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## Early Kindergarten & Kindergarten 2017-2018 School Year

### Important Dates For Prospective Pre-Kindergarten and Early Kindergarten Families

#### **Wednesday, February 15, 2017 - Pre-Kindergarten and Early Kindergarten Screening 8:30am – 3pm**

Sign up with Christine Kelly at [christine.kelly@bhrsd.org](mailto:christine.kelly@bhrsd.org) or by calling 413-644-2350 to make a half hour appointment. All students who have been screened are eligible for the Pre-Kindergarten and Early Kindergarten lottery.

**Wednesday, March 3, 2017** - Pre-Kindergarten and Early Kindergarten classes are announced.

### Important Dates for Prospective Kindergarten Families

#### **Wednesday March 15, 2017 - Kindergarten Open House and Registration 5pm – 7pm**

Meet Principal Mary Berle, Assistant Principal Nan Thompson, Christine Kelly, coordinator of registration, Nurse Becki Donovan, our Kindergarten team, and members of the Muddy Brook PTA. Learn about our Kindergarten program, tour Muddy Brook, and ask questions.

#### **Tuesday May 9, 2017 - Kindergarten Screening at Muddy Brook 8:30 am – 3:30 pm**

Sign up with Christine Kelly at [christine.kelly@bhrsd.org](mailto:christine.kelly@bhrsd.org) or by calling 413-644-2350 to make an appointment. Screenings take about 30 minutes.

School Choice Applications are accepted on a rolling basis for Kindergarten only. Registration packets will be available at the orientation and screenings. If you would like one prior to those dates, please call Christine Kelly at Muddy Brook Elementary at 413-644-2350 or by email [christine.kelly@bhrsd.org](mailto:christine.kelly@bhrsd.org).

### Muddy Brook Regional Elementary School Early Childhood Program Information

Our early childhood philosophy at Muddy Brook is to engage children in socialization, play, music, physical education, art, mathematics and literacy with joy. Each classroom becomes a community of learners with students learning to take risks, find passions, and be contributing members of the class.

#### **Integrated Pre-Kindergarten**

This program is for district residents and serves 15 students who are three years old by September 1. Students enroll through the IEP process, or through the peer partner lottery. Peer partners serve as role models for students with Individualized Education Plans. The program is staffed with an early childhood teacher who has additional certification in special education. The Pre-Kindergarten day begins at 8:20 and ends at 2:15. The program is free of charge for enrolled students. We are unable to provide transportation for peer partners.

#### **Early Kindergarten**

This program is for district residents and serves between 15 – 18 students. Students in the Early Kindergarten program turn four by September 1. Students from our Pre-Kindergarten will have priority enrollment. Remaining spots are filled by lottery. Students who live in the district and have attended a screening are eligible for the lottery. The Early Kindergarten day is from 8:40 to 3:15. The program is free of charge for enrolled students and transportation is provided.

#### **Kindergarten**

The Kindergarten program is for all district residents who have turned five by September 1. We also accept school choice when space is available.