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River Forest School District 90

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

for the 2014-2015 School Year begins

Friday, February 7, 2014

8:00 – 11:25 a.m. and 12:25 – 4:00 p.m.

Kindergarten eligibility: 5 years old on or before September 1, 2014

**Residents NORTH of Chicago Avenue attend: Willard School
1250 Ashland
River Forest, IL 60305
708-366-6740
Mrs. Merryl Brownlow, Principal**

**Residents SOUTH of Chicago Avenue attend: Lincoln School
511 Park
River Forest, IL 60305
708-366-7340
Mrs. Pamela Hyde, Principal**

Registration packets for families with students currently attending District 90 schools will be available in the Lincoln and Willard School offices after January 24th.

Families/students NEW to River Forest and District 90 Schools should pick up a residency packet AND registration packet after January 24th at:

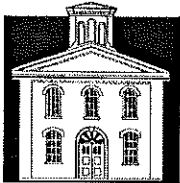
**District 90 Administration Office
7776 Lake Street
River Forest, IL 60305**

If you have any questions, please call 708-771-8282. For additional registration information, please go to www.district90.org

Kindergarten School Hours for Lincoln and Willard Schools:

**Morning Session 8:20 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.
or
Afternoon Session 12:25 p.m. - 3:10 p.m.**

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January 16, 2014

Dear Parents of New Kindergartners:

Welcome to River Forest School District 90! We hope that you and your child will be pleased with all that our school district has to offer in the upcoming years. We are here to help you during those years and invite you to share your questions and comments with us at anytime.

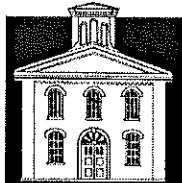
As you begin your journey with us, there are a few things that we would like to share about registering for Kindergarten:

1. Although we ask parents if they have a preference for their child being placed in a morning or an afternoon Kindergarten class, there is no guarantee that we can accommodate your preference. Several factors are considered in placing students into one section or another, including:
 - a. A balance in class sizes, boy/girl ratios, and other demographic factors such as special education needs, student age distribution, language support needs, and racial/ethnic class composition.
 - b. Staffing needs and availability. For example, some Kindergarten teachers also may have other instructional responsibilities and some teachers who provide necessary support services (language, reading, special education) may have limited morning or afternoon availability.
 - c. Enrollment numbers do change between February and August. In some cases, additional sections of Kindergarten classes may be created, thus making it necessary to adjust the balances in classes, as described above.
2. All Kindergarten students are screened in the area of literacy as a routine practice in District 90. An appointment will be scheduled for your child in mid to late summer.

All of us in the District look forward to working with you and helping to instill in your child a life-long love of learning. Again, welcome to River Forest District 90!

Sincerely,

Edward J. Condon, Ph.D.
Superintendent



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Dear Lincoln and Willard Families:

Kindergarten registration for the 2014-2015 school year is almost upon us. Friday, February 7, 2014, will be the first opportunity to register your child if he/she is eligible for Kindergarten. Kindergartners must be five years of age on or before September 1, 2014, to enter school. We wanted to take this opportunity to review our registration process, which we believe is in the best interest of all students entering our Kindergarten program.

Registration packets can be picked up at the school or district offices. If you know someone new to District 90, please direct them to the Administration building to pick up the residency and registration packet. If you currently have a child enrolled in District 90, you may pick up your Kindergarten registration packet at the Lincoln or Willard school offices. For current District 90 families, residency verification will need to be updated prior to enrollment.

While we always try to accommodate parent preferences for either AM or PM placements, it is not always possible to provide the preferred placements for the number of people who may request them. Please understand that some children have valid needs for legally mandated services that can be provided only during the AM or only in the PM time slots, which are determined by the availability of the service providers.

In order to promote equity across our school community and to give consideration to families who cannot make it to school on registration day early enough, or who may move into the community after our registration date, **we do not use the order in which you register to make determinations about placement in AM or PM Kindergarten sessions.** We use the factors and parameters outlined in the registration packet, while we take into consideration your placement preferences and determine the best grouping for all students within the classroom setting. It is critical to have a balanced classroom (gender, age, and the like) to provide children with the best possible learning environment. This also allows you to register at the time most convenient for you on the day of registration. We still encourage you to register as early in the process as possible. In the event that we need to add a section due to enrollment after class assignments have been distributed, we will use the month of registration to determine who may need to move to another placement if we have no voluntary transfers. It is important to understand that the earlier in the spring we know our enrollment, and how many sections of Kindergarten we will need, the better able we are to secure the teaching positions of our current excellent teachers, or to find outstanding candidates to teach additional sections. **Please register your child as close to February 7th as possible!**

We will make every attempt to notify you of your AM or PM placement by mid-August 2014. Last minute enrollments can make this process somewhat difficult, so we thank you for your understanding and patience.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2014
8:00-11:25 a.m. and 12:25 – 4:00 p.m.
Location: Lincoln and Willard School Offices

Respectfully,

Pam Hyde, Principal, Lincoln School

Merryl Brownlow, Principal, Willard School

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