



# **William Ford Elementary**

## **Kindergarten Round-Up and Enrollment 2021-2022**



***William Ford Elementary  
Five Houses...One School!***



# Getting Ready for Kindergarten Registration



*How do I get the paperwork needed for registration?*

- Click here, [website](#), for the District website, or visit William Ford Elementary School on Tuesday, April 6 or Wednesday, April 7 between 10:00-12:00 to pick up a student packet.

*When does the paperwork have to be turned in for registration?*

- As soon as possible! You can schedule an appointment when you pick up your packet.

*Who do I call if I need assistance in the registration process?*

- William Ford's Number at (313) 827-6400, or you may call Student Services at 313-495-4004.

*Will my family and I have a chance to visit the school before the first day of school?*

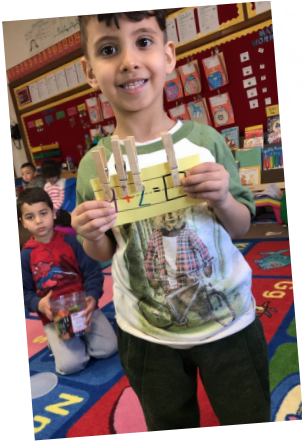
- Yes, as long as Dearborn Public School permits parent visits.

# Important Information from Our District Nurses

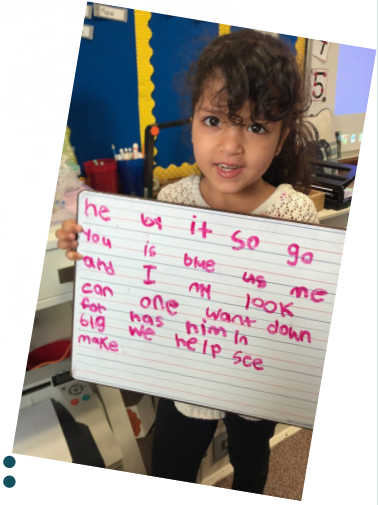
- State of MI requires all Kindergarteners to have immunizations up-to-date. A copy of these immunizations needs to be provided for enrollment. The immunizations required are described here: [Vaccinations required for school entry](#).
- Each child entering Kindergarten needs to have a physical exam. This is the form the physician should complete: [Health Appraisal Form](#).
- If a child requires medication at school, a [Medication Authorization Form](#) needs to be signed by the parent and physician.

# Important Information from Our District Nurses

- Please contact the school nurse with any medical conditions that may impact education or may require emergency medications. (for example: Asthma, Food Allergies, Type One Diabetes, Seizures, etc.) Health Forms can be found at [Medications at School](#).
- When enrolling, please make sure all contact numbers are correct and the health information section is filled out completely.
- For more information, please visit the School Nurse Website @ [School Nurses](#) or contact Student Services at (313) 827-3005.



# Kindergarten READINESS



## **Please work with your child on the following:**

- Orally say their first and last name
- Recognize their first and last name in writing
- Use the bathroom independently
- Hold a pencil and write their first name
- Be able to dress themselves and tie shoes (or wear velcro)
- Coloring, cutting and gluing
- Count, recognize, and write numbers to 10
- Recognize ALL letters of the alphabet by sight out of order (uppercase and lowercase)
- Listen and Follow one-to-two step directions

# Skills and Habits to Practice this Summer!

- Zipping coats and backpacks
- Tying shoes and blowing noses
- Opening snacks and food packages
- Wearing a mask and distancing
- Bathroom skills
- Using words to express needs
- Practice belts, suspenders, and buttoning pants  
(by law we are not allowed to assist in snapping pants)
- Read to your children, write and count every day
- Engage in language - speaking and listening
- Get to bed early so your child gets 10 hours of sleep



# **Does your child turn 5 between June 15th and December 1st?**

## ***Young 5s may be for you!***

- **The Young 5s program is an early childhood program for children that is offered for children whose 5th birthday falls between June 15th and December 1st and who need the time and opportunity to continue building their skills and abilities.**
- **Young 5 expectations are similar to kindergarten, with a focus on:**
  - **Social & Emotional Skills**
  - **Learning through play**
  - **Collaboration: sharing, problem solving, stamina**
  - **Literacy, numeracy, science, social studies**
  - **Early Reading groups and strategies**
  - **Fine and Gross Motor skills**



# Why Young 5s?

- **Smaller Classroom Size**
  - More one-on-one time
  - Less than 16 Students
  - Support with social and emotional needs
- **Focus on learning through play**
  - Small group hands-on activities
  - Small group instruction
- **The Gift of Time**
  - Learning through play and maturing



# Frequently Asked Questions about Young 5s

## ***Is my child losing a year?***

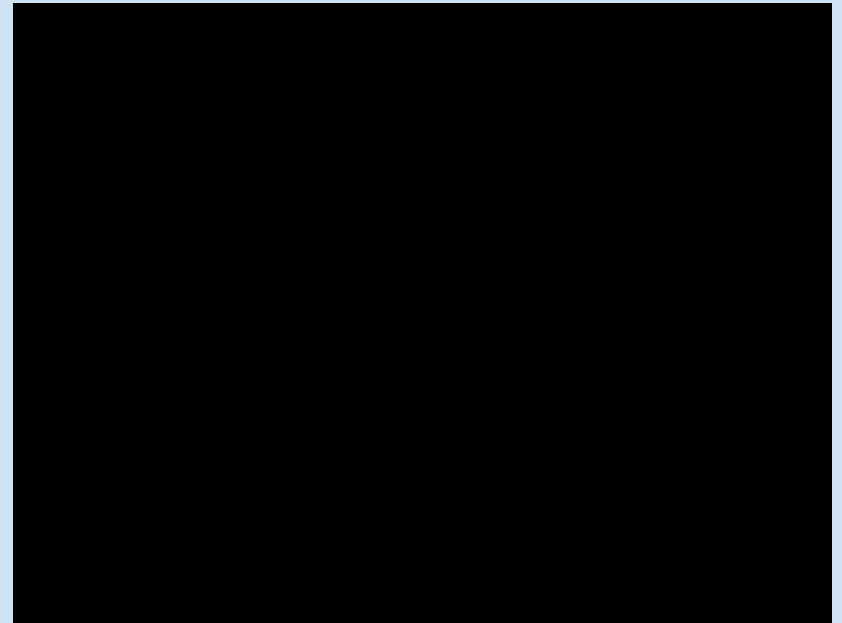
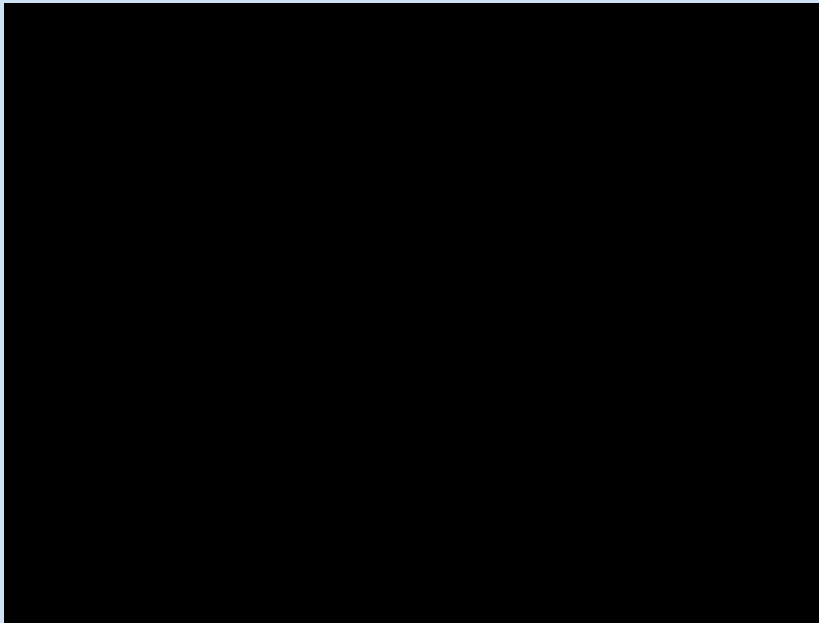
- No, your child is gaining a year and will be more equipped to handle the demand of school years to come. Young 5 students end up being the leaders in our buildings and many are soaring academically. Research shows that students who attend kindergarten readiness programs like Young 5s are more likely to do well in school and attend college.

## ***My child went to preschool, isn't this the same thing?***

- Preschool has a completely different curriculum from Young 5s. Young 5 classrooms are introduced to the Kindergarten Curriculum using a hands on approach which introduces key concepts and academic vocabulary.

# **Young 5s Schedule and Testimonials**

**Y5s and Kindergarten schedules are the same and run Monday - Friday (all day). Students participate in all kindergarten activities, such as music, art, PE and science enrichment throughout the year.**



# **Young 5s May be Right for Your Child!**

*“Having two children here, one who has gone through the program and one who went straight into kindergarten. I can really see how it has benefited my son. What young 5s was able to do was give him that whole experience without having all the pressure of an actual kindergarten class. Now he is able to be one of the top of his class and really contribute because this program really gave him a leg up and the advantage he really needed.”*

**Young 5s Brochure in English: [Click HERE!](#)**

**Young 5s Brochure in Arabic: [Click HERE!](#)**

# Mark your Calendars for these Important Dates

## **If school is back in session based on Governor's order:**

- August 30 - First Day of School - 1/2 day
- Sept. 3rd and Sept. 6th: School closed for Labor Day weekend

## **No School for Kindergarten and Young 5 Students (Teachers engage in professional learning)**

- These dates are yet to be determined.

# Contact us if you have questions!



William Ford Office at (313) 827-6400  
Dearborn Public Schools Student Services at (313) 495-4004

Mr. David Higgins, Principal: [higgind@dearbornschools.org](mailto:higgind@dearbornschools.org)

Mrs. Mariam Farhat, Asst. Principal:  
[farhatm@dearbornschools.org](mailto:farhatm@dearbornschools.org)

**William Ford Website: [Click Here!](#)**

**Registration Checklist: [Click Here!](#)**

# **New Kindergarten Enrollment Packet**

Pick up your child's packet at William Ford on

**Tuesday, April 6th**

**Wednesday, April 7th**

**10:00-12:00**

A table will be located in front of the building.

*For safety reasons, no families will be allowed in the building at this time.*

You can use the forms in the packet to enroll or you can enroll online as noted in this presentation.

**We are so very excited to welcome your child to  
the wonderful world of  
Kindergarten and Young 5s!**

