

Kindergarten Parent Orientation

Friday, August 26, 2016

Orientation for K Parents will be held during FWES Open House on August 26th in the school gym. Please attend **one** session that is convenient for you and your family.

8:45am or 10:30am

Before or after a session, you will have an opportunity to sign up for before/after school care, create a lunch \$ account, join the PTA, get carpool tags and/or bus information and register as a school volunteer.

Note: This event is an extremely busy event and since kindergarten classrooms will not be open for visiting due to orientation, parents may want to attend without kindergartners. Please plan to bring your child to our Kindergarten Meet the Teacher Day on September 2nd.

Kindergarten Staggered Entry Details

August 29th — September 1st

Incoming Kindergartners attend school on only *one full day* the first week by last name:

- Monday August 29th **A-D**
- Tuesday August 30th **E-K**
- Wednesday August 31st **L-R**
- Thursday September 1st **S-Z**

For your child's staggered entry day, please:

- Arrive between 8:45-9:05am

- Bring a lunch or money for lunch.
- Leave school supplies at home.
- Have a clear plan for how your child will go home at our 3:45pm dismissal
 - You will need to tell teachers how your child will return home from school during the staggered entry. Please indicate whether your child will be a walker, car-pooler (must have Carpool number ready for your child), daycare van rider, bus rider or attend the Farmington Woods IB/PYP

Kindergarten Open House

September 2nd — 1:00-2:00pm

Kindergarten teacher assignments will be made after staggered entry and posted at the front of the school at 12:45pm on 9/2. Students and parents are invited to come on 9/2 to meet your child's teacher, bring classroom school supplies and get school information documents.



First Day for All Kindergartners!

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

- Bring any additional school supplies to the classroom
- Take any completed forms to the front office
- Make sure you notify the teacher how your child will go home
- Feel free to walk and drop off your child at the room— parents should exit classrooms no later than 9:15am.
- All Parents Invited to *Tissues and Tears event from 9:15-9:45am* sponsored by FWES school counselors.

Farmington Woods IB/PYP Magnet Elementary School

Farmington Woods IB/PYP Magnet Elementary School will promote inquiry and provide an international awareness while educating our children to become life long learners.



A WCPSS International Baccalaureate PYP Magnet School

Welcome to Kindergarten!

Getting Your Child Ready For Kindergarten

Academic Skills

- Recognizes shapes (square, circle, triangle, rectangle, rhombus, trapezoid)
- Can sort items by color, shape and size
- Can identify six parts of his/her body
- Understands positional words such as up, down, in, out, behind, over, under
- Counts from 1 to 100
- Recognizes all colors
- Can write his/her name (legal name)
- Recognizes his/her written name

Personal Information

- Knows his/her full name
- Knows how old he/she is
- Knows his/her address and telephone number
- Knows his/her mother and father's first names

Social Skills

- Uses words instead of being physical when angry
- Speaks clearly so an adult can understand him/her
- Plays with other children
- Follows simple directions
- Expresses feelings and needs.
- Waits his/her turn and shares
- Talks in sentences
- Asks questions about things around him/her
- Enjoys having books read to him/her



- Can tell a story about a past event
- Can spend periods of time away from parents

Fine Motor Skills

- Puts a 10- to 12-piece puzzle together
- Holds scissors correctly
- Holds a pencil/crayon properly



Gross Motor Skills

- Runs, jumps and skips
- Walks backward
- Walks up and down stairs

Self Help Skills

- Get coats on and off and hang them up (be able to use a zipper)
- Follow simple two-step instructions such as "take off your boots and put on your sneakers"
- Go to the bathroom and wash hands independently.
- Blow nose and cover mouth for sneezes and coughs
- Fasten/unfasten simple buttons and snaps
- Eat neatly
- Open up a juice box and get the straw in



Prepare your child to start school

To help your child get the most out of his/her classroom experiences each day, set up these three routines:

- *A regular bedtime. Most doctors agree that a kindergartener requires at least 10-12 hours of sleep a night.*
- *A time to do homework.*
- *A regular wake-up schedule that leaves plenty of time to comfortably prepare for the day, without rush or stress.*

Before School Starts

To Do List:

- **Have Health Assessment Completed**– a health history, physical examination, vision and hearing screening– all doctors in Wake County have the required form– students may not continue school enrollment if the form is not on file at the school by September 27th– make appointments now!
- **Plan for your child's arrival and dismissal from school**– carpool/walker/bus rider/day care van/before or after school care? Make plans for staggered entry day and for when school starts on September 6th.
- **Read every day**– Places you can go to read & check out story times: Wake County Public Library, Barnes and Noble, etc.
- **Buy School Supplies:** Look for sales through the summer. The supply list can be found at <http://fwes.wcpss.net>.
- **Stay Updated:** Check the Farmington Woods IB/PYP & Wake County website regularly for updates about the 2016-17 school year.
- **Learn More about School Readiness:** Check out Project Enlightenment School Readiness Programs for parents and rising kindergartners.