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KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

Dear Pre-School Parents:

The Verona Public Schools offer a kindergarten program for all youngsters who are five years of age on or before October 1, 2020. This program is designed as a child's first introduction to public school. A full academic curriculum—including media skills, formal art, music, and physical education is offered during the school day. Kindergarten is also a time for students to form new friendships, to work cooperatively in groups, and to learn fundamental academic skills.

The kindergarten session runs from 8:30 am to 2:45 pm. The Montclair YMCA offers an aftercare program between 2:45 and 6:00 pm. Information about this program is available from Rob Casale at 973-415-6117 or rcasale@montclairymca.org.

We will be conducting Kindergarten Round-Up January 6th through the 10th. The purpose of Round-Up is to identify students eligible for September's class and to begin the formal registration process. Enclosed please find an Enrollment Form or click on the following website to obtain the necessary paperwork. <https://www.veronaschools.org/domain/754>. Please complete this form during Round-Up week and return it to the school office. The school offices are open from 7:45 am to 3:45 pm Monday through Friday. At that time, please bring your child's **original birth certificate** with raised seal (original will be returned to you), **proof of residency** (see below) and parent/guardian proof of identity (driver's license or passport). When you register you will be given a packet of health forms and a Pre-Kindergarten Questionnaire. All forms must be completed by your child's kindergarten screening date (in the spring).

Please note that parents of children attending the Verona Preschool Program should register their child in the child's neighborhood school and complete the screening process in that school. If your child receives special education services their information will be subsequently forwarded to the appropriate school, as per his or her IEP.

The importance of completing early registration cannot be stressed enough. The formation of kindergarten classes and orientation meetings require an accurate forecast of student numbers. In the interest of balancing class sizes across the district, parents may request to send their child to one of the three other elementary schools. Should this be the case, parents should send a written request to the

Office of the Superintendent as soon as possible. Requests of this nature will be decided in April or May of 2020. If the enrollment of the requested school becomes too high, the decision may be reversed. Should you not be registering a kindergarten student at this time, please pass this information to a neighbor or friend in Verona. If you know of someone whose child is eligible for kindergarten yet did not receive this packet, please ask the parents to call or visit the school office.

Thank you for your timely attention to these requests. Our principals and teachers look forward to meeting and working with you to help prepare your child for a positive school experience.

Please mark your calendars for the following important events:

Kindergarten Parent Orientation Dates

Brookdale
5/21/20–6:30 PM

FN Brown
3/26/20-7:00 PM

Forest
3/11/20–7:00 PM

Laning
3/23/20- 7:30 PM

Saturday Pre-Kindergarten Experiences:

The Saturday morning Pre-Kindergarten experiences are organized by the SCA in each school. They will be held from **10-11 AM** on **Feb. 1, March 7, April 4, and May 2**. For information and to sign up, please contact the following people:

Brookdale:	Sarah Ford	973-518-4278	safford09@gmail.com
	Kate Cichocki	201-780-8254	katie.lenox@gmail.com
F N Brown:	Catherine Crevoiserat	201-446-4146	catherine@crevoiserat.com
	Sharon Stanisci	973-768-0683	jaysha26@aol.com
	Rachel Klansky	908-770-5934	rachelsklansky@yahoo.com
Forest:	Casey McCartney	201-417-2124	caseydepalma@yahoo.com
Laning:	Kristina Oliver	973-615-2217	kristinaoliver7@aol.com

Very truly yours,

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**Acceptable documents for proof of residency:
ONE FROM EACH LIST**

Proof of domicile
Current lease
Deed
Property Tax Bill

Proof of attachment to address
utility bill driver's license
telephone bill
cable bill