

ALLENDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT

HILLSIDE SCHOOL

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2017-2018 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Dear Future Kindergarten Parents/Guardians,

The Hillside School community anxiously awaits the arrival of your incoming kindergarteners. We recognize that each child is unique and every attempt will be made to make his or her experiences at Hillside School both positive and rewarding. We are very excited that the Allendale Board of Education has approved a modified full day kindergarten program. Since September 2014, all kindergarten students now attend school for 3 full days and 2 half days a week. Our new schedule affords us more time for individualized instruction and socialization and also offers greater personalization, further of instruction and opportunities for deeper curricular connections.

This overview has been designed to offer you information concerning the registration of your children for our 2017-2018 kindergarten program. In the coming months, the school staff and I will have many opportunities to meet with you and we welcome that opportunity beginning with our orientation on January 26 2017. Please do not hesitate to contact us throughout the registration process and welcome to Hillside School.

Respectfully yours,
Anastasia P. Maroulis
Hillside School Principal

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION DATES, TIMES & LOCATION

DATES: Registration for last names beginning with letters:

A through M – Thursday, February 2nd

N through Z – Friday, February 3rd

TIMES: 9:00am to 11:00am

LOCATION: Hillside School Main Lobby

Please contact school personnel if scheduled registration dates or times present a conflict.

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KINDERGARTEN FACTS

- A child is eligible for our 2017-2018 kindergarten program if he/she attains the age of five years on or before October 1, 2017. Specific inquiries should be directed to the principal.
- Kindergarteners will be heterogeneously split into 2 groups (A and B). All students will remain in school full days on Mondays.
 - Group A: Additional full days on Tuesdays and Thursdays; half days on Wednesdays and Fridays
 - Group B: Additional full days on Wednesdays and Fridays; half days on Tuesdays and Thursdays
 - Full Day Hours: 8:45am-3:00pm
 - Half Day Hours: 8:45am-12:15pm
- All registration forms are on the school website and should be completed and brought to registration:
www.allendalesk8.com/hillside
- Original birth certificate, proof of residency and record of immunizations (against DPT, polio, varicella, Hepatitis B and MMR, as documented by a physician) are required. No child will be registered unless these documents are presented. In addition, a health history form must be submitted at registration and a physical examination form and vision and hearing examination form will be distributed to be completed by the family's primary care provider and returned to the school nurse prior to May 1st.
- As part of kindergarten orientation, children will participate in visitation activities in late spring. Sign-ups will be made available by early spring.
- A or B group placement will be communicated to parents by late spring.
- Parents will be advised of individual homeroom teacher assignments by late summer.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Orientation for incoming kindergarten parents *only* will be held on Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 7:00pm in the Hillside School All-Purpose Room. This event is designed to provide participants with an overview of the Hillside School kindergarten registration process, program and curriculum.

KINDERGARTEN VISITATION DAY

In late spring, all incoming students will participate in a preview program which will include participation in some kindergarten activities in our classroom settings. Sign-ups for these visitations will take place in the springtime. New kindergarteners are invited visit our classrooms for about one hour.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

Back-to-School Night is held early in the fall. The kindergarten curriculum and special area subjects will be reviewed by all school personnel during the evening. Parents will have the opportunity to visit their children's classrooms and meet homeroom teachers who will review their individual programming.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards are electronically issued three times during the school year. Teachers have identified grade-appropriate benchmarks and assessment tools for noting academic and behavioral progress. Report cards have been developed to reflect these identified benchmarks for each grade level.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Teachers will review student progress at the November parent/teacher conferences. In March, all students will receive their second marking period grades and an additional parent-teacher conference will be held to review progress for the year. A final report card will be sent home on the last day of school for all students.

