

PRESS RELEASE

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Schools urge parents to “think” kindergarten now

MUSKEGON: Schools from throughout Muskegon County are encouraging parents to call their neighborhood public school district now for kindergarten enrollment information for the 2009-10 school year. Parents can also visit www.choosepublicschools.org to find out when informational meetings are scheduled, view district profiles, link to school websites, and review tips on helping children get ready for kindergarten.

All districts have selected a range of dates and times from February through May to host parent information events and parent-child fun nights. Mona Shores, Oakridge, Holton, Muskegon Heights, and Whitehall school districts will host parent informational events in February; Reeths-Puffer and Fruitport will host events in March; Ravenna, Muskegon, and Orchard View will host events in April; and North Muskegon will host their event in May. Parents will be offered tours, description of kindergarten classroom options, time to ask questions, and refreshments.

By enrolling in the winter and spring months, parents will have more time to iron out busy fall schedules and anticipate child care needs. It will also be a time for parents to connect with their neighborhood public school for other services including on-site child care, preschool programs for siblings, adult education, and other parenting supports.

Children must be five years old by December 1, 2009, to enroll in kindergarten. Parents are asked to provide their child’s birth certificate, immunization records, and proof of residence. Hearing and vision test results should also be submitted if available. All school districts have staff on hand to answer questions and have made their enrollment forms available in advance at the school office or on their websites.

District	Location	Date	Time	Phone Number
Fruitport	Edgewood Elementary	Thursday, March 19	7:00 p.m.	(231) 865-4001
	Beach Elementary	Wednesday, March 25	7:00 p.m.	
	Shettler Elementary	Thursday, March 26	7:00 p.m.	
Holton	Holton Elementary	Thursday, February 19	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	(231) 821-1825
Mona Shores	Campbell Elementary	Thursday, February 5	6:30 p.m.	(231) 780-4748
	Ross Park Elementary	Tuesday, February 17	6:30 p.m.	
	Lincoln Park Elementary	Wednesday, February 18	6:30 p.m.	
	Churchill Elementary	Monday, February 23	6:30 p.m.	

Montague	RR Oehrli Elementary	Monday, April 27	7:00 p.m.	(231) 894-9018
Muskegon	Bluffton Elementary	Tuesday, April 21	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	(231) 720-2000
	Marquette Elementary	Tuesday, April 21	1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	
	Nims Elementary	Tuesday, April 21	8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	
	Oakview Elementary	Tuesday, April 21	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	
	Moon Elementary	Friday, April 24	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	
	Nelson Elementary	Thursday, April 23	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	
	McLaughlin Elementary	Wednesday, April 29	Noon – 3:30 p.m.	
Muskegon Heights	Glendale Early Childhood Academy	Friday, February 20	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	(231) 830-3221
North Muskegon	North Muskegon Elementary	Thursday, May 7 (Students attend on Friday, May 8)	6:30 p.m.	(231) 719-4200
Oakridge	Oakridge Early Childhood Center	Wednesday, February 18	4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	(231) 788-7151
Orchard View	Orchard View Early Elementary	Thursday, April 23	6:00 p.m.	(231) 760-1850
Ravenna	Beechnau Elementary	Tuesday, April 14	6:30 p.m.	(231) 853-2258
Reeths-Puffer	Reeths-Puffer Elementary	Monday, March 2	5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	(231) 719-3104
	Twin Lake Elementary	Monday, March 2	5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	
	Central Elementary	Tuesday, March 17	5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	
	McMillan Elementary	Tuesday, March 17	5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	
Whitehall	Shoreline Elementary	Thursday, February 26	7:00 p.m.	(231) 893-1050

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