

KG BACK TO SCHOOL

GATES NEWS

JULY 29TH



IMPORTANT DATES & INFO

Aug. 12th-KG students only
Dismissal at 2:00

Aug. 13th- All Students (KG
Dismissal at 2:00)

Aug. 14th- No School for KG
Students, Teacher Plan Day

BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATION FOR KG

Important information for Kindergarten families

The first 2 days of Kindergarten your child will spend time with a K teacher, but final classroom assignments will NOT be made until Friday.

Wednesday, August 12

- **Only Kindergarten students attend school on Wednesday, August 12**
- We ask that you do not send Kindergarten school supplies until Monday, August 17 (bookbag, headphones, box of kleenex)
- Drop your child off around 7:45 at the main entrance by Gates Gator sign and flag pole and a staff member will be there to greet you. Due to COVID guidelines, only students are allowed to enter the building. You may send a mask with your child or one will be provided.
- Pick up your Kindergarten student on the W Louise St. on the North side of the building at 2:00 for dismissal
- If your child will be attending daycare after school, please write it down and give to the staff member who greets you at the front door (name of student and name of daycare)

Thursday, August 13

- All elementary students begin school
- We ask that you do not send Kindergarten school supplies until Monday, August 17 (bookbag, headphones, box of kleenex)
- Drop your child off around 7:45 at the main entrance by Gates Gator sign and flag pole and a staff member will be there to greet you. Due to COVID guidelines, only students are allowed to enter the building. You may send a mask with your child or one will be provided.
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Friday, August 14

- **No school for Kindergarten students.**
- Kindergarten teachers will be using this day to divide the K students into their classrooms for the school year
- You will receive a communication from your child's teacher Friday evening letting them know who their teacher will be



The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.

- MLK



We are so excited to get to meet your child and begin a fantastic school year together!!!! If you have any questions, please call Gates at 308-385-5892.



Message from the Principal

- One of the most important parts of our safety plan is that everyone wears a mask. If your child hasn't had much practice with masks, please take the time to have them try it out. Have them practice wearing it for an extended period of time during their favorite show or while reading a book with you.

-Mr. Eckerman

Meet Our Teachers



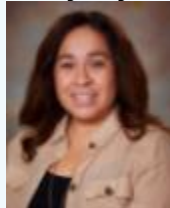
Name: Tammy Verba

Years of Teaching: I will be starting my 16th year of teaching Kindergarten at Gates.

Family: I have been married for 26 years and have 3 adult children and 3 grandchildren.

Interests: I love reading and hanging out with my family.

What I love about Kindergarten: I love seeing the faces of my students everyday and am blessed to join them in their learning journey.



Name: Irene Cuellar

Years of Teaching: I will be starting my 16th year of teaching, but my 6th year in Kindergarten. I have previously taught 3rd grade, ELL and started the $\frac{2}{3}$ Newcomer program for the district.

Family: I have been married for 13 years and have 2 boys. Miguel is 10 years old and Misael is 3. They keep me busy!

Interests: I love playing with my kids outside and going to their activities. I also enjoy spending time with friends and family.

What I love about Kindergarten: I love that they are so excited about school and everything is so new to them. They also grow so much throughout the year!



Name: Julie Hernandez

Years of Teaching: I will be starting my 12th year of teaching Kindergarten at Gates.

Family: I have been married for 10 years and have 2 kids. Aracely is 7 and Giovanni is 5. We also have 2 dogs, Cooper and Maui.

Interests: I love to spend time with family and friends.

What I love about Kindergarten: I love watching the growth of students