




Brick Township Preschool Program

Parent Information Session
February 22, 2023
February 23, 2023



Introductions

- Dr. Farrell - Superintendent
- Ms. McNamara - Director of Planning, Research and Evaluation
- Mrs. Grenger - Director of Special Services
- Mr. Baio - Director of Technology
- Mr. Hrycenko - Principal Herbertsville ECDC
- Mrs. Goodfellow - Principal Warren H Wolf ECDC
- Mrs. Jacqueline Janik - Preschool Coordinator
- Ms. Barrie Osborn - Preschool Instructional Coach
- Mrs. Heather Scott - Preschool Instructional Coach



Housekeeping

- Everyone needs to remain muted throughout the presentation except the presenters
- If you have a question please place it in the chat
- All questions will be answered at the end of the presentation
- We will prepare an FAQ to be posted on the website with questions from tonight

History of the Preschool Expansion Program

- October of 2018
 - Program started at Warren H. Wolf
 - Three Full Day Inclusion Preschool classes



Preschool Expansion Program September of 2023



Warren H Wolf

- 24 inclusion classes
 - 12 lottery students
 - 3 special education students
 - Projected enrollment:
 - 288 lottery students
 - 72 special education students



Herbertsville

- 5 self-contained classes
 - 60 special education students
- 11 inclusion classes
 - 12 lottery students
 - 3 special education students
 - Projected enrollment:
 - 132 lottery students
 - 33 special education students

2023-2024 School Year

- 420 General Education Spots (less the current 3 year olds who choose to remain as 4 year olds)
 - Available spots for lottery - 245 approximately
- 165 Special Education Spots



Preschool Expansion Aid (PEA)

Funding for the 2022-2023 School Year

\$5,335,704

Budgets need to be submitted to NJDOE
for approval



Goals of the Preschool Expansion Program

- Provide high quality inclusive preschool program that meets the needs of preschool students by fostering a safe and nurturing environment
- Provide high quality preschool curriculum - Tools of the Mind
 - Fundamentals of the curriculum are based in imaginative play fostering self regulation
 - Teaching staff participate in professional development to implement the curriculum with fidelity
- Provide vertical articulation from preschool to kindergarten
- Early identification of students with developmental delays

Goals of the Preschool Expansion Program

- Public Preschool programs are required for students with disabilities
- Inclusion preschool is best practice to give students role models
- Research shows providing high quality preschool programs results in improved outcomes in the areas of academic, behavioral, and social emotional growth
- Including students in a high quality preschool program creates opportunities for students to be included when they go to elementary schools

Preschool Program

- ★ Five days a week
- ★ 6 hours per day
- ★ No Cost
- ★ Transportation offered
- ★ No BEST or afterschool program
- ★ Breakfast and Lunch offered
- ★ Gross Motor/Playground time
- ★ Rest Time
- ★ Students do not have to be potty-trained



Tools of the Mind

- Curriculum

- Make Believe Play based
- Fosters self regulation
- Builds the capacity of students to become active, engaged learners
- Focuses on whole child development, academics and social-emotional, cognitive, etc
- Children talk more and teachers talk less
- Small Group Literacy and Math/Science, Large Group Literacy



Preschool Program-Daily Schedule

- 8:40 - 8:50 - Arrival
- 8:50 - 9:10 - Opening Group
- 9:10 - 9:40 - Breakfast
- 9:40 - 9:50 - Play Planning
- 9:50 - 10:50 - Make Believe Play
- 10:50 - 11:20 - Gross Motor
- 11:20 - 11:35 - Small Group Literacy
- 11:35 - 11:50 - Small Group Math/Science
- 11:50 - 12:05 - Large Group Literacy
- 12:05 - 12:35 - Lunch in the classroom
- 12:35 - 1:35 - Rest time
- 1:35 - 2:20 - Free Play
- 2:20 - 2:30 - Closing Group
- 2:30 - Prepare for dismissal
- 2:40 - Dismissal



Supports



- Preschool Coordinator
 - Jacqueline Janik
- Preschool Instructional Coach
 - Two - one for each building
 - Barrie Osborn - Herbertsville
 - Heather Scott - Warren H Wolf
- PIRT - Preschool Intervention and Referral Team
 - Robyn DeSantis
 - Celebrate the strengths of student and identify areas of struggle or weakness
 - Team including parent that creates action plan with targeted interventions to assist teacher and student in identified area

Supports

- CPIS - Community Parent Involvement Specialist
 - Stephanie Shade
 - Provide supports to student and families
 - Homeless Liaison
 - Early Childhood Advisory Council Chairperson
- English Language Learner Support Teacher
 - Katie Hudak
 - Provides supports to students learning the English language



ECAC

- Advisory group of community stakeholders interested in the education and welfare of children in preschool
- Review preschool program implementation of high-quality programs
- Serve as advisory support for the local school district preschool program and supports the transition as children move from preschool

Preschool Family Fair
May 17, 2023

Food Services



- Breakfast and lunch will be offered daily (pre ordered weekly online)
- Students can always bring in their own breakfast, lunch, and/or snacks
- Preschool will have their own menu
- Meal applications can be done via paper or online. They will be available in folder that is sent home in the beginning of the school year
- Utilize www.schoolcafe.com to pay for lunches
- [Food Services Information](#)

Transportation

- Centralized stops will be determined by enrollment
- Stops will include daycares
 - HECDC
 - Honey Tree
 - Creative Starts
 - Happy Days
 - WHWECDC
 - Good Hands
 - Little Rascals
 - Happy Days
- You can drive your child if you choose
- Each bus will have a driver and two aides



Important Notes

- Any student who attended this school year who does not meet the enrollment cut off for kindergarten can continue placement in the program.
- Those children do NOT need to go in the lottery
- They do **NOT** need to re-register
- They just have to update medical documentation including the flu shot by December 31, 2023.

Important Notes

- Students that turn 3 by October 1, 2023 are eligible for the preschool lottery
- Any student who turns 5 on or before October 1, 2023 is not eligible for our preschool program
 - Only eligible for kindergarten

Students with birthdates in the following range are eligible to participate in the preschool lottery:

October 2, 2018 - October 1, 2020 (Inclusive)

Important Notes

- Lottery application process will be on online only
- The lottery application process:
 - **Opens**
 - February 27, 2023
 - **Closes**
 - March 24, 2023

IMPORTANT

Important Notes

- Each child gets a number
- Twins and multiples will each receive their own personal lottery number
- The application process must be completed for each child seeking enrollment
- That lottery number is associated with that child and can not be transferred to a sibling

Important Notes

- Schools will be assigned after the lottery for all students including all current age eligible who will continue in the preschool in the 2023-2024 school year
- Families may not request a particular school or a particular teacher
- All ***deadlines are firm*** for lottery and must be adhered to for planning purposes

Important Notes

- If selected for the program, the registration deadlines must be adhered to for selected students or your child's spot in the program will be forfeited.
- If not selected for the program, students will be placed on the waiting list.
 - The waitlist expires at the end of the school year.

Important Lottery Dates

- Lottery will be held virtually on May 4, 2023
- Letter to notify: Mailed Week of May 8, 2023
- Deadline to Accept or Reject: May 22, 2023
 - Deadline to register June 16, 2023

Lottery Process

- Prior to being entered in the lottery ***ALL PAPERWORK MUST BE COMPLETED AND VERIFIED***
- Each student who is registered will receive a personal lottery number via regular mail
- Each student's lottery number will be selected on the night of the lottery to either attend or be placed on a waiting list for the Preschool 2023 - 2024 school year
 - The waitlist will expire in June 2024

Lottery-Online Registration

- Requirements for Registering for the Lottery:
 - Proof of Age(Original Birth Certificate)
 - Proof of Residency(Driver's license, Deed/Rental Agreement/Form B, Three Bills)
- *****All 6 documents must be in digital format*****
- Check website for link to register

Lottery Application Process

- Mr. Baio



Questions

Please post all questions in the chat.



We will be updating the Frequently Asked Questions document that is posted on our websites.

Thank you for attending our
Preschool Information Night

If you have additional questions please
email one of the principals:

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