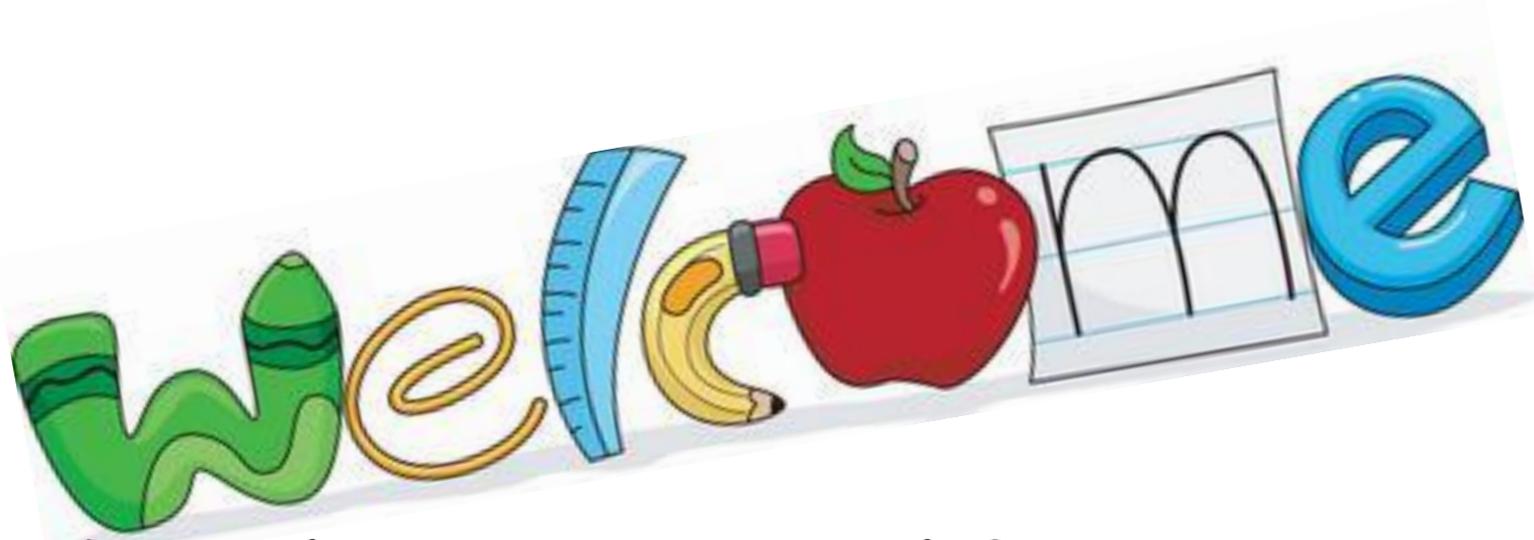


PK/Kindergarten VIRTUAL Informational Meeting

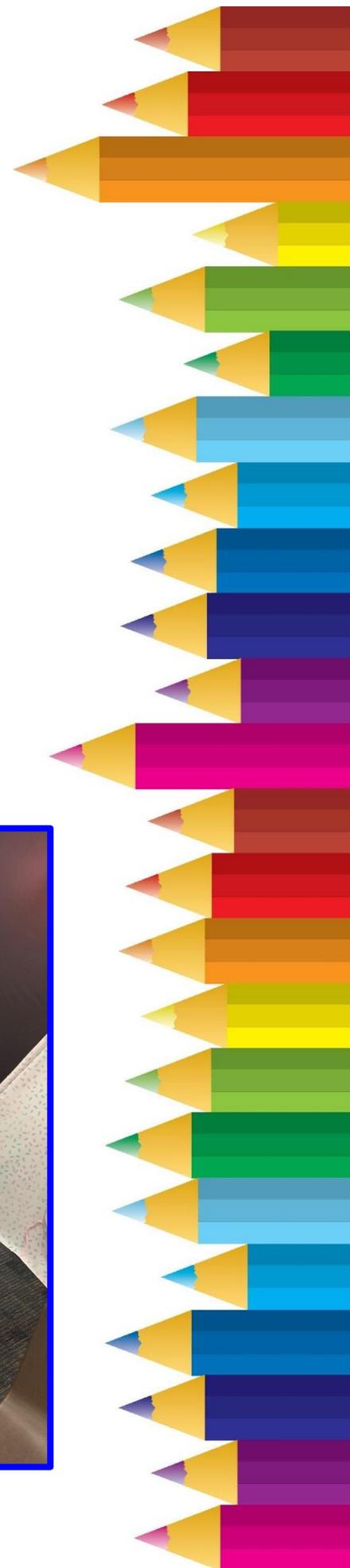
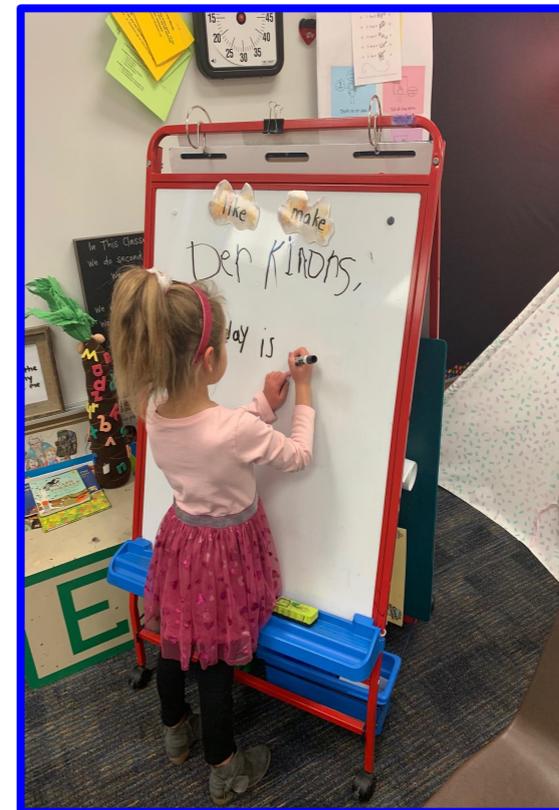


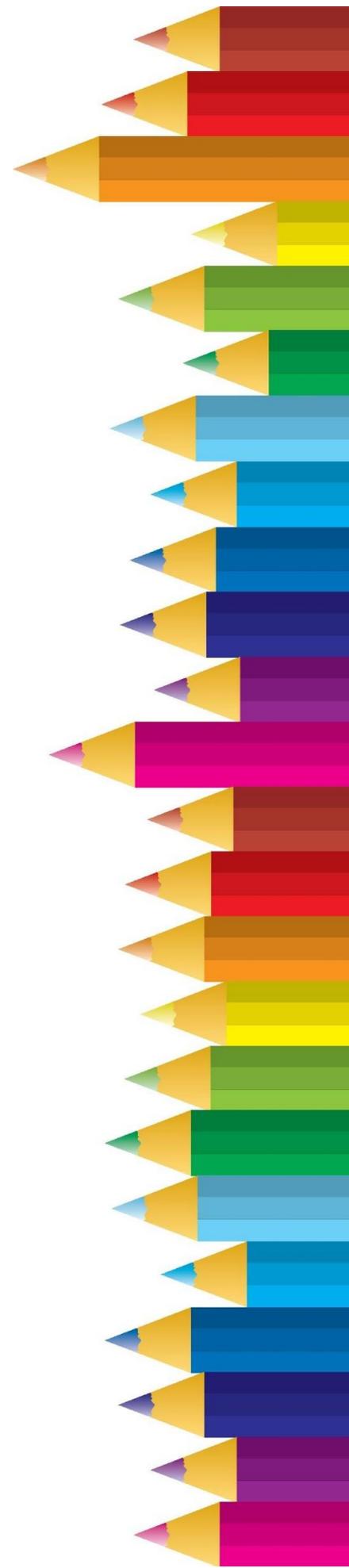
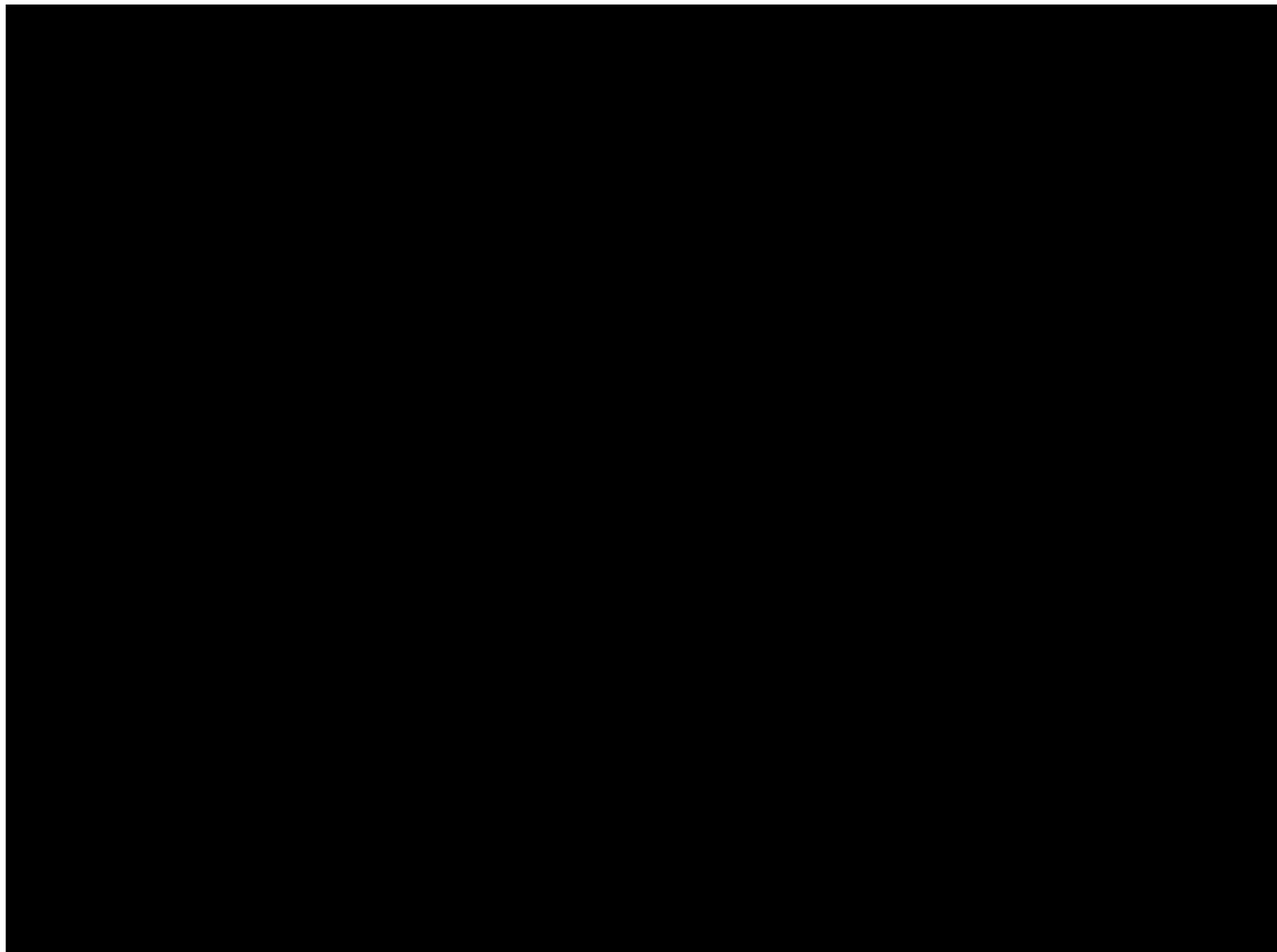
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Introductions

- ★ Mrs. Dawn Heerema, Principal
- ★ Mrs. Deb Lidgard, Administrative Assistant
- ★ Mrs. Jodi Durham, Teacher
- ★ Mrs. Wendy DeSmit, Teacher
- ★ Ms. Olivia Kallil, Teacher





Park Elementary



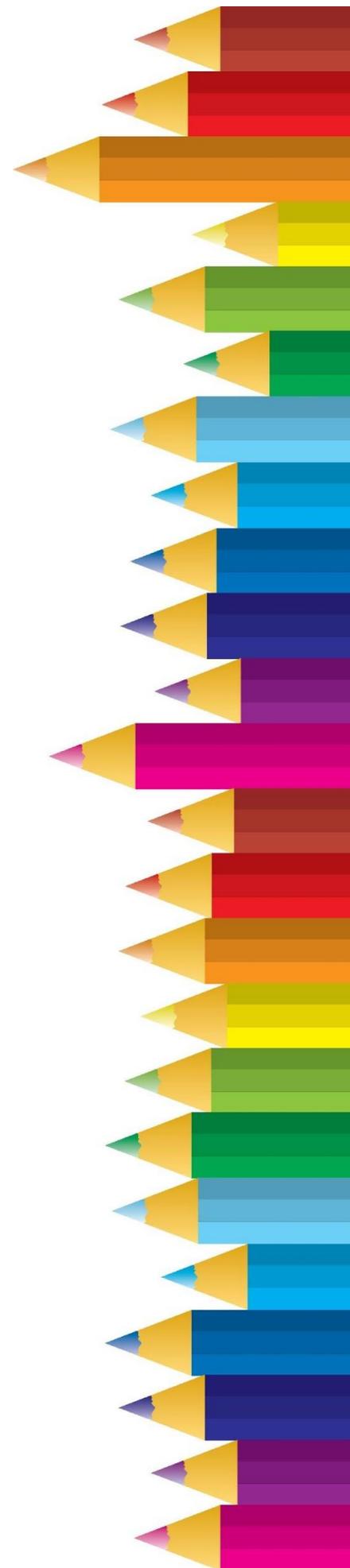
Presentation HIGHLIGHTS

- Curriculum information
- Lunch menu details
- Transportation information
- Registration information



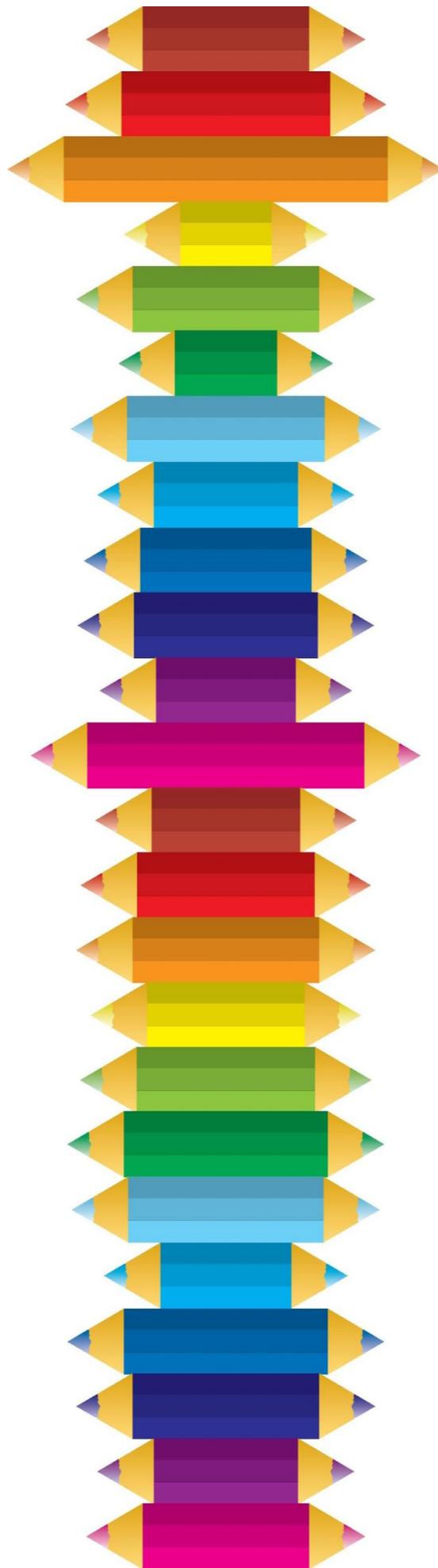
HPS Kindergarten Belief Statements

- Kindergarten provides the first opportunity to develop family partnerships with the school.
- Kindergarten teachers create a warm, nurturing environment that will foster high self-esteem, confidence, and a sense of classroom community.
- Purposeful play is an essential component of kindergarten.
- We will teach the whole child by fostering development in all areas: physical, social, emotional, and cognitive.
- Academic instruction will be appropriate to the varying developmental levels of young children.



Prekindergarten

- Using a **play-based approach**, prekindergarten emphasizes social and emotional skill development while providing repeated **exposure** to the academic skills required for kindergarten success.

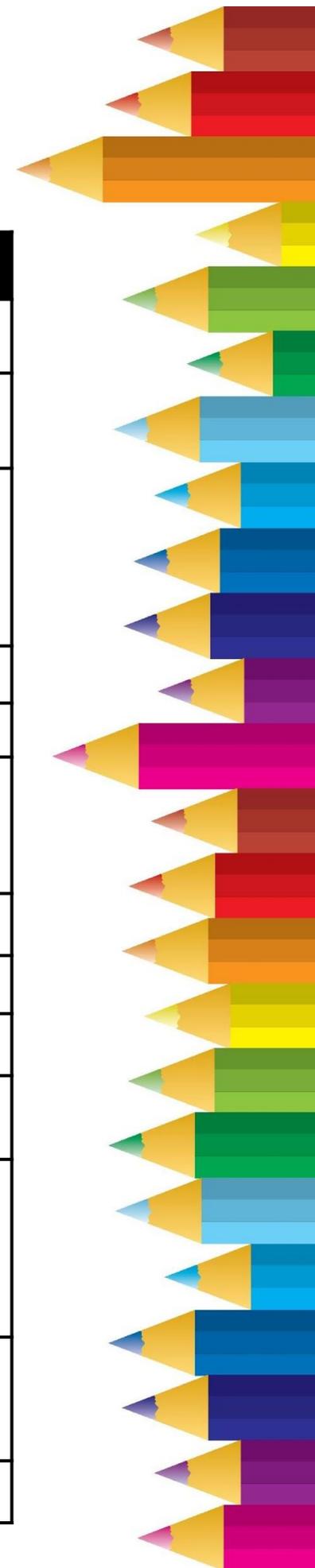


Kindergarten

- Kindergarten combines developmentally appropriate small group and whole group instruction with purposeful play to prepare students academically and socially for first grade.

A Typical Day: PK

Activity	Includes...	Approx. Time
Class Meeting	Responsibility, problem solving, social skills, singing	10 minutes
Play-based Foundational Skills	Phonological Awareness, phonics	20-30 minutes
Reading	<u>Interactive Read Aloud</u> Provide multiple opportunities for read aloud throughout the day, focusing on comprehension and vocabulary	15-30 minutes
Break/snack	Morning break	15 minutes
Writing	Shared writing, class books	10-20 minutes
Handwriting and fine motor skill development	Opportunities for coloring, cutting, tracing, writing, gluing, etc.	15 minutes
Lunch/Recess		35 minutes
Math	Play-based and inquiry activities	20-30 minutes
Recess		20 minutes
Specials	Art, Gym, Music, or STEAM	50 minutes
Brain Break	Silent read, quiet/rest time, yoga	Beginning of year: 30-40 minutes/day Later in the year: 20-30 minutes/day
Purposeful Play	Imaginative play that promotes higher level thinking, creativity, and problem solving	Up to 60 minutes
*Library/Computer		*Up to 30 minutes/week



A Typical Day: K

Activity	Includes...	Approx. Time
Class meeting	Responsibility, problem solving, star student, singing	10 minutes
Reading Workshop (integrated science/ social studies)	Read aloud, guided reading, shared reading, practice and independent reading	75-90 minutes
Break/snack	Morning break	10 minutes
Phonics Workshop	Vowels, consonants, digraphs, blends, high frequency words, and more	10-15 minutes
Writing Workshop	Guided writing, shared writing, practice/independent writing	30-45 minutes
Handwriting	Peterson Handwriting	15 minutes
Lunch/Recess		40 minutes
Math	Calendar, Math Expressions, practice/centers, hands-on explorations	50 minutes
Specials	Art, Gym, Music, or STEAM	50 minutes
Purposeful Play	Imaginative play that promotes higher level thinking, creativity, and problem solving	30-40 minutes
Recess		20 minutes
Library/Computer	Integrated	Daily-Weekly

End of Year K Reading

Mr. Brown helps us
write stories.

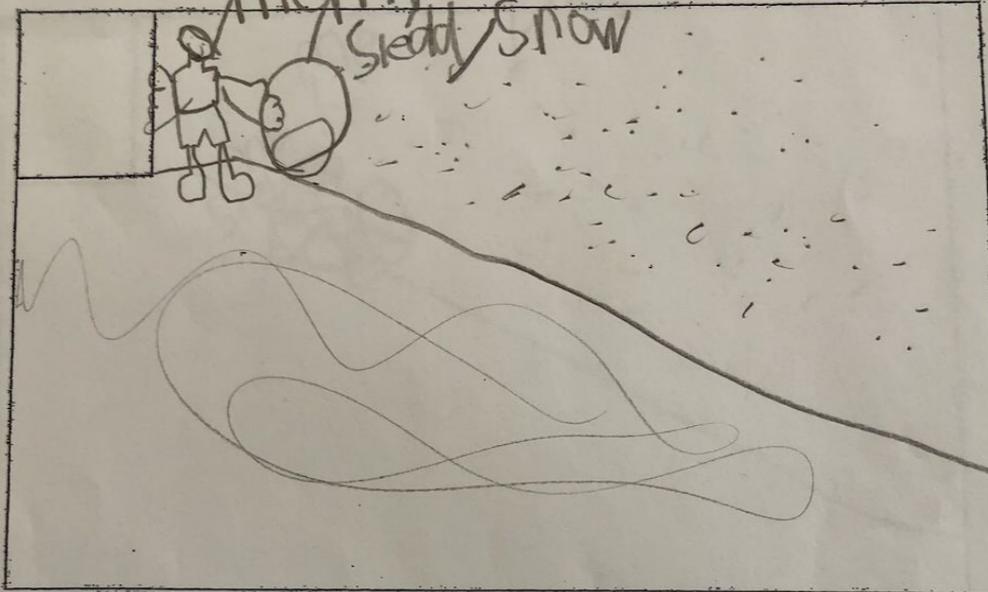
We like to write stories.

We like to read the stories
to him.



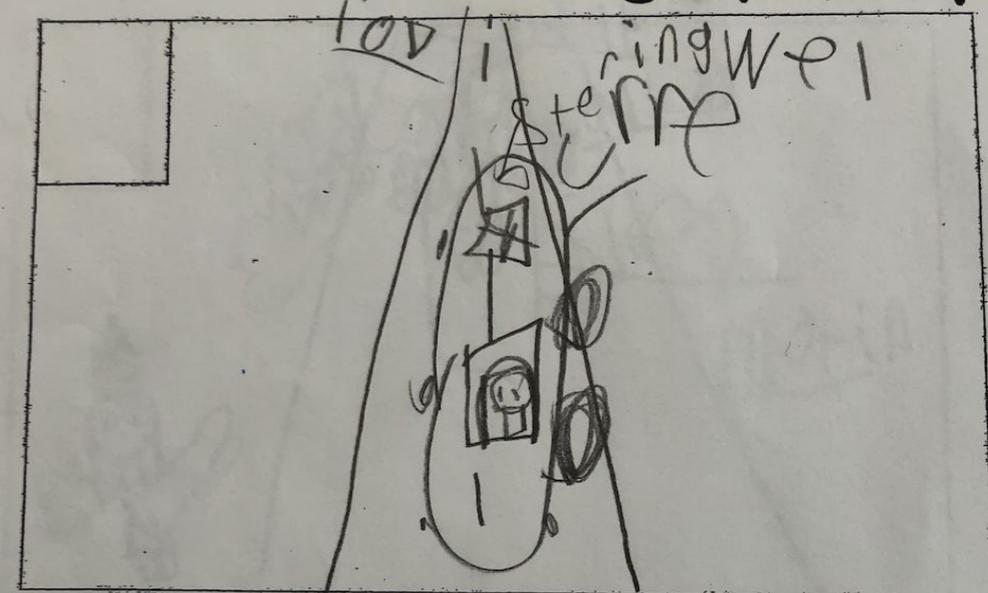
Kindergarten Writing

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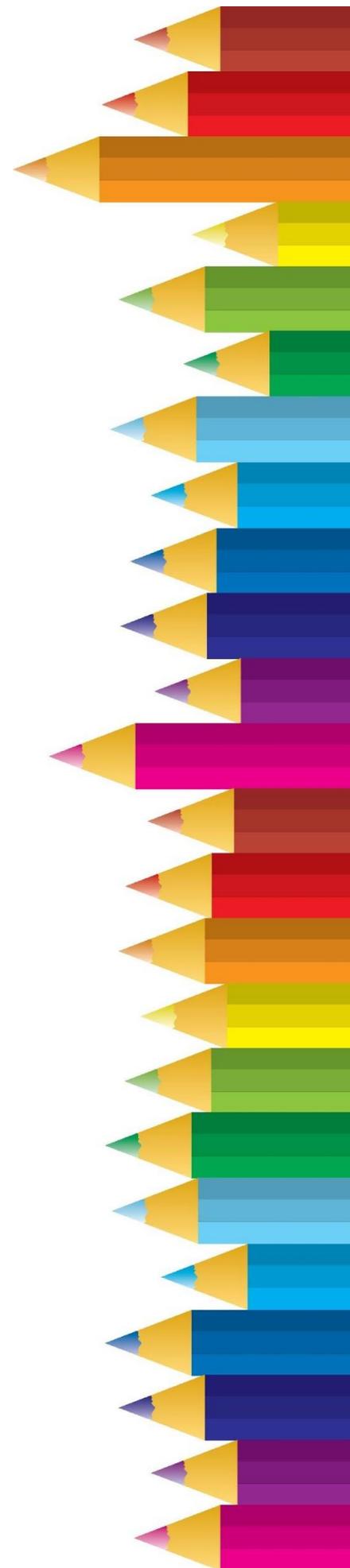
Personal Narrative
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Kindergarten Options

- All day/every day kindergarten will be offered in all elementary buildings.
- All day/every day prekindergarten will be offered at north and south end elementary schools; locations TBD.
- Transportation will be provided for prekindergarten and kindergarten students within their attendance area boundaries.

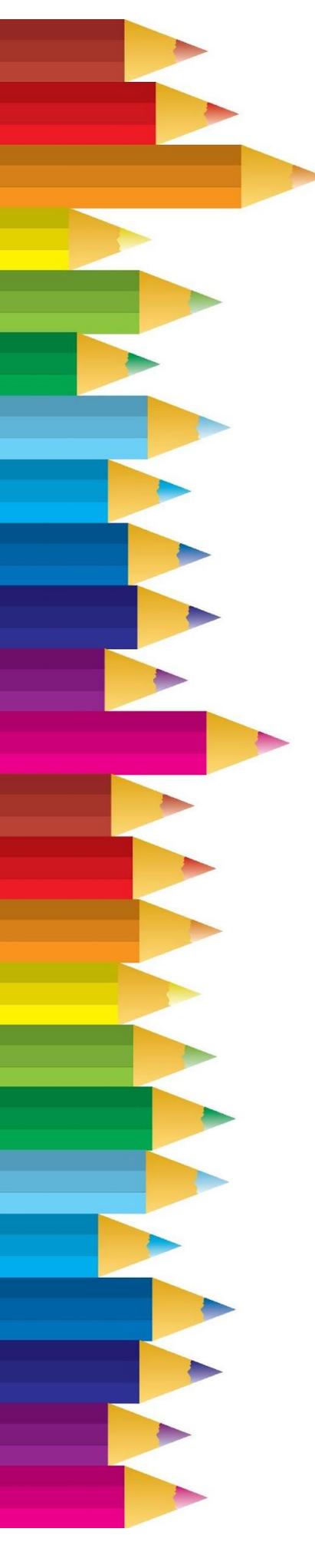


Placement Information

Prekindergarten or kindergarten placement preference should be indicated on the online registration form.

- ★ All kindergarten placement requests will be honored.
- ★ Prekindergarten placement requests will be reviewed by a team.
- ★ If parents are uncertain of placement for their child, screening information can be used to guide a discussion between the principal and parent for final determination of placement.
- ★ Parents will be notified of placement decisions by *May 31, 2021*.





Screening Information

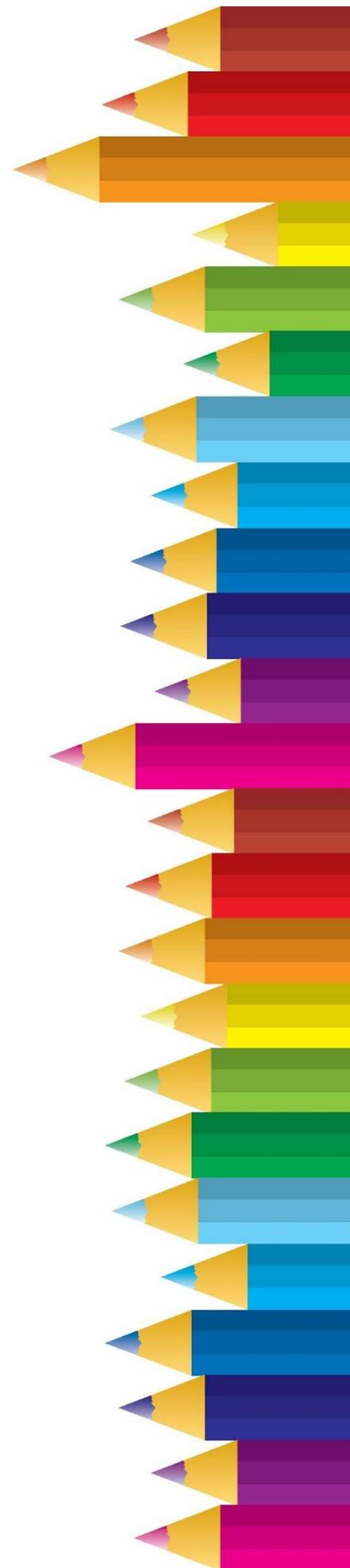
- Upon completion of your online registration and participation in the Virtual Informational Meeting, in early March you will receive a link to a Kindergarten Screener.
- The Screener will be completed by each parent and assist principals with final placement details to build the best learning environment for all of our learners.
- This *MUST* be completed prior to your child being placed in a prekindergarten or kindergarten classroom for the 2021-2022 school year.

Busing Details

Be sure to read the Transportation Guidelines on our website.

- Complete daycare form (if necessary) and return to the Transportation Department as soon as possible. This will need to be updated annually.
- Bus garage will send an email to you in mid-August informing you of stop location and time.
- Bus stop time: Arrive 5 minutes before scheduled stop time.
- Bus stop location: 1/8 - 1/4 mile from home. Buses do not go down cul-de-sacs or dead-end roads.
- Name tag: Wear for first 2-4 weeks of school
- Patience please: It takes bus drivers, students, and parents a few weeks to be accustomed to bus schedules, routes, and routines.

Questions? Please call the Transportation Department @ 616.669.7757





Lunch Details

- Lunch with milk is \$2.50/day and milk is .50/day.
- Lunch includes an entrée (2 choices daily), milk, and food bar (lettuce, carrots, canned fruit, and fresh fruit). Students can take as much as they can eat from the food bar, but there are no seconds for the entrée or milk.
- Hudsonville participates in the National School Lunch Program which supports those who are eligible for reduced priced lunches. Information supplied by mail in late summer.

Food allergy information available by contacting Food Service @ 616.457.2400

Lunch Payment Options

Each student will have a lunch account automatically set up for them. Parents can deposit money as needed into their student's account.

- Food Service web link found on the Hudsonville home page (monthly menu and nutritional information)
www.hudsonville.k12.mi.us
- Deposits for lunch can be made to
www.sendmoneytoschool.com.
- Email: Foodservice@hpseagles.net for Student ID#





Preparing You and Your Child For School

- ★ Listen and answer your child's questions. Be positive about school. Your actions and words will go a long way to alleviate anxiety your child may have.
- ★ Tour the school and classroom during the open house.
- ★ Visit the playground over the summer.
- ★ Start a bedtime routine 2 weeks prior to school.
- ★ Have healthy eating habits.
- ★ Practice zipping coat and tying shoes.
- ★ Read, read, read!
- ★ Work on correct pencil grip and having your child write his/her name (only capitalizing the first letter).
- ★ Practice letter and sound recognition.
- ★ Purchase a backpack (big enough to hold a folder, snow gear, lunch box).
- ★ Share in the excitement! If you are nervous, trust that we will do our best to take care of and support your child.

Enrollment Summary

At Your Earliest Convenience

Step 1 - Online registration (www.hudsonvillepublischools.org)

Step 2 - Virtual Informational Meeting (completed this evening)

Step 3 - Early March - complete the Kindergarten Screener

Step 4 - Submit the paperwork listed below (scanned documents accepted)

- Birth certificate (must be certified with raised seal)
- Photo proof of identity of parent/guardian who is enrolling
- Proof of residency (i.e. utility bill, tax statement, house buy/sell agreement, lease agreement)
- Health appraisal form which includes dates of immunizations and vision/hearing testing (due by August 13, 2021)

Per State Public Health Code Law, we must have these forms before school begins, even if your child has not had their 5 year well-child visit, immunizations have to be completed before being allowed to start school.





Important Schedule Details

- ★ PK & Kindergarten Open House: TBD...
- ★ School begins on August 23, 2021 (or the 30th)
- ★ Daily school hours: 8:45 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Contact information

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- ★ Mrs. Dawn Heerema: dheerema@hpseagles.net
- ★ (616) 669-1970