

March 1, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Welcome to the Palmerton Area School District!

The process for your incoming kindergarten child is now starting.

If you are new to our district, please know that our kindergarten programs throughout the district are a full day of instruction for our kindergarten students. Registration for Kindergarten for the 2021-2022 school year will be held on Wednesday, April 7th, Thursday, April 8th, and Friday, April 9th.

All Kindergarten registrations will take place at the Parkside Education Center school office, which is located at 680 Fourth Street, Palmerton. **INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENTS WILL NOT BE SCHEDULED THIS YEAR.** Times for registration will be on Wednesday, April 7 and Thursday, April 8 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and on Friday, April 9 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Parents/Guardians will be seen in the order that they arrive.

ONE (1) parent in the vestibule at a time and all parents waiting must maintain social distancing regulations. The wearing of masks is required.

Children who will be five (5) years of age on or before September 1, 2021 are eligible for Kindergarten for the 2021-2022 school year, according to district policy.

There are several forms that you must complete and/or provide in order to register your child for school. You may obtain these forms prior to registration on our district website www.palmerton.org, click on Parent Resources, scroll to the bottom and click on the link for Kindergarten Registration. If you are unable to print the form you may obtain a packet at the front door of the Parkside Education Center. Please be aware that **a state issued birth certificate or other acceptable proof of age and name is required for your child to be registered.** If these papers are not available at the time of registration, your child should still be registered, but the documents must be provided before your child will be admitted on the first day of school. In addition, parent photo ID as well as another proof of residency is required at the time of registration.

Registration is for parents or guardians only; your child does not need to attend as registration is to gather appropriate information from you.

Parents/guardians **must bring** the necessary immunization records to your registration appointment. Proof of immunizations must be provided before your child will be admitted to school.

State law requires that all children entering school for the first time must have written proof of the following immunizations:

4 doses of Tetanus	1 dose must have been administered on or after the child's 4 th birthday
4 doses of Diphtheria	1 dose must have been administered on or after the child's 4 th birthday
4 doses of Acellular Pertussis	1 dose must have been administered on or after the child's 4 th birthday
4 doses of Polio	4 th dose must have been administered on or after the child's 4 th birthday and at least 6 months after previous dose given
3 doses of Hepatitis B	
2 doses of Measles	
2 doses of Mumps	
2 doses of Rubella (German Measles)	
2 doses of Varicella (Chicken Pox)	OR a record of having Chicken Pox

At registration you will receive information about the Kindergarten Screening Process. The date of Parkside's screening will be Friday, June 11, 2021. Screening date for Towamensing will be June 16, 2021.

We look forward to seeing you when you register for Kindergarten. If you have any questions regarding the process, please call Kim Ottlinger at 610-826-7101 ext. *5023.

Sincerely,

Jodi Frankelli

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Timothy Lynch

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