



PALMERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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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 at Parkside Education Center and Towamensing Elementary School are a full day of instruction for all Kindergarten students. Registration for Kindergarten for the 2023-2024 school year will be Monday, April 3rd, Tuesday, April 4th, and Wednesday, April 5th.

All Kindergarten registrations will take place at the Parkside Education Center, Administration Office, third floor, which is located at 680 Fourth Street, Palmerton. **APPOINTMENTS WILL BE SCHEDULED USING A GOOGLE FORM WHICH CAN BE FOUND ON THE PALMERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT WEBSITE.** Times for registration will be on Monday, April 3 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and on Wednesday, April 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. After you have submitted your request, you will receive an email with your selected date and time. Be sure to check your SPAM folder. Please be respectful of the time of others and arrive promptly at your selected time.

According to district policy, children who will be five (5) years of age on or before September 1, 2023, are eligible for kindergarten for the 2023-2024 school year.

Registration is for parents or guardians only; your child does not need to attend as registration is to gather appropriate information from you. Only ONE (1) parent is required to attend to submit registration paperwork.

There are several forms that you must complete and/or provide to register your child for school. You may obtain these forms prior to registration on our district website www.palmerton.org, click on the link for Kindergarten Registration. If you are unable to print the forms, 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, you should still register your child, 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.

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 dates for screening will be June 6, 2023, for Parkside Education Center and June 8, 2023, for Towamensing Elementary.

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

Sincerely,

Jodi Frankelli, Superintendent of Schools

Ralph Andrews, Principal, Parkside Education Center

Kelli George, Principal, Towamensing Elementary