

**PARK RIDGE SCHOOLS
WEST RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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Dear Parents of Incoming Kindergarten Students:

We welcome you and your child to West Ridge!

We are excited to begin the registration process for incoming Kindergarten children for the 2021-22 school year. As you may know, we have a full day Kindergarten program in Park Ridge. There are several dates and procedures you need to be aware of in order to facilitate the registration process. It will also help make your child's visitation later in the spring productive and enjoyable.

PARENT ORIENTATION PROGRAM ~ Thursday, January 28, 2021, 6:30 PM

Our Parent Orientation program will be held virtually, via a Zoom link this year. Mrs. Burchell, Mrs. Tobin and Mrs. O'Brien will present valuable information to parents concerning our Kindergarten program. I will be attending the orientation, as well as other resource personnel who will outline some of the services available to your child at West Ridge. We urge you to attend this important meeting for parents. The information presented and an overview of the program will assist you in making your child's transition to Kindergarten a positive experience (this orientation is for parents only).

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration is scheduled for the week of February 1st through the 5th between the hours of 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Your visit will be strictly for the purpose of returning completed paperwork. There will be no classroom visitation, therefore your child does not need to be present.

Kindergarten registration will be done online. Please go to:

<https://www.parkridgeschools.org/domain/17>. Along with completion of online registration, you must present hard copies of the following information at registration:

- A. Proof of residency
- B. Proof of age: Birth Certificate. Your child must be five years of age on or before October 1, 2021 to be eligible for September 2021 Kindergarten class. ***Please bring the original Birth Certificate along with a copy for our records.***
- C. Completed medical immunization and dental forms. The state law requires that a record of immunization be kept on file in each school; records must include indications that your child has COMPLETED his/her series of the Hepatitis B vaccine, also that oral polio and DPT immunization were given on or after the child's fourth birthday. No child may enter in September until ALL immunizations are complete as per state law. All immunization records are a part of your child's permanent record.
- D. Completed copy of the Home Language Survey

There are many factors that go into determining the best combinations for next year's classes. We strive to maintain a male/female ratio, have a similar class size for all classes and a range of ages as birth dates vary. Our goal is to provide the best educational experience we can for all the children. You will also receive information regarding Kindergarten Screening. Each child will have an appointment for screening the last week of May.

We invite all Kindergarten children and parents to an Ice Cream Social sponsored by the West Ridge PTO tentatively scheduled for August 31, 2021, at 1:00 PM. We ask that you bring your child's school supplies with you on that day to save carrying them on the first day of school.

Please feel free to contact me if you require further information concerning the Parent Orientation, Kindergarten Registration, and Kindergarten Screening. We are excited to meet your young child and to help make this transition into Kindergarten a wonderful first school experience!

Sincerely,

**Chris Kirkby
Principal**