



## Kindergarten Enrollment for 2013 Is Underway!

### Public Schools Offer More:

Certified Teachers with Advanced Degrees, Academic Options, Electives, Student Activities, Learning Support, Child Care Options, Athletics, and Scholarships for College

To enter kindergarten your child must be five years old by [November 1, 2013](#).  
(Public Schools offer outstanding preschool programs as well!)

To enroll you need a copy of your child's:

- birth certificate
- immunization records
- proof of residence and
- hearing and vision test results, if available.

[Click here for a Kindergarten Readiness Guide](#)

Enrollment forms are available in advance at your school's office or on your school's website.

### 2013 Kindergarten Enrollment Events – Muskegon Area Intermediate School District – Call (231) 767-7263

District	Location	Date	Time	Phone number
Fruitport	Beach Elementary	Wed. March 20, 2013	6:30 p.m.	773-8996
	Edgewood Elementary	Tues. March 19, 2013	6:30 p.m.	865-3171
	Shettler Elementary	Thurs. March 21, 2013	6:30 p.m.	737-7595
Holton	Holton Elementary	Monday, March 25, 2013	4:30 p.m.	821-1825
Mona Shores	Campbell Elementary	Wed. Feb. 27, 2013	6:00 p.m.	755-2550 ext. 8998
	Churchill Elementary	Wed. Feb. 20, 2013	6:00 p.m.	798-7816 ext. 8998
	Lincoln Park Elementary	Tues. Feb. 26, 2013	6:00 p.m.	755-7857 ext. 8798
	Ross Park Elementar	Thurs. Feb. 21, 2013	6:00 p.m.	798-7119 ext. 8698
Montague	M. A. C. Center 9151 Dicey Street	Tuesday, April 30, 2013	6:30 p.m.	981-4670

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Muskegon Public	Lakeside Elementary Marquette Elementary Moon Elementary Nelson Elementary Oakview Elementary	Wednesday, April 24, 2013 Wednesday, April 24, 2013 Friday, April 26, 2013 Tuesday, April 23, 2013 Tuesday, April 16, 2013	1:30 – 7:00 p.m. 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. 12:30 – 4:30 p.m. 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. & 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.	720-2300 720-2600 720-2700 720-2200 720-2450
North Muskegon	North Muskegon Elementary	Testing: April 22, 2013 Parent Mtg: May 2, 2013 Round-up May 3, 2013	Times by school Times by school Times by school	719-4200 719-4200 719-4200
Oakridge	Oakridge Lower Elementary	3/14/2013	T B A	
Orchard View	Orchard View Early Elementary	Thurs. April 25, 2013	6:00 p.m.	760-7850
Ravenna	Beechnau Elementary	Tuesday April 16, 2013	3:30 – 4:30 p.m. & 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	853-2258
Reeths-Puffer	Central Elementary	Tuesday, March 19, 2013	A – L 5:30 p.m. M – Z 6:30 p.m.	744-1693 766-3443
	McMillan Elementary	Thursday, March 21, 2013	5:30 p.m.	744-4777
	Reeths-Puffer Elementary	Thursday, March 21, 2013	A – L 5:30 p.m. M – Z 6:30 p.m.	719-3190
	Twin Lake Elementary	Wednesday, March 21, 2013	5:30 p.m.	
Whitehall	Shoreline Elementary	Thursday, February 28, 2013	6:30 p.m.	893-1050
<b>Charter Schools</b>				
Timberland Charter Academy	Timberland Charter Academy	Thursday, February 28, 2013	6:00 p.m.	767-9700

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# Getting Ready for Kindergarten



# Getting Ready



If you have ever made a move from one location to another or separated from friends, you know how hard a change can be. Going from a known, comfortable environment to one that is different and unfamiliar can be very stressful. This is often how young children feel as they move from preschool to kindergarten.

For young children, getting ready for kindergarten may be met with a mixture of excitement and concern. On one hand, there is the pleasure of accomplishment as they move on to something new. On the other hand, there may be some anxiety over leaving friends and teachers that they know and love.

For parents, there is a feeling of pride that comes with seeing their child grow to meet new challenges. Yet there is also a concern for how their child will cope, and what new roles they play as parents of a kindergartner.

# Tips to help families get ready for kindergarten:

1. **Visit** the school and playground with your child during the school year before your child begins kindergarten.
2. **Contact** the school for information nights/open houses for the opportunity to visit the classroom, playground, take part in activities and meet other children and parents in the new group.
3. **Get involved.** Become familiar with your role as a parent in your child's education.
4. **Contact** your child's new school to discuss any concerns you may have.
5. **Learn** about the new roles and prepare your child for differences.

## Tips For Families



# Activities



**K**nowing what is expected adds to your child's self-confidence and encourages their attempts to try new activities. Help them get ready for kindergarten by:

1. Reading books about kindergarten and new experiences
2. Creating a puppet show to explain what their new classroom will be like
3. Creating a scrapbook together about their old classroom and new one

## Questions to Ask

**A**s a parent, ask your child some of these questions:

1. What do you want to wear your first day?
2. Do you want to visit your new playground?
3. Do you remember your new teacher's name?
4. What are you most excited about?
5. What scares you about your first day?
6. Do you remember your first and last name?



# Learning



**B**oth preschool and kindergarten children have some things in common.

**They both learn best by:**

- Actively **exploring** their environment through play
- **Interacting** with teachers and other children
- Using materials and participating in **hands-on** experiences and cultures
- Building upon their **need to explore and** make sense of the world around them

**They both are learning to:**

- **Use** their bodies through physical activities with words
- **Solve problems** and learn about changes
- Develop an **understanding** and acceptance of themselves as individuals
- Gain more **self control** and build friendships with others

# **K**ey items you need before your child starts kindergar- ten

- Birth Certificate – State Certified
- Current Immunizations Record
- Proof of Residency

Contact your local school district for additional required documents

**G**ood feelings are contagious! If you are genuinely enthusiastic about any upcoming changes, your child will look forward to them, too.

## Key Items





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