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New 2016 Kindergarten Round-Up Schedule Announced

The Dearborn Public Schools will hold a Kindergarten Round-Up meeting this spring at every elementary school in the district to give parents the opportunity to find out about their neighborhood school and enroll their child for the fall semester. The schedule of dates, times and locations is listed below.

Please note that Lindbergh, River Oaks, and Haigh have changed their Kindergarten Round-Up dates announced previously. As noted in the schedule below, the new dates are:

Lindbergh - Tuesday, April 12, 6:30 p.m.
River Oaks - Wednesday, April 13, 2 p.m.
Haigh - Thursday, April 14, 6:30 p.m.

Children entering kindergarten in the fall of 2016 must be five years of age by September 1; however, waivers for this requirement are available.

Under a State law that went into effect three years ago, the kindergarten entry date has been gradually changing from December 1 to September 1. In 2013, children had to be five years of age by November 1 in order to be eligible to enroll in kindergarten. For 2014, that date moved up to October; and for 2015 it has changed to September 1. However, parents with a child whose birthday falls after the new September 1 deadline have until August 15, 2016 to complete a simple waiver that will allow them to enroll their child in kindergarten this fall.

If a child turns five years of age after September 1, 2016, parents must apply for a waiver to enroll them in kindergarten for the 2016-17 school year. Waivers only need to be completed in the year the child will be attending kindergarten. There is no waiver available for children turning five after December 1.

The waiver is available at all elementary schools, the Student Services Office located in the Administration Building, 18700 Audette, Dearborn 48124, or on the District's website: www.dearbornschools.org.

The Dearborn Public Schools also offers an optional Young Fives program for children who were born between June 1, 2011 and December 1, 2011 and will enter kindergarten this fall. Young Fives is a year-long all-day program and classroom instruction includes kindergarten curriculum to help children develop the skills they need to succeed in school.

Children will move on to kindergarten at their neighborhood school the year after attending the Young Fives program. Space is limited. The program is held at both Lindbergh Elementary and Geer Park Elementary schools; parents must provide transportation. Please call 313-827-6300 for more information.

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All parents who have a child who will be five years old by September 1, 2016 should plan to attend a Kindergarten Round-Up at their neighborhood elementary school. The Kindergarten Round-Up provides parents with the opportunity to find out about their neighborhood school and enroll their child for the fall semester.

The District's 2016 Kindergarten Round-Up schedule is listed below. Parents should call to let the school know they will be attending the Kindergarten Round-Up so that information packages can be prepared and they can be notified if the presentation date changes due to unforeseen circumstances. However, parents should still attend even if they are not able to call in advance.

Dearborn Public Schools 2016 Kindergarten Round-Up Schedule

***Note: Revised dates are noted in red**

<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Principal</u>
Becker	Wednesday, March 23	2 p.m.	827-6950	Rima Hassan
DuVall	Tuesday, March 15	6:30 p.m.	827-2750	Robert Attee
Geer Park	Wednesday, March 23	1 p.m.	827-2300	Lamis Srour
Henry Ford	Wednesday, March 23	9 a.m.	827-4700	Adnan Moughni
William Ford	Wednesday, March 23	9 a.m.	827-6400	David Higgins
* Haigh	Thursday, April 14	6:30 p.m.	827-6200	Zachary Short
Howard	Thursday, April 14	6:30 p.m.	827-6350	Martha Burch
Howe	Wednesday, May 11	5:30 p.m.	827-7000	Clayton Burch
* Lindbergh	Tuesday, April 12	6:30 p.m.	827-6300	Pamela DeNeen
Long	Thursday, April 7	6 p.m.	827-6100	Veronica Jakubus
Lowrey	Wednesday, April 13	8:30 a.m.	827-1800	Rima Younes
Maples	Wednesday, April 13	9 a.m.	827-6450	Fatme Faraj
McCollough	Wednesday, May 11	8 a.m.	827-1700	Chadi Farhat
McDonald	Thursday, April 14	9-10 a.m.	827-6700	Amy Modica
Miller	Monday, March 7	2 p.m.	827-6850	Mahmoud Abu-Rus
Nowlin	Tuesday, March 15	6 p.m.	827-6900	Rita Rauch
Oakman	Friday, March 18	9 a.m.	827-6500	Radewin Awada
* River Oaks	Wednesday, April 13	2 p.m.	827-6750	Joe Martin
Salina	Friday, April 15	8:10 a.m.	827-6550	Susan Stanley
Snow	Wednesday, April 6	6 p.m.	827-6250	Ross Groover
Whitmore-Bolles	Tuesday, March 15	6 p.m.	827-6800	Kristin Waddell