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Wayne-Westland Community Schools

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# Jump Start

***your child's future!***

**Tuesday, April 3rd  
from 9:00–10am**

**Don't Miss Kindergarten Round-up at Your Local  
Wayne-Westland Elementary School April 3rd at 9:00 a.m.**

Children who will be five years old by December 1, 2007 are invited to join their parents at the Kindergarten Round-up on April 3. From 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. you and your future scholar can tour the school, meet the teachers, and visit the renovated classrooms.

You'll see why the Wayne-Westland Community School District is the best choice for

starting your child on the road to a better education.

If you are unable to attend the morning event, school offices will be open from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. on April 3rd for registration only or call the school for an appointment at your convenience.

Every incoming Kindergartner will receive a free T-Shirt for the class of 2020, a backpack and other gifts.

  
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*Walker-Winter named Michigan Blue Ribbon School!*

## Kindergarten Round-up Frequently Asked Questions



### *Is my child's elementary school accredited?*

Yes! Every elementary, middle school, and high school in the Wayne-Westland School District is accredited by NCA – the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The accreditation status of every school is reviewed annually by NCA.

### *Does the district offer any all day kindergarten classrooms?*

Yes! All day kindergarten will be available in seven elementary schools next year—Hicks, Jefferson-Barns, Lincoln, P.D. Graham, Roosevelt-McGrath, Walker-Winter and Wildwood Elementaries. Parents interested in an All Day Kindergarten Program that do not live in these seven attendance areas may apply through the district's Schools of Choice Program. Applications may be downloaded from the schools web site at [wwcsd.net](http://wwcsd.net) and will be accepted in the Pupil Accounting Office between March 12 and April 20, 2007. Contact 419-2083 for further information.

### *Is there a program for kindergarten students who are developmentally young?*

Yes! The school district offers a **Magnet Kindergarten Program** to meet the needs of kindergarten aged children who may be developmentally young. The program provides students added support through a curriculum which places greater emphasis on hands-on instruction. This Magnet classroom is currently available at Schweitzer Elementary School to students throughout the district. Parents are responsible for providing their own transportation to and from school.

### *Does the elementary program address character education?*

Yes! Our K-5 elementary life skills curriculum stresses the building blocks of character – respect, responsibility, honesty, trustworthiness, and integrity. The curriculum also teaches the importance of being involved citizens, productive workers, and healthy and fit individuals.

### *Are there before and after school latch key programs available?*

Yes! This year our Champions **Before and After School Programs** are offered in thirteen of our seventeen elementary schools, as requested by parents in school-wide surveys. An extended day kindergarten program with a free one-way shuttle service is also offered to all half day kindergartners in the district at a centralized site. Contact the Champions office at 734-722-9157 for further information.

### *Is technology in the district available to kindergartners?*

Yes! All kindergarten rooms are equipped with computers, printers, TV monitors and voice sound systems. Throughout the year, kindergartners enhance their computer skills through the use of digital cameras, Smartboards, and Classroom Performance Systems. Additionally, students develop technology and library skills in our computerized elementary media centers.



### *What can I do now to prepare my child for the first day of kindergarten?*

Kindergarten Round-up at Wayne-Westland Schools provides parents and children with a free backpack full of books, supplies, and suggested activities that will help prepare children for the upcoming school year. In addition, children who participate in the round-up will become familiar with their teachers, rooms and activities so that the first day of kindergarten is an enjoyable day that children look forward to with anticipation. Each child who participates in Kindergarten Round-up on April 3 at 9:00 a.m. will receive a school t-shirt welcoming them to the Class of 2020!

## State Blue Ribbon Honors for Walker-Winter Elementary

This February the State Board of Education named Walker-Winter Elementary School as one of only twenty-three elementary schools throughout Michigan to receive Michigan's 2007 Blue Ribbon Exemplary School honors.

Established in 1982, the Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School Program recognizes schools that demonstrate a strong commitment to educational excellence and significant academic improvement over five years. Schools must complete a comprehensive report of key criteria for school effectiveness that serves as a basis for an extensive assessment of their building and programs.



Walker-Winter Elementary School staff, along with Superintendent Greg Baracy and Wayne-Westland Board of Education President Fred Weaver.

State Board of Education President Kathleen Strauss noted that, "Michigan Blue Ribbon Schools are models of both excellence and equity."

The Michigan Blue Ribbon is awarded to schools based on academic achievement, accreditation, school organization and culture, student focus and support, curriculum, quality teaching, and family and community partnerships with the school.

In addition, the State Board of Education stipulates that awarded schools must have made Adequate Yearly Progress



(AYP) as required by the Federal No Child Left Behind Law and have a Michigan Education YES! School Report Card grade of A or B. Walker-Winter received a grade of A on the Michigan School Report Card.

Walker-Winter is the second Wayne-Westland school to be named a Blue Ribbon School in the last three years. Edison Elementary achieved this high honor in 2005.

The State Board of Education will present Walker -Winter Elementary with their Blue Ribbon trophy on March 23 at a school assembly.

## Psychologist's Corner

Children learn best when they feel safe. A known environment helps children to feel comfortable. Kindergarten Round-up is a time when children and parents can become familiar with teachers, rooms, and activities so that the first day of kindergarten is not a frightening experience.

In addition, many kindergarten teachers will give suggestions to the parents about summer activities they can do with their children to better prepare them for their kindergarten learning experience. The free back pack children will receive at the round-

up contains books, supplies, and activities that will help prepare children for the upcoming school year. The parents are also given a packet of registration forms so the first day of school goes smoothly. At the round-up children may have the opportunity to have story time, a snack, and complete a project to take home.

When the children and the parents have an opportunity to meet the kindergarten teacher and see their new school, it leads to a successful first day of school.

## Elementary Schools

<b>Edison</b> .....	<b>419-2600</b>
34505 Hunter, Westland 48185	
<b>Elliott</b> .....	<b>419-2610</b>
30800 Bennington, Westland 48186	
<b>Graham</b> .....	<b>419-2620</b>
1255 S. John Hix, Westland 48186	
<b>Hamilton</b> .....	<b>419-2650</b>
1031 Schuman, Westland 48186	
<b>Hicks</b> .....	<b>419-2660</b>
100 Helen, Inkster 48141	
<b>Hoover</b> .....	<b>419-2670</b>
5400 Fourth, Wayne 48184	
<b>Jefferson-Barns</b> .....	<b>419-2680</b>
32150 Dorsey, Westland 48186	
<b>Kettering</b> .....	<b>419-2690</b>
1200 Hubbard, Westland 48186	
<b>Lincoln</b> .....	<b>419-2700</b>
33800 Grand Traverse, Westland 48186	
<b>Madison</b> .....	<b>419-2710</b>
1075 S. Carlson, Westland 48186	
<b>Patchin</b> .....	<b>419-2740</b>
6420 N. Newburgh Rd., Westland 48185	
<b>Roosevelt-McGrath</b> .....	<b>419-2720</b>
36075 Currier, Wayne 48184	
<b>Schweitzer</b> .....	<b>419-2750</b>
2601 Treadwell, Westland 48186	
<b>Taft-Galloway</b> .....	<b>419-2760</b>
4035 Gloria, Wayne 48184	
<b>Vandenberg</b> .....	<b>419-2770</b>
32101 Stellwagen, Wayne 48184	
<b>Walker-Winter</b> .....	<b>419-2780</b>
39932 Michigan, Canton 48188	
<b>Wildwood</b> .....	<b>419-2790</b>
500 N. Wildwood, Westland 48185	

## Alumni Arena Addition Dedication

The new addition to the Wayne Memorial High School Alumni Arena was dedicated on January 30, 2007. The addition provides a new competition gymnasium along with rooms for cardiovascular exercise and athletic training to meet the needs of an updated lifelong physical education curriculum, the scheduled re-alignment of girls competitive sports, and the addition of 9th grade sports teams. The addition was primarily funded through the Sinking Fund, a construction millage passed by district voters in 2002.

*Ribbon cutting ceremony participants pictured (left to right) Principal John Albrecht, School Board President Fred Weaver, Superintendent Greg Baracy, Wayne Mayor Al Haidous and City Manager John Zech. Second row Treasurer Steve Becher, Trustee Skip Monit and Trustee Ed Turner.*



*Kindergarten Round-up April 3rd – 9:00AM  
Questions? call 734-419-2096*

It is the policy of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools Board of Education to prohibit any acts of unlawful discrimination in all matters dealing with students, employees or applicants for employment. The Wayne-Westland Schools reaffirms its policy of equal educational and employment opportunities for all persons without regard to race, age, color, religion, sex, weight, height, marital status, national origin or disability and/or handicap which is unrelated to an individual's qualifications for employment or promotion, or which is unrelated to an individual's ability to utilize and benefit from the School District's educational opportunities, programs and facilities. Inquiries concerning the application of Section 504 legislation should be directed to the coordinator (734-419-2645). Inquiries concerning the application of Title VI, Title VII or Title IX legislation should be directed to the Deputy Superintendent/Educational Services (734-419-2015).

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