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KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

Dear Parents:

The Verona Public Schools offer a full-day kindergarten program for all youngsters who are five years of age on or before October 1, 2023. 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's provide opportunities for children to form friendships with peers of their own age. This plays a significant role in supporting children's social and emotional development, as having healthy and strong friendships help children learn positive social behaviors.

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 9th through the 13th. The purpose of the Round-Up is to identify students eligible for the September 2023 kindergarten class and then begin the formal registration process. Please download the enrollment packet along with information on documents required to register that can be found here: [Student Registration](#). Please complete these forms during Round-Up week and return them to the school office along with all required registration materials. 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) or other proof of the child's identity, **proof of residency** (see below) and parent/guardian proof of identity (driver's license or passport). All health forms must be completed by June 2, 2023.

A physical exam is required of all children entering the Verona Public Schools for the first time (Preschool, Kindergarten and students who transfer into the district). The **Universal Child Health Record** (included in the downloaded forms) along with a copy of the most recent Immunizations must be submitted to the school nurse. Physical exams that were performed by a healthcare provider between Sept. 7, 2022 and September 7, 2023 will be acceptable.

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 2023. 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

<u>Brookdale</u>	<u>FN Brown</u>	<u>Forest</u>	<u>Laning</u>
5/03/23 6:30 PM	3/23/23 - 7:00 PM	3/22/23- 7:00 PM	3/23/23- 7:00 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. 4, March 4, April 1, and May 6. For information and to sign up, please contact the following people:

Brookdale:	Amanda Filoso	973-464-7154	alwfiloso@gmail.com
	Chelsea Wright	201-803-7254	chwright1231@gmail.com
F N Brown:	Nicole Duda	973-477-3884	nduda1279@gmail.com
Forest:	Melissa Kandylas	201-892-4526	mkandylas@gmail.com
Laning:	Jessica Vanaman	973-768-6788	laningavescaverona@gmail.com
	Katie Cuartas	973-519-0721	katiecuartas@yahoo.com

**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

Very truly yours,

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