# Warwick School District

## Kindergarten EXPO

January 10, 2017

# Agenda

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- **Kindergarten Building Tour, Bus Orientation**
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  *Mrs. Melanie Calender, Assistant Superintendent*

# Kindergarten Registration

Mrs. Jill Kramer, Child Accounting Coordinator / Enrollment

# Enrolling Your Kindergarten Student

Warwick School District Board Policy 201

*Admission of Students*:

"The Board establishes the district's entry age for kindergarten as five (5) years on or before September 15th of the school term."

Warwick does not offer an early admittance option for children who do not meet this age requirement.

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Dr. April M. Hershey, Superintendent
Mrs. Melanie M. Calender, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Nathan Wertsch, Business Manager

Dear Parents/Guardians of 2017/2018 Kindergarten Students:

Welcome to the Warwick School District! We trust this packet provides you with all the information and forms you need in order to understand and enjoy the process of enrolling your child into Warwick School District's Kindergarten program. If you decide ***not*** to send your child to Warwick kindergarten this year, please take a moment to notify us of your decision by calling or emailing our office at 626-3734 x3709 or jkramer@warwicksd.org by June 15th.

Warwick School District offers a full-day kindergarten program. Students are assigned to heterogeneous classrooms after the kindergarten assessment data is compiled in May. Students whose parents express an interest in a half-day, morning-only kindergarten session will indicate that interest at assessments by completing an "opt out" form.

Registration will be held according to the enclosed schedule at the **Warwick District Office**. Your child is welcome to join you at registration; however, it is not required. For parents who are unable to register during your designated time, you are welcome to attend any of the sessions listed; however, please note that your certified school nurse will only be present during her building's session. Additionally, hours are available by appointment by calling 626-3734 x3709.

**Please bring the following documents to complete the registration process:**

- **Completed Enrollment Form** (provided in this packet)
- **Completed Health History Form** (provided in this packet)
- **Original or notarized copy of your child's birth certificate**
- **Copy of your child's immunization record** (We understand that some children will not have all required immunizations completed by March; however, please provide a list of what your child has received to date.)
- **Copy of current proof of residency** (deed, lease, utility bill, tax bill)
- **Photo identification of parent/guardian**
- Completed Medical and Dental forms (provided in this packet)
- Any existing court documents related to parental responsibility of the child being enrolled (custody order, foster care or adoption paperwork)

**We cannot process your registration at the scheduled drop-in sessions without all requested documentation listed above in red**, so please call to schedule an appointment if you are missing any of the required paperwork. The items not shown in red can be turned in any time prior to the start of school.

At registration, you will schedule an appointment for your child to participate in the pre-kindergarten assessment, so please come prepared with your family calendar. This assessment, lasting approximately one hour, will take place in May according to the enclosed schedule. The results will help our teachers prepare an appropriate educational program for your child. Warwick School District also offers a 25-day summer Pre-K Readiness Program for those students who would benefit academically. If your child qualifies, you will receive additional information after the Kindergarten Assessments in May.

# Requesting a Birth Certificate

PA Department of Health,

Division of Vital Records

1-844-228-3516

www.health.pa.gov

# IMPORTANT DATES
# WARWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT

## 17/18 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

All Kindergarten Registrations will be held at the **Warwick District Office**, which is connected to the rear of the Warwick High School, near the tennis courts. To minimize waiting time, we are suggesting the timeframes below for you to attend, but you are welcome to come during the session that best suits your schedule. Please note that the Certified School Nurse will only be present during the session of her assigned school. In addition to the enrollment forms provided in your packet, other records needed include the following: parent or guardian photo id, proof of residency (deed, lease, utility bill, tax bill), the child's birth certificate, and the child's immunization record. We understand that some children will not have **all** required immunizations completed by March; however, please provide a list of what your child has received to date. Immunization updates can be forwarded to the School Nurse as they are administered. Children will not be admitted to school in September without proper immunizations. See further explanation of required immunizations on the reverse side of this paper. *For foster parents, legal guardians, or divorced parents, please also bring a copy of the court order or affidavit indicating your parental responsibility.* **We cannot process your registration at the scheduled sessions without all requested documentation**, so please call to schedule an appointment if you are missing any of the required paperwork shown in the list on the enclosed letter.

| ASSIGNED SCHOOL | DATES and TIMES | |
|---|---|---|
| **Lititz Elementary** | **Tues, Mar 7** | **7:30 am – 1:00 pm** |
| | **Tues, Mar 7** | **3:30 pm – 7:00 pm** |
| **Bonfield Elementary** | **Thurs, Mar 9** | **7:30 am – 1:00 pm** |
| | **Thurs, Mar 9** | **3:30 pm – 7:00 pm** |
| **Kissel Hill Elementary** | **Mon, Mar 13** | **7:30 am – 1:00 pm** |
| | **Mon, Mar 13** | **3:30 pm – 7:00 pm** |
| **John Beck Elementary** | **Wed, Mar 15** | **7:30 am – 1:00 pm** |
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# Kindergarten Assessment

Dr. Ryan Berardi, Principal of Kissel Hill Elementary

# Kindergarten Assessments

- Date: Monday, May 8th – Thursday, May 18th
  - Kissel Hill: May 8th or May 9th
  - John Beck: May 10th or May 11th
  - Lititz Elementary: May 15th or May 16th
  - Bonfield Elementary: May 17th or May 18th
- Time:
  - By appointment scheduled at registration
  - Duration: approximately 1 hour in length
- Location: Kissel Hill Elementary
  - Lower Gymnasium Entrance

# Format of Assessment

**Station Activities**

- Communication/Directions
  - Story activity
  - Expressive & receptive language skills
  - Speech assessment
- Fine Motor Control
  - Cutting & coloring
- Academic Readiness
  - Letter Recognition (capital & lower-case letters)
  - Number recognition
  - Counting
  - Beginning letter sounds
  - Pre-screening for sight vocabulary
- Social Interaction
  - Observed small group play

# Pre-Kindergarten Summer Program

Mrs. Stacie Bardell, Principal of John R. Bonfield Elementary

# Purpose

The Summer Readiness Program is a six week program specifically designed to prepare children for kindergarten.

# When and Where

The Summer Pre-K Readiness Program is held at John Beck Elementary School for six weeks. The program will run from Tuesday, June 27th thru Thursday, August 10th.

(No sessions held on Fridays.)

Each morning and afternoon session lasts two and a half hours.

# Program Objectives

- **Reading and Writing**
- **Listening and Speaking**
- **Logical Thinking**
- **Learning and Problem Solving**
- **Fine Motor Readiness**
- **Social/Emotional Readiness**

# What We Have Learned

- Students who attend the Pre-K Summer Readiness Program, on average, academically out-perform students who were invited and did not attend the program.

- On average, attendees of the Pre-K Summer Readiness Program enter Kindergarten at or above their benchmark levels.

# Kindergarten

Mrs. Jodi Brill, Kindergarten Teacher
Mrs. Joanna Sheckart, Kindergarten Teacher
Dr. Ryan Berardi, Kissel Hill Principal

# Sample Kindergarten Schedule

- **Opening Activities**
  - Attendance
  - Weather Chart
  - Calendar
  - Pledge of Allegiance
  - Morning Message
  - Read Aloud
- **Language Arts (Core Curriculum)/Activities**
  - Phonics/Phonemic Awareness
  - Writing/Journaling
- **Center Activities/Small Group**
- **Math Activities**
- **Lunch**
- **Computer Lab**
- **Specials** (Library, Art, PE and Music)
- **Continuation of Math, Content and Language Arts**
  - Wrap-up of Day's instruction

# First Week of Kindergarten

- Kindergarten Meet & Greet
  - First day of school year (September 6, 2017)
    - Assigned a time on Wednesday, September 6th.
    - New Kindergarten Student & Parent (or designated adult)
      - Eases the transition into the Kindergarten classroom
    - Small groups of approximately 5 students & their parents
  - Acclimate the student to the room
    - Explore the classroom
    - Story/activity with the students
    - Review of classroom procedures/routines
    - Parents complete paperwork
  - Students' first day of Kindergarten is Thursday.

# Half-day Waiver

- Parents have an opportunity to elect a waiver for a ½ day AM-only session.
- Parent completes and submits a waiver form at assessments in May.
- Students who have a waiver will not receive the PM academic program if the parent elects to waive them from a half day of instruction.

# Elementary Building PTO

Miss Jennifer Murphy, Principal of Lititz Elementary

# Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO)

- John Beck
  - Teresa Detz
- Lititz Elementary
  - Pam Cedeno
- John R. Bonfield
  - Karen Horst
- Kissel Hill Elementary
  - Monica Hough

# Kindergarten Building Tour & Bus Orientation

Ms. Lisa Bonfield, Principal of John Beck Elementary

# Kindergarten Building Information & Bus Orientation

- John Beck
  - August 21st 9am
- Lititz Elementary
  - August 16th 9am
- John R. Bonfield
  - August 22nd 9am
- Kissel Hill
  - August 15th 9am

# Transportation Tip

An adult must be at the bus stop when kindergarten students are dropped off. If there is not an adult at the stop, your child will be brought back to school and you will be contacted to pick him/her up.

# Transportation Request Form

Your child's transportation must be on a set schedule. The yellow Transportation Request Form found in your packet needs to be completed if you are utilizing any form of transportation on any given day other than the school district's bus transportation. (e.g. day care transportation, parent pick-up, etc.) If you have any questions regarding the completion of this form, please contact your child's elementary school.

# Transportation Information

Information regarding your child's bus stop, pick-up, and drop off times will be available online in August, approximately two weeks prior to the start of school. Your child's student ID and password will be provided so that you can access this important information.

# Overprotective?

# Student Services

Mrs. Juliet Ashton, Coordinator of Elementary Student Services

# Student Services

- Provides support services to eligible students including:
  - Speech Therapy
  - Occupational Therapy
  - Physical Therapy
  - Academic Support
  - Behavior Support
- Students Transitioning from Early Intervention can expect meetings to be held in January/February. Parents should bring their completed enrollment information to this meeting.
- Contact the School Psychologist assigned to your elementary building if you have questions or concerns.

# Important Reminders

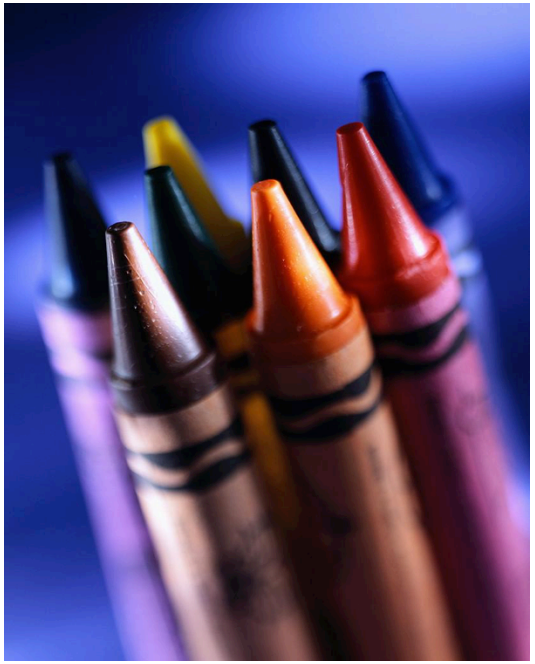
Mrs. Melanie Calender, Assistant Superintendent

# Important Reminders

- Students who enroll and begin their Kindergarten program are not permitted to withdraw without an alternative education placement, such as another school district, homeschooling or cyber school.

# Kindergarten EXPO

- Early Learning / Childcare Providers and Resources:
  - Head Start
  - Lititz Rec Center
  - United Way
  - Owl Hill Learning Center
  - St. Paul Christian Early Learning Center
  - St. Joseph's CHI

# *Final Comments*

- Welcome to school!
- If you have questions, we invite you to stop by the building tables located in the auditorium lobby.
- Thank you for attending!