We respectfully ask for your partnership and shared responsibility for modeling collaboration and problem-solving through open and honest communication.

Who To Contact



- ★ **For classroom or academic matters, ALWAYS contact your student's teacher first.**
EMAIL, send a note or leave a message at office **978-536-5475**
- ★ **Guidance Counselor:**
 - **Colleen Lawless** lawlessc@peabody.k12.ma.us
- ★ **School Adjustment Counselor (IEP related):**
 - **Julie Checca** checcaj@peabody.k12.ma.us
- ★ **IEP/Special Education related questions:**
 - **Heather Roan** **Preschool IEP Chairperson** roanh@peabody.k12.ma.us
 - **Rachel Vieira** **K-5 IEP Chairperson** vieirar@peabody.k12.ma.us
- ★ **All medical questions to Nurse Stacey Laro:** laros@peabody.k12.ma.us
- ★ **Food Services, Technology, Transportation and District Information,**
 - **GO TO THE PEABODY PUBLIC SCHOOLS PAGE**
 - **Departments Top Tab** <https://peabody.k12.ma.us/>



Who To Contact



- ★ **Absent Call In line:** Call the night before or by 9:15 a.m. at **978-536-5958**
- ★ **General school questions, make an appointment with principal or early childhood director or to leave a message**
 - *including late or change of pick ups
 - **School Clerk, Linda Hebert** hebertl@peabody.k12.ma.us
or **978-536-5475**



Who To Contact



★ Multilingual Learner teachers

- Kerry Henrichon henrichonk@peabody.k12.ma.us
- Kathy Santo santok@peabody.k12.ma.us

Who To Contact



- ★ **K-5 Special Education Teachers:**
 - Maureen Veiga veigam@peabody.k12.ma.us
 - Chelsea Levine levinec@peabody.k12.ma.us
- ★ **Preschool SLP Services:**
 - Mindi Pacheco pachecom@peabody.k12.ma.us
 - Lauren Wood woodl@peabody.k12.ma.us
- ★ **K-5 SLP Services:**
 - Elisabeth Batch batche@peabody.k12.ma.us
 - Liane Wallace wallacel@peabody.k12.ma.us
- ★ **OT Services:** Nicole Mosca moscan@peabody.k12.ma.us
- ★ **PT Services:** Lou Cassidy cassidyl@peabody.k12.ma.us
- ★ **District Special Education Director:**
 - Shannon Crompton cromptons@peabody.k12.ma.us

Who To Contact



- ★ **Principal:**
 - Sara Almeida almeidas@peabody.k12.ma.us

- ★ **Director of Early Childhood Programs:**
 - Nancy Charest charestn@peabody.k12.ma.us

- ★ **PTO related questions:**
 - Susan Petradelis centerschoolpto1@gmail.com

How to be a Center School S.T.A.R.



Self-Control

Thinking of Others

Acting Responsibly

Respectful

Daily Recognition: Students observed showing STAR behaviors can earn **STAR bracelets** and a chance to win extra Friday fun-time.

Monthly Assemblies:

- We celebrate **STAR Students of the Month**.
- Students are **nominated by classroom teachers** and, for grades 3–5, also **by their peers**.
- STAR Students are recognized and celebrated in front of the whole K-5 school community.

Progress Reports, Report Cards & Conferences:



- ★ **Progress Reports for Grades 1-5 will be issued:**
 - **10/10/25, 1/30/26 and 5/1/26**

- ★ **Report Cards will be issued:**
 - **12/12/25, 3/20/26, and the last day of school (June 18th pending no school cancellations).**

- ★ **Parent/Guardian Teacher Conference will be held October 23, 2025 and March 26, 2026.**

Center School PTO



We encourage you to get involved! This is a great way to meet new families and support our school!

- ★ Meetings are held via [Google Meet](#) monthly on the first Wednesday of the month.
- ★ There are a lot of opportunities to volunteer.

Please contact our PTO President Susan Petradelis, with any questions or for more information on how to get involved! centerschoolpto1@gmail.com



Flu Clinic in Nurse's Office

- ★ **Flu shots will be offered in the Nurse's Office tonight up until 8:00 pm for parents/guardians and staff.**
- ★ **Students will have a clinic in school on October 23rd. An email will be sent.**



Additional Information

The following additional information/resources will be available tonight:

- ★ **PTO**
- ★ **SEPAC**
- ★ **Citizen's Inn**
- ★ **CORI forms**

Thank you!



- ★ **Teachers will offer two identical sessions. Teachers begin their first presentation at 6:40 and their second at 7:20. We will end promptly at 7:50.**
- ★ **We ask for your cooperation in remembering the purpose of the evening is to hear about the curriculum/grade level learning expectations for your student. Please avoid conversations about your individual student.**
- ★ **We thank you for sharing your student with us and are excited for a great year!**