



WELCOME TO MPS KINDERGARTEN SNAPSHOT

February 12, 2026





PRESENTER INTRODUCTIONS



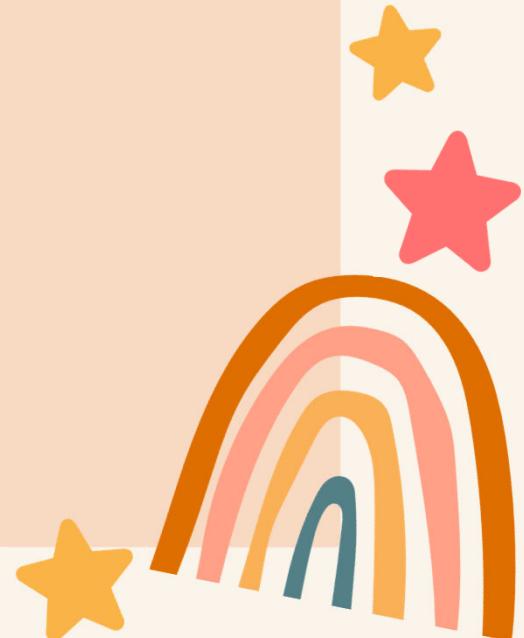
- Adams Elementary School – Tracy Renfro
- Central Park Elementary School – Chelsea Sauve & Alyssa Brown
- Chestnut Hill Elementary School – Chris Waha
- Plymouth Elementary School – Margaret Doan
- Siebert Elementary School – Katie Rinke
- Woodcrest Elementary School – Katelyn Beurer
- Pre-Primary Center at Carpenter Street School – Melissa Ahearn
- Director of Communications – Katie Guyer
- Elementary Curriculum Specialist – Jen Servoss



WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN!

Tonight's Agenda

- Developmental Kindergarten (DK)
- Kindergarten Overview
- Additional Supports & Services
- Important Dates & Next Steps
- How you can help at home
- Connect with MPS
- Enrollment & registration information



DEVELOPMENTAL KINDERGARTEN

- Year one of a two-year Kindergarten program
- Extra year to develop:
 - Social skills
 - Fine/gross motor skills
 - Independence
- Enrollment:
 - Students turning 5 years old between September 2 and December 1, or where space allows
- Learning through play



KINDERGARTEN CAMP



- What is Kindergarten Camp?
- Why Kindergarten Camp?
- How long is Kindergarten Camp?
- Daily routine & structure of camp
- More info at the building meeting

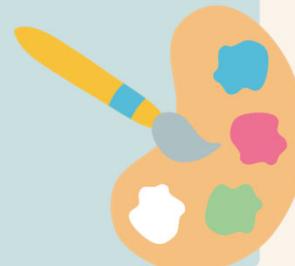


KINDERGARTEN CURRICULUM



Aligned to State Standards

- Math
- Language Arts
 - Phonics, Reading & Writing
- Social Studies
- Science
- IB-PYP framework
- Auxiliary classes
 - Art
 - Physical Education
 - Music
 - World Language



Focus on the Whole Child

- Building independence
- Positive relationship building
- Sharing and cooperation
- Social-emotional
- Learning routines

Learning Through:

- Play/Recess
- Exploration
- Hands-On Activities



A DAY IN KINDERGARTEN



Today's Activities

- Morning routines
- Literacy & Math
- Play and Exploration
- Lunch & Recess
- Art, Music, PE, World Language
- Science & Social Studies
- Snacks



Additional Opportunities

- Field trips
- Library
- STEM

Modes of Instruction

- Whole group
- Small group
- Individualized instruction



ADDITIONAL SUPPORTS

ALL

- Whole group instruction
- Small group instruction
- Individual instruction
- Instruction at the student's level
- Differentiated Instruction

SOME

- Individualized programming through an IEP
- Speech
- Occupational therapy
- Physical therapy
- Social work
- Resource room

SPECIFIC PROGRAMS

- Central Park and Plymouth: Emotionally Impaired & Collaborative Behavior Programs
- Adams: Cognitively Impaired Program
- MPS also collaborates with the Midland County ESA

DISTRICT SERVICES



Transportation

- Transportation provided for eligible students
- Families notified before school begins
- Licensed, trained bus drivers

**Bus Open House – August 5th
11:00 & 1:00!**

Food Services

- Breakfast and lunch are served daily
- Nutritious, balanced meals
- Accommodations for allergies and medical needs - with a Dr. note

Free & Reduced Meals

- Families may qualify for free or reduced-price meals
- Application details
- Confidential and supportive



IMPORTANT DATES



Enrollment Deadline

Resident Enrollment is open NOW!

In-District School of Choice:
February 13, 2026–March 13, 2026

Non-resident School of Choice:
April 14, 2026 – May 14, 2026



Carpenter Pre-Primary Center

- **Thursday, February 26, 2026**
 - Preschool programs 5:00–6:00
 - Developmental Kindergarten 6:00–7:00

All Elementary Buildings

- **Monday, April 13, 2026**
 - 5:30–6:30 p.m.



BEFORE- & AFTER-SCHOOL CARE



The Greater Midland Community Center offers before- and after-school care at EVERY elementary building and the Pre-Primary Center.

- Times: 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Space is limited!
- Spring Break and Winter Break camps

**STOP BY THE COMMUNITY CENTER TABLE
TO GET MORE INFORMATION!**



HOW CAN FAMILIES HELP?



- Read together at home
- Encourage independence
- Keep routines consistent
- Stay connected with the school
- Explore your school's PTO
- Visit the playground over the summer
- Practice and encourage self-care
- Talk positively about school and show an interest



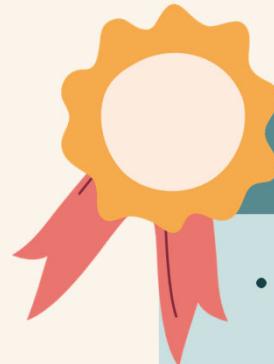
CONNECT WITH MPS



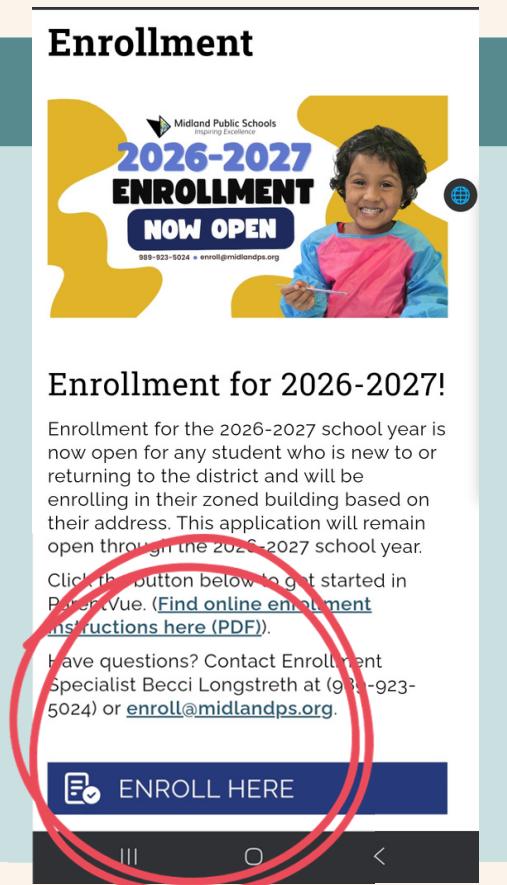
- Start following MPS district social channels
 - Facebook, X, Instagram, YouTube, LinkedIn
- Watch a Board meeting
 - MCTV Network or click “Board of Education” on our homepage
- Twice-monthly District newsletter “Forward Together”
- Note: You may not start receiving building communications until August!



ENROLLMENT & REGISTRATION



- Enroll **online** at:
midlandps.org/enrollment
- Required documents:
 - Birth certificate
 - Proof of Residency
 - Immunization Records
 - Hearing and vision screening
 - Oral Health Assessment



ENROLLMENT & REGISTRATION



- Under “Parent/Guardian Relationships”, check boxes so we can contact you!
 - Contact Allowed
 - Mailings Allowed
 - Release To

Parent/Guardian Relationships:

Instructions

Indicate the relationship each Parent/Guardian has with the student:

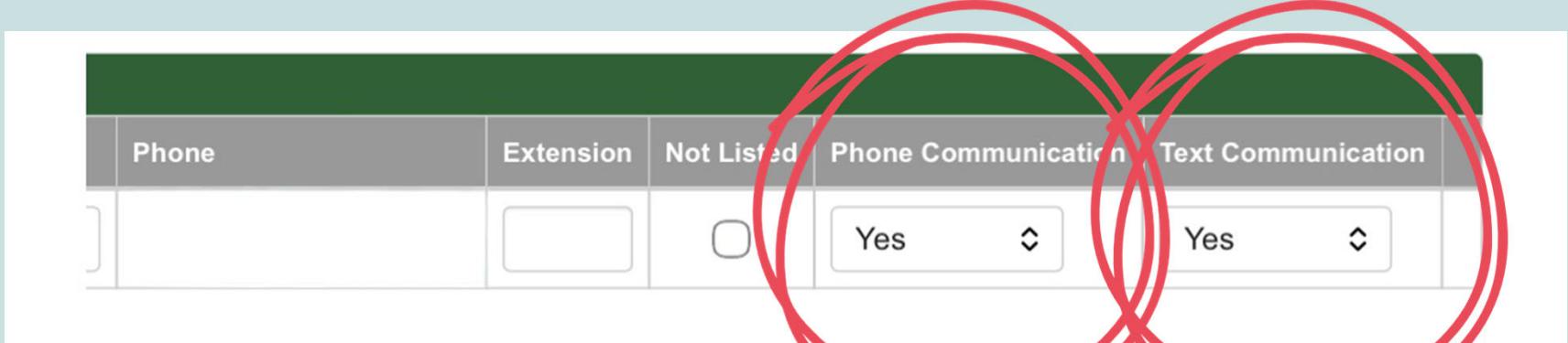
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Mother					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Mother 

ENROLLMENT & REGISTRATION



- Under “Parent/Guardian > Contact Information”, opt in to phone & text communications for each person so you get alerts!



SCHOOL OF CHOICE



If you currently have a student attending a school through School of Choice, you **must** enroll your kindergartener using the School of Choice process to attend the same school.

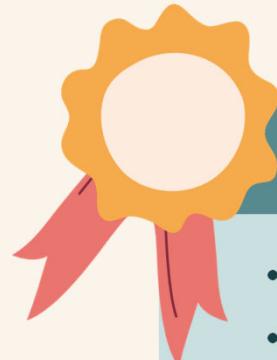
This applies to both in-district and out-of-district School of Choice!

REMINDER! School of Choice dates:

- In-district: February 13 – March 13
- Out-of-district: April 14 – May 14



ENROLLMENT SUPPORT



- Help is available!
- Enrollment assistance at:
 - Elementary school offices
 - District enrollment center @ the MPS Admin Center
 - Kiosk @ MPS Admin Center
- Language and translation support available





ASK A QUESTION &
TELL US ABOUT YOUR KIDDO:



<https://forms.gle/MVe3V5N4Y1LWKBzm7>



**LET'S HAVE A
GREAT YEAR!
BE SURE TO VISIT THE
TABLES OUTSIDE**