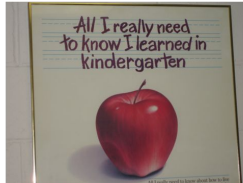


Kindergarten Information Night



February 7, 2019
7:00 PM
Patrick McGaheeran School

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Welcome to our School Family!

- We LOVE our school and hope you will, too!
- We are a community of learners and leaders!
- Our goal: happy and safe students, involved and informed parents, positive school environment!
- Please stay in communication with us - we are partners in your child's education!

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Introductions of Current Kindergarten Team

- Sandy Fitzpatrick, General Education Teacher
- Laura Jaw, General Education Teacher
- Erika Klausz, General Education Teacher
- Ellen Layton, Special Education Teacher
- Kelly Petrucelli, General Education Teacher
- Jennifer Tarnoski, General Education Teacher
- Carol Russoniello, General Education Teacher
- Faith Fuhrman, Nurse
- Lori Jentsch, Nurse
- Dawn Napoli, PE/Health Teacher
- Melissa Goad, Principal

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Supportive Environment

- Parent/Teacher Association
- Clinton Township Foundation for Educational Excellence

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Patrick McGaheran School Kindergarten Program

- 8:55-3:15 PM
- Each class will have snack, and lunch will be served daily.

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Our Program

- Aligned to NJ DOE Kindergarten Guidelines and State Standards
- Low class sizes
- Safety/Supervision of students
- Refer to 2019-2020 District Calendar
- Technology enhanced classrooms
- Peanut/Tree Nut free classrooms

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Co-teaching Classes

- Clinton Township is an inclusion district.
- Students with special needs are educated in classes with typically developing peers.
- Children with special needs are included and supported in a regular education classroom.
- Additional supports are available as needed.

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Sample Schedule

Arrival Procedures
Morning Meeting
Social Skills
Reader's Workshop
Academic Center Time
Snack
Math
Outdoor Recess
Lunch
Quiet Time (resting or independent reading)
Read Aloud
Handwriting
Writers' Workshop
Academic Choice Time with Ongoing Investigations/Project Work
Specials
Closing Meeting and Sharing

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Responsive Classroom

- The philosophy of Responsive Classroom is to teach children the social skills they need in order to be successful both academically and socially.
- Our school rules are developed from this social curriculum: Take Care of Yourself, Take Care of Others, Take Care of Your Environment.

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Morning Meeting

- Morning Meeting is a major component of Responsive Classroom.
- Morning Meetings consist of:
 - Greeting
 - Sharing
 - Activity
 - Daily message

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Readers Workshop in Kindergarten

Children are instructed in reading throughout the year through the following Readers Workshop activities:

- Daily reading (at school and at home)
- Big books, songs and poems
- Reading the daily message
- Sight words & word wall
- Read-alouds with integrated comprehension skills
- Leveled Book Bins
- Small group and individual reading instruction
- Author Study

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Writers Workshop in Kindergarten

- Correct formation of uppercase and lowercase letters
- Power words
- Stretching out words
- Spacing
- Capitalization and punctuation
- Various genres of writing are studied and practiced
- Writing Workshop

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Kindergarten Math Skills

- Know number names and count sequence through counting, matching, and writing
- Count to tell the number of objects
- Understand the concepts of addition and subtraction
- Compare numbers
- Foundations for place value
- Describe and compare measurable attributes
- Identify and describe geometric shapes
- Order and classify objects by their attributes
- Estimate answers using mathematical reasoning
- Use nonstandard and standard measuring tools

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Special Area Classes

- Kindergarten students have a special area class every day.
- The classes are Physical Education/Health, Art, Music, Library, Technology and World Language.
- We have an enrichment teacher who also works with children on special projects, school-wide and in the classrooms.

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Parent Volunteers

- At Patrick McGaheeran School we have a large number of volunteers that work in our classrooms.
- How often volunteers are in and what they do during their visits are left to the discretion of individual teachers.
- Parents are required to participate in a Volunteer Training.

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Kindergarten Registration

- Registration Documents are due by 3/1 to Carmella Shaw at the Board Office (earlier is better!)
- Registration Week: 3/11 @ PMG
- Screening Appointments times will be e-mailed by Nancy Paul
- Please visit the website for registration documents
- Families will meet with staff to review registration documents and the school nurse to review health requirements, and students will meet with a teacher for a brief screening assessment/activity
- If additional time is needed with the nurse, please schedule a time

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Required Documents

- Immunization records
- Physical exam forms (physical exam done within 365 days of starting school in September)
- Health History Form
- Special forms for medication administration in school

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Getting Ready for School!

- Review "Common Development Characteristics" handout.
- Families are invited to a summer orientation at Patrick McGaheran School so children can become familiar with the school, meet teachers, and ride the bus!
- Information will be sent home at the end of the summer.

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Thank You!

Thank you for attending Kindergarten Information Night at Patrick McGaheran School

- Questions for teachers???
- Please tour and visit classrooms!

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