



Welcome to Kindergarten Roundup

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Cheryl Thomas
Hyatt Elementary
Principal

"Our mission is to EDUCATE,
nurture, and develop ALL
LEARNERS to be self-directed and
to strive for EXCELLENCE with
confidence and INTEGRITY by
working cooperatively with
students, parents and
community."

Vicki Makaravage
Linden Elementary
Principal





To Kindergarten!

Hyatt Elementary

- ❖ Megan Skergan: Y5 Half Day
- ❖ Jessica Denton: Kindergarten
- ❖ Heather Josephson: Kindergarten
- ❖ Kate Kirkey: Kindergarten
- ❖ Elizabeth Sparks: Kindergarten

Linden Elementary

- ❖ Jeannine Lehman: Y5 Full Day
- ❖ Teresa Hanak: Kindergarten
- ❖ Peg Fiewig: Kindergarten
- ❖ Jenny Teffner: Kindergarten

Welcome

- We are excited to welcome you to kindergarten.
 - Full-Day Y5 & Kindergarten (8:34-3:42)
 - Half-Day Young Fives (8:34-11:44)
- Our goal is to provide a positive school experience for you and your child.
- Positive Behavior Intervention Support Rules (PBIS)
 - Be Safe
 - Be Respectful
 - Be Responsible



Kindergarten Enrollment

Jennifer Bentley

Administrative Assistant - Pupil Accounting/Enrollment

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- **Age 5 on or before September 1**
- **Age 5 between September 1 and December 1**
 - Parent/Guardian must sign a waiver for enrollment and Y5 screening completed.
- **Pre-registration @ www.lindenschools.org**
- **Enrollment by appointment by calling Jennifer Bentley**
- **School of Choice – Pre-register**
 - Forms available beginning May 1
- **School Selection Process**

Linden Community Schools www.lindenschools.org

Registration Packet Completion



REGISTRATION CHECK LIST

- Registration/Emergency Form
- Student's original birth certificate (we will copy)
- Proof of Linden Schools' residency (utility bill, tax statement, etc.)
- Immunization record (complete for age)
- Vision Screening – Y5/Kindergarten students (within 6 month of the start of the school year)
- Transportation Notification Form
- IEP (if applicable)

We request completed packets be returned ASAP to our central enrollment office or elementary building.

Only completed registration packets will be accepted.

Kindergarten Waiver

- A school district that receives this waiver may make a recommendation to the parent or legal guardian as to whether the child is not ready to enroll in kindergarten due to the child's age or other factors.
- Regardless of the district's recommendation, the parent or legal guardian retains the sole discretion to determine whether or not to enroll the child in kindergarten if the student is five years of age not later than December 1, 2017.

What does school readiness mean?

Linden kindergarten programs promote school readiness by developing foundational skills to meet the fundamental needs of all students.

- Develop literacy and cognitive skills
- Enhance social, emotional and behavioral development
- Allow for instructional approaches; small group instruction
- Vertical alignment to K-12 standards



Social & Emotional Development

Angie Krueger – School Social Worker

www.parenttoolkit.com

- Child is eager to learn
- Independence (dressing, eating, general hygiene, clean up)
- Personal Facts (full name, parent's names, child's age)
- Respectful and follow directions
- Sits still for short periods (15 min+)
- Interacts appropriately with peers (talk to other children, play nicely, shares)
- Follows rules and routines
- Asks for adult help when needed
- Identifying and regulating one's emotions and behavior
- Thinking of appropriate solutions to conflict
- Staying on task
- Correctly interpreting other's behavior and emotions
- Feeling good about oneself & others

Young Fives

Who is Eligible?

- Designed to meet the needs of children who will not reach the age of five until late in the calendar.
- Designed to develop children's social, emotional and academic readiness for kindergarten.

What to Consider?

- Birthday
- Maturity level
- Previous school experiences (pre-school)
- Socialization experiences
- Age in relation to other classmates

Assessment Screening?

- All children registering for Kindergarten or Young Fives will go through a screening/testing process.
- Screening will be done
 - Y5 students @ Hyatt on May 11th or 18th
 - Sign up for a time preference tonight if you are considering Y5
 - New Kindergarten students @ Hyatt or Linden Elementary on August 7th or 8th
 - Sign up for AM or PM tonight and we will schedule a time for you. A post card will be sent closer to the date.

What does a typical day in a kindergarten look like?

- **What about a rest time?** We will have a quiet time in which the classroom teacher will plan what is accomplished.
- **What about lunch?** There will be a recess time as well as a separate lunch period for time to eat.
- **Will there be a snack period?** There will be a time provided for a snack in addition to lunch.

More time spent on:

*Literacy

*Enrichment

*Math

*Intervention

*Science

*Handwriting

*Motor Skills

*Health and Safety

*Social Studies

*Opportunities for verbal interactions between peers and adults.

What does a typical day in a Young 5's or Kindergarten look like?

	Half Day Young 5's	Full Day Young 5's & Kindergarten
Small group time	20 minutes	45-50 minutes
Language Arts	35-40 minutes	60-90 minutes
Math	20 minutes	40-50 minutes
Science/Social Studies	12 minutes	30 minutes
Discovery Centers	15 minutes	30 minutes
Physical Education	35 minutes weekly	35 minutes weekly
Art	35 minutes weekly	35 minutes weekly
Music	35 minutes weekly	35 minutes weekly
Recess	0 minutes	30-40 minutes daily
Lunch	0 minutes	20-30 minutes daily
Motor Development	20 minutes	20-30 minutes daily

Curriculum

- Curriculum Guide
 - English Language Arts
 - Mathematics
 - Social Studies
 - Science
 - Physical Education
 - Orff Music
 - Art
 - Technology
 - After School Programs
 - Intervention Programs
 - Academic
 - Social Emotional

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Breakfast & Lunch Program

- All students will have a daily snack provided by parent.
- Breakfast and lunch may be purchased if your child attends full-day kindergarten or full-day Y5.
- You may qualify for free and/or reduced meals.
 - Please make sure that you complete the application.
 - All information is kept strictly confidential.
 - Fill out the forms online annually at www.lindenschools.org
 - “Our District”
 - “Food Service”

Transportation

Director-Laura O'Lewin

- Bus tags will be available for pick up at Open House in August. (Week before school starts.)
- Children need to pin this tag to the outside of their back pack for the first month of school.
- Children in the Young 5's half day program will be required to provide their own mid-day parent transportation.

Parent Involvement

- Parents Active in Linden Schools (PALS)
 - Monthly meetings
 - Enrichment programs for our students
 - Enrichment materials for our students
 - Please take an active role in your child's school. There will be a Sign Up at Open House on August 28, 2018.
- Classroom Volunteers
 - Sign up with classroom teachers



Eagle Club

Located at Argentine Elementary

- Before/after school childcare
- Y5/Kindergarten - 5th grade
- Linden Schools supports Eagle Club providing bussing to and from all Linden district elementary buildings.
- Argentine Early Childhood Center (810-591-0320)
- Hours
 - 6:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.
 - 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Free Vision & Hearing Screening



- August 6 @ Argentine Elementary
- August 7 @ Argentine Elementary
- By appointment only
- Sign up today or call for an appointment

Getting Ready for Fall

- **Read to your child (fiction and non-fiction)**
 - Let your child “read” to you
 - Encourage them to use picture clues as they read
 - Identify letters and sounds
 - Have fun hearing and saying rhyming words
- **Become familiar with how books work**
 - Front cover
 - Left to right directionality
 - Difference between letters and words
- **Draw and write for multiple purposes (letter to relatives, lists for grocery shopping etc.)**
 - Write in upper and lower case letters
 - Write some letters (including lowercase)
- **Ask questions to foster curiosity**
- **Let your child do as much of a task as possible even if mistakes are made**
 - Tie shoes
 - Manage own clothing (put on coat, zippers, buttons etc...)
 - Encourage responsibility
- **Provide experiences to develop connections to what they already know**
(visits to zoo, museums, parks, etc...)
- **Become familiar with identifying numbers and counting**
- **Back Pack – no rollers and big enough to hold folders etc...**



Parent Book Suggestions:

- When Sophie Gets Angry – Really, Really Angry By, Molly Bang
- Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come! By, Nancy L. Carlson
- The Neighborhood Mother Goose By, Nina Crews
- Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse By, Kevin Henkes
- I Love School! By, Philemon Sturges
- My Kindergarten By, Rosemary Wells
- Lots of Feelings By, Shelley Rotner
- ABC for You and Me By, Margaret Girnis
- Countdown to Kindergarten By, Alison McGhee



Next steps.....

- Pre-Registration - Online
- Sign Up
 - Vision & Hearing
 - Young 5/Kindergarten screening
- Office
 - Registration Packets/Assistance
 - Completed Registration Packet turn in
- Eagle Club



Final thoughts...



Kindergarten
children are confident
in spirit, infinite in
resources, and
eager to learn.
Everything is still
possible.

~Robert Fulghum



Thank you for coming!

Questions?

