

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

Dear Parents of Future Kindergartners,

We are happy to extend a warm welcome to the Verona Public Schools' kindergarten program for your child. Kindergarten is an essential milestone in your child's educational journey, and we are excited to be a part of this important chapter.

Our kindergarten program is designed to provide a solid foundation for your child's academic and social development. During the school day, we offer a comprehensive curriculum that includes media skills, formal art, music, and physical education. It's a time for learning and forming new friendships, working collaboratively in groups, and acquiring fundamental academic skills.

Important Information:

- Children must be 5 years of age on or before Oct. 1, 2024 to enroll
- Kindergarten session hours: 8:30 am to 2:45 pm.
- The aftercare program by Montclair YMCA is available from 2:45 pm to 6:00 pm. Contact Rob Casale at 973-415-6117 or rcasale@montclairymca.org for more information.

Kindergarten Round-Up: January 8th - 12th

This week, we will identify eligible students for the upcoming September class and initiate a formal registration. Please download the enrollment packet and review the required [registration documents](#). Complete these forms during Round-Up week and submit them to the school office.

Required Documents:

- Original birth certificate with a raised seal (original will be returned to you).
- Proof of residency (see below).
- Parent/guardian proof of identity (driver's license or passport).
- All health forms must be completed by May 31st, 2024.

A physical exam is mandatory for all first-time Verona Public Schools students. The Universal Child Health Record (in the downloaded forms) and a copy of the most recent immunizations must be submitted to the school nurse. Physical exams conducted by a healthcare provider between **September 3, 2023, and September 3, 2024**, will be accepted.

Parents of children attending the Verona Preschool Program should register their child in their neighborhood school and complete the screening process there. If your child receives special education services, their information will be forwarded to the appropriate school as per their Individualized Education Program (IEP).

Early registration is crucial for effective planning. To balance class sizes across the district, parents may request to send their child to one of the three other elementary schools. If this applies to you, please submit a written request to the Office of the Superintendent. Decisions

regarding these requests will be made in May 2024, but written requests should be made as soon as possible. **Per Board [Policy 5120 Assignment of Students](#), students who enroll after February 1, 2024, are subject to placement in a school with space if the neighborhood school class size prohibits adding more students.**

If you know parents with eligible kindergarten children who have not received this packet, please encourage them to contact the school office.

Thank you for your prompt attention to these important details. Our dedicated principals and teachers eagerly await the opportunity to meet you and collaborate in preparing your child for a successful and positive school experience.

Please mark your calendars for the following important events:

Kindergarten Parent Orientation Dates

<u>Brookdale</u> 5/22/24 - 6:30 pm	<u>FN Brown</u> 3/27/24 - 7:00 pm	<u>Forest</u> 3/13/24 - 7:00 pm	<u>Laning</u> 3/21/24 - 6:30 pm
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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 Saturdays to be determined. **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:	Lisa Schoonmaker	973-204-5319	lisa.k.schoonmaker@gmail.com
Laning:	Katie Cuartas	973-519-0721	katiecuartas@yahoo.com
	Joy Lorenzo	973-876-9811	joylorenzo715@yahoo.com

Warm Regards,

Diane DiLuiseppa

Superintendent of Schools

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
Telephone bill
Cable bill
Driver's license