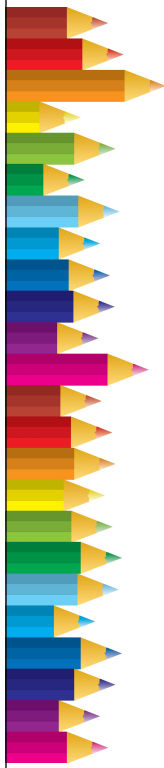


Kindergarten Round-Up



March 6, 2012

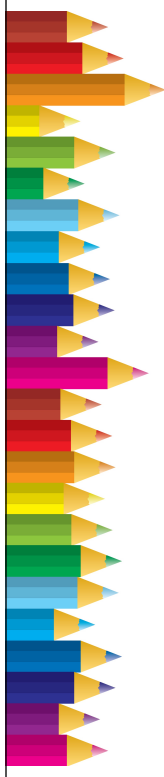




- ☀ Theresa Reagan, Principal
- ☀ Angela Ripley and Doni Nurenberg, Administrative Assistants
- ☀ Julie Vandenberg, Librarian and Lifesaver

- ☀ Kindergarten Teachers: Giovanna Estefan, Kathy Bohl
- ☀ Pre-Kindergarten Teachers at Bauer: Becky Kok, Mandy Boes





Your Folder Contains...

- Kindergarten Round-Up Powerpoint
- Registration information
- Curriculum information
- Ottawa County Health Department handouts
- Lunch menu information
- Busing/transportation handouts

Required Forms

Today:

- Completed registration form
- Copy of child's birth certificate (must be certified-raised seal)

By August 24, 2012:

- Green health appraisal form to be turned in after 5 year check-up

Ottawa County Health Department: 669-0040

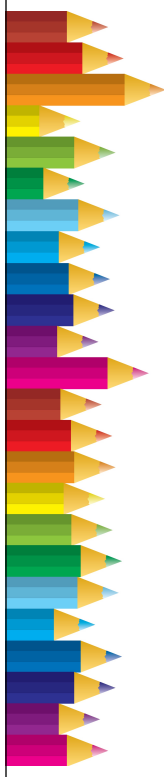
Please note: We cannot place your child on a class list without these forms. We must have all forms before school begins.



HPS Kindergarten Belief Statements

- * Kindergarten provides the first opportunity to develop family partnerships with the school.
- * Kindergarten teachers create a warm, nurturing environment that will foster high self-esteem, confidence, and a sense of classroom community.
- * Purposeful play is an essential component of kindergarten.
- * We will teach the whole child by fostering development in all areas:
 - physical, social, emotional, and cognitive.
- * Academic instruction will be appropriate to the varying developmental levels of young children.





HPS Kindergarten Options

- All day/every day kindergarten will be offered in all elementary buildings
 - A limited number of all day/alternate day prekindergarten sections will be offered in the following buildings:
 - Alward
 - **Bauer**
 - Forest Grove
 - South
- * Georgetown students will be bussed to Bauer.

Benefits of All Day/ Every Day Kindergarten

Social/Emotional Benefits:

- Less stressed environment
- More age-appropriate pacing for kindergarten students
- Increased time for small group and independent learning
- More consistency in daily scheduling
- Stronger teacher/student/family relationships

Academic Benefits:

- Enhanced teacher knowledge of students' strengths and needs
- More time for quality in-depth instruction
- Enhanced readiness for 1st grade
- Increased achievement on assessments
- Decreased need for remediation





A Typical Day in Kindergarten

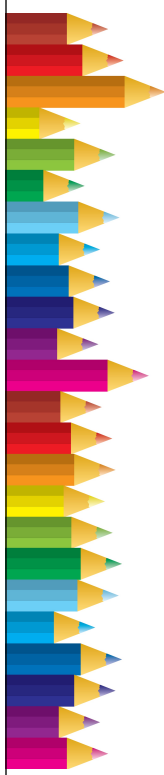
Activity	Includes...	Approx. Time
Class meeting	Responsibility, problem solving, star student, singing	10 minutes
Reading Workshop (integrated science/ social studies)	Word work, read aloud, Zoo-Phonics, guided reading, shared reading, practice/independent reading	75 minutes
Break/snack	Morning break	15 minutes
Writing Workshop	Lucy Calkins, morning message, interactive writing	45 minutes
Handwriting	Handwriting Without Tears	15 minutes
	Lunch/Recess	40 minutes
Math	Calendar, Math Expressions, practice/centers, hands-on explorations	50 minutes
	Recess	20 minutes
Specials	Art, Gym, or Music	50 minutes
Purposeful Play	Imaginative play that promotes higher level thinking, creativity, and problem solving	40 minutes
Media Time	Library/Computer	*30 minutes each week

Placement Information

Parents are being asked to determine their placement preference on the registration form.

- All kindergarten placement requests will be honored.
- PreK placement requests will be honored based on section availability. Preference will be given to children with birth dates between September 1 - December 1.
- Parents will be notified of placement decisions by **May 31, 2012**.





Screening Information

- Parents who remain unsure of placement preference can request a screening appointment with their building secretary.
- The Brigance screener is administered by kindergarten staff. The screening process takes approximately 30 minutes. March 19-here at Georgetown.
- Screening results will be used as an additional piece of data to help with placement determination.

Busing Details

Read the Transportation Policy handout.

- ☀ Complete daycare form (if necessary) and return to bus garage as soon as possible.
- ☀ Bus garage will send a postcard to you in mid-August informing you of stop location and time.
- ☀ Bus stop time: Arrive 5 minutes before scheduled stop time.
- ☀ Bus stop location: 1/8 - 1/4 mile from home. Buses do not go down cul-de-sacs or dead-end roads.
- ☀ Name tag: Wear for first 2-4 weeks of school
- ☀ Emergency plan: House key? Neighbor?
- ☀ Patience please: It takes bus drivers, students, and parents a few weeks to become accustomed to bus schedules, routes, and routines.

Questions regarding bussing: 669-7757





Lunch Details

Read the ABC's of the lunch program handout.

- Lunch is \$2/day and milk is only .50/day.
- Lunch includes an entrée (2 choices daily), milk, and food bar (lettuce, carrots, canned fruit, and fresh fruit).
- Students take as much as they can eat from the food bar-- but no seconds on entrée or milk.
- Hudsonville participates in the National School Lunch Program: Supports those who are eligible for reduced priced lunches. Information supplied by mail in late summer.

**Food allergy information available by contacting
Food Service: 457-2400**

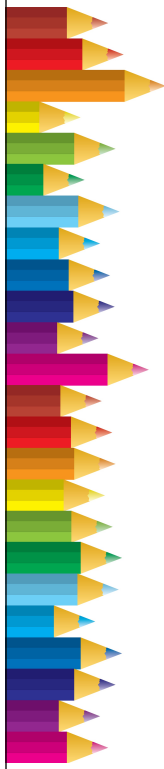
Lunch Payment Options

Each student will have a lunch account: Parent deposits money weekly or monthly.

- ☀️ Food Service web link found on the Hudsonville home page (monthly menu and nutritional information) www.hudsonville.k12.mi.us
- ☀️ Deposits for lunch can be made to www.sendmoneytoschool.com. Contact Food Service (457-2400) for student ID #.



August Dates



■ **PreK Open House:**

August 27, 6:30 p.m. (Bauer Elementary)

■ **K Open House:**

August 28, 6:30 p.m. (All elementary buildings)

■ **Grades 1-5 Open House:**

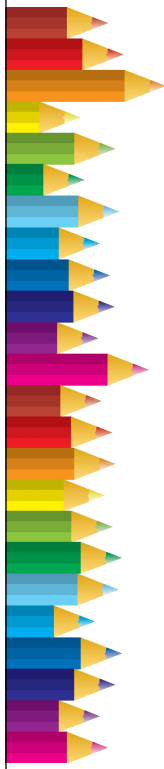
August 29, 6:30 p.m. (All elementary buildings)

Important Schedule Details

- School begins on the first Tuesday after Labor Day - **September 4, 2012**
(M/W PreK students will begin **September 5, 2012**)
- Start time: 8:50 a.m.; End time: 3:40 p.m.
- PreK alternating full day schedule:
Monday/Wednesday alternating Friday
Tuesday/Thursday alternating Friday



Preparing Your Child For School



- Tour the school during open houses.
- Visit the playground over the summer.
- Listen and answer your child's questions.
- Begin bedtime routine 2 weeks prior to school beginning.
- Share in the excitement!
- Correct pencil grip
- Writing name (Only capitalizing the 1st letter)
- Practice zipping coat and tying shoes
- Practice letter and sound recognition
- Read, Read, Read!
- Purchase a backpack (big enough to hold a folder)

Preparing The Parent For School

- Mid-August is a good time to establish routines for sleep and healthy eating.
- Tour the school and visit the playground over the summer.
- If you are nervous about the school transition, trust that we will do our best to take care of your child and will support your child's learning!
- Talk in a positive manner about school with your child. Your actions and words will go a long way to alleviate any anxiety your child may have. Share in the excitement!

Always call us if you have questions or concerns.





Helpful Websites

School Blog

<http://georgetown.edublogs.org>

District website:

<http://www.hudsonville.k12.mi.us>

State/national standards by grade level and content area:

www.corestandards.org/

www.zoo-phonics.com

www.scholastic.com/clifford

www.parentinginformation.org

www.starfall.com

Closing To-Dos Before You Leave...

- Turn in forms: registration, green health appraisal form, copies of birth certificate, parent questionnaire
- If necessary, sign up for your child's screening time:
- See Mrs. Reagan with any specific questions (or feel free to call or email at: treagan@hpseagles.net, 616-797-9797)

