

## HOW DO I ENROLL MY CHILD IN SCHOOL?

### Documents required for registration:

- PPS Registration Form
- Birth/Baptismal Certificate or Passport showing child turns 5 before September 1, 2005
- Proof of residence inside the Stephenson school boundaries (i.e. copy of utility bill)
- Immunization records from a physician or health clinic
- Stephenson transportation survey

*The following is also required for families enrolling in the full day Kindergarten:*

- Completed PPS tuition contract
- \$100 non-refundable fee

*No students will be accepted into the full day class without all required documents.*

It is best to register for school before June 1, 2005. If you need to make any changes or cancellations, please contact the school immediately. The full day program is filled on a first come first served basis. The class is typically filled by February, the remainder will go on a waiting list.

In August families will receive mailed correspondence from the teacher to schedule a screening date and announce the first day of school.



## STEPHENSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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# Stephenson



# KINDERGARTEN

Questions  
and Answers

Call Us! 503 916-6318



## WHO ARE THE PEOPLE I SHOULD KNOW IN THE BUILDING?

Principal:

Mrs. Carol Whitten

Kindergarten Teachers:

Mrs. Linda Evans

Mrs. Denise Gates

Educational Assistant

Mrs. Michelle Olson

Secretary:

Ms. Liz Morgan




## WHAT ARE THE KINDERGARTEN SCHOOL HOURS?

A.M. Half Day Session: 7:55 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Full Day Kindergarten: 7:55 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

*It is important that students arrive at school no more than five minutes before the start of class.*



## WHEN IS THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL?

The calendar for the 2005/2006 school year has not been determined. Typically, the first day of school for students in grades 1-5 is two days following Labor Day. The first day of Kindergarten is the Monday following the first week of school.



## WHAT HAPPENS BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL?

You and your child will have a 20 minute appointment with the Kindergarten teacher to assess their current skills, discuss information about the coming year, and answer questions.



## WHAT IS THE KINDERGARTEN SCREENING?

This is a tool that will help the classroom teacher learn more about your child. She will use this information to help develop appropriate learning programs for students. The screening is not a "Kindergarten readiness" screening tool.



## DOES THE KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM USE PARENT HELPERS?

YES!! Parent helpers are an important part of the Kindergarten classroom. Parents are encouraged to help in the classroom as often as possible and/or help with material preparation at home. Portland Public Schools requires all classroom volunteers to complete a Criminal History Verification Form every three years.



## WILL MY CHILD BE TAUGHT TO READ IN KINDERGARTEN?

The Kindergarten program has a strong emphasis on literacy and communication. Your child will be exposed to reading, writing, listening, and speaking.



## WILL MY CHILD BE TAUGHT MATH?

Your child will be taught math using the "Investigations" math program. This program is a hands-on approach to learning and understanding mathematical concepts. This program incorporates skills such as: patterning, counting, sorting, graphing, numeral writing, and problem solving skills.



## WILL KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS ATTEND CLASSES WITH A SPECIALIST?

P.E., Spanish, Computer Lab, and Music will be offered.



## WILL MY CHILD VISIT THE SCHOOL LIBRARY?

Your child will have weekly visits to the school library to hear stories, learn library skills and check out books.



## WILL MY CHILD RECEIVE A "SNACK" AT SCHOOL?

This will be discussed at Back To School Night.



## WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD WEAR TO SCHOOL?

In the Kindergarten program, your child will be involved in activities that will require loose, clean, casual play clothes. Washable markers and paints do not always wash out of all fabrics. Please dress your child accordingly. Label all coats, sweaters, sweatshirts, and backpacks with your child's first and last name.



## WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY CHILD HAS A SPECIAL MEDICAL OR EDUCATIONAL NEED?

Please contact the school office. The nurse, Michelle MacLachlan, is available on Mondays at Stephenson. If you have more questions, please do not hesitate to call the school, 503 916-6318.

