



Kindergarten Enrollment for 2012 Is Underway!

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To enter kindergarten your child must be five years old by December 1, 2012. (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.

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

2012 Kindergarten Enrollment Events – Muskegon Area Intermediate School District – Call (231) 767-7263

District	Location	Date	Time	Phone Number
Fruitport	Shettler Elementary	Thursday, March 22	6:30 p.m.	(231) 865-4001
	Beach Elementary	Wednesday, March 21	6:30 p.m.	
	Edgewood Elementary	Tuesday, March 20	6:30 p.m.	
Holton	Holton Elementary	Thursday, March 22	5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	(231) 821-1825
Mona Shores	Churchill Elementary	Wednesday, February 22	6:00 p.m.	(231) 780-4748
	Lincoln Park Elementary	Tuesday, February 28	6:00 p.m.	
	Ross Park Elementary	Thursday, February 23	6:00 p.m.	
	Campbell Elementary	Monday, February 27	6:00 p.m.	

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Montague	RR Oehrli Elementary	Tuesday, April 17	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	(231) 894-9018
Muskegon	Bluffton Elementary	Tuesday, April 17	4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	(231) 720-2000
	Marquette Elementary	Wednesday, April 25	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	
	McLaughlin Elementary	Wednesday, April 25	12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	
	Moon	Thursday, April 26	12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	
	Nelson	Wednesday, April 25	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	
	Nims	Wednesday, April 25	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	
	Oakview Steele Two-Way Immersion	Wednesday, April 25 Tuesday, April 17	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	
Muskegon Heights	E. Grace Loftis Early Childhood Academy	To Be Announced		(231) 830-3300 or (231) 830-3221
North Muskegon	North Muskegon Flex Center (Testing April 23 - 27)	Student Testing	6:30 p.m.	(231) 719-4200 2/23/2012
		Thursday, May 3 (Parent Night)	6:00 p.m.	
		Friday, May 4 (Students assigned sessions)	Time to be announced	
Oakridge	Oakridge Early Childhood Center	Tuesday, March 13	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	(231) 788-7151
		Thursday, March 15	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	
		Friday, March 16	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	
Orchard View	Orchard View Early Elementary (Parent Night)	Thursday, April 26	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	(231) 760-1850
Ravenna	Beechnau Elementary	Thursday, April 19	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	(231) 853-2258
Reeths-Puffer	McMillan Elementary	Thursday, Feb. 23	5:30 p.m.	(231) 719-3104
	Twin Lake Elementary	Tuesday, Feb. 28	5:30 p.m.	
	Central Elementary	Thursday, Feb. 23	5:30 p.m. A – L 6:30 p.m. M - Z	
	Reeths-Puffer Elementary	Tuesday, Feb. 21	5:30 p.m. A – L 6:30 p.m. M - Z	
Whitehall	Shoreline Elementary 0 needed	Thursday, February 23	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	(231) 893-1050

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



Knowing 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

As 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



Both 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

Key items you need before your child starts kindergarten

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

Contact your local school district for additional required documents

Good 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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