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Wayne-Westland Community Schools

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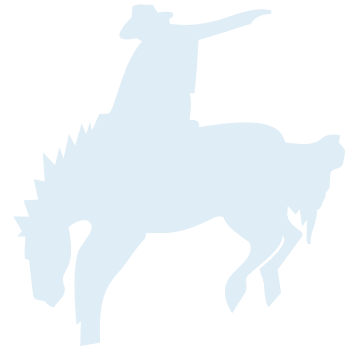
All Day
Kindergarten

Magnet
Kindergarten

Before and
After School
Latch Key

We can't wait to meet you!

Kindergarten Round-Up



Tuesday, March 28
from 9:00-10:00 am



At your local Wayne-Westland elementary 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! The Board of Education approved an *All Day Pilot Program* for the 2006-2007 school year at four schools—Wildwood, Roosevelt-McGrath, Hicks and Walker-Winter Elementaries. These four schools are strategically located in the north, south, east and west regions of the district. Parents interested in the All Day Kindergarten Pilot Program that do not live in the four attendance areas may apply through the district's Schools of Choice Program. Applications may be downloaded from the schools web site at wwcsd.net and will be accepted in the Pupil Accounting Office between March 6 and April 7, 2006. 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. Two Magnet classrooms are currently available to students anywhere in the district—one at Kettering and one at Schweitzer. 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 fourteen 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 kindergartners in the

district at a centralized site. Contact the Champions office at 734-722-9157 for further information.

Is the new 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 March 28 at 9:00 a.m. will receive a school t-shirt welcoming them to the Class of 2019!

Super Bowl XL: Bowling with the Stars!



Thirty lucky Madison Elementary fifth graders set aside their textbooks for a few hours in February to participate in the NFL Experience, a part of Super Bowl XL activities.

Current and former NFL players and professional bowlers participated in the event, held at Super Bowl Lanes in Canton. Each child received a free custom drilled bowling ball stamped with his or her initials, a bowling bag and a commemorative t-shirt.

The event was part of the NFL Charities Classics portion of Super Bowl Event planning. Each year, for more than a decade, Super Bowl organizers hold such events to help fund Youth Education Town facilities in host cities.



New Family Resource Center Coordinator



Maria Mitter

Joining the district as the Coordinator of the Family Resource Center at Lincoln Elementary is Maria Mitter. Maria was formerly the Program Coordinator for the City of Wayne

Youth Assistance Program. In her role at the Youth Assistance Program over the past four years, Maria has worked closely with the school district. Maria is a graduate of Madonna University and the University of Michigan, holding a masters degree in social work.

"I invite families to stop by or contact the Family Resource Center. We have a wealth of resources available to our families in the district. Our number is (734) 419-2709."

Maria is very excited to join the district and enhance the services provided to the families by the Family Resource Center (FRC).

The Family Resource Center offers parenting classes and assists with family curriculum nights at district schools.

Parents can also receive referral information for tutoring, counseling, legal aid, and housing issues.

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

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



Kindergarten Round-up March 28th – 9:00AM
Questions? call 734-419-2096

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