

STORY TIMES

Grandview Elementary will be hosting four free Story Times this year. These events are a wonderful opportunity for your child to meet the kindergarten teachers, some of the special area teachers and the elementary principals. The children will also benefit from hearing an exciting story that is paired with a fun and engaging activity. Invitations will be sent for each event.

Monday, October 10, 2016 (6:00 PM)

Thursday, November 10, 2016 (11:00 AM)

Friday, January 27, 2017 (2:00 PM)

Wednesday, March 22, 2017 (6:00 PM)



Register for Story Times with our school secretary, Mrs. Ciocco, at 724-694-2400.

KINDERGARTEN SCREENING

May 11, 2017 9:15 AM—3:45 PM
May 12, 2017 9:15 AM—1:00 PM



Kindergarten screening is a process that supports children in the journey to being ready for kindergarten. The process helps identify children with possible health or developmental concerns that may impact learning. Your child's vision and hearing will be assessed free of charge. Parents will be directed to the necessary school and community resources if they are needed. School personnel will be available to answer questions parents may have concerning their child.

The academic screening is administered by Derry Area teachers and generally takes 15 minutes to complete. At the conclusion of your child's testing, a teacher, school guidance counselor or building principal will review the results of the screening with you.

Schedule your screening appointment with our school secretary, Mrs. Ciocco, at 724-694-2400.

KINDERGARTEN READINESS EVENTS

2016-2017



DERRY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

What do we mean by the term "kindergarten transition"?

The word transition refers to the process of change. When we speak of kindergarten transition we are referring to one of the most significant changes children will experience in their lives. This is a time that can be very stressful for young children. They are leaving either their home environment or the familiar environment of their pre-K classroom to enter a new place.

How will my child benefit from effective transitions?

Your child will experience:

- * increased self-confidence.
- * improved relations with other children and adults.
- * increased motivation and openness to new experiences.



SHADOW A KINDERGARTEN BUDDY DAY

April 19, 2017
(times to be announced)

This fun learning activity allows children to come into our classrooms, without their parents and experience a portion of a kindergarten day. In addition, children will take a short ride on a school bus!



KINDERCAMP
May 18, 2017
4:30 - 6:00 PM

KinderCamp provides an informative and enjoyable evening for the entire family. You and your child will rotate through each kindergarten teacher's classroom. In each classroom, authentic mini lessons will be completed that mimic everyday kindergarten activities. We will then join together in the cafeteria for dinner.

PRE-REGISTRATION/ PARENT MEETING

On Wednesday, March 22, 2017 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM our principal, Mrs. Higgs, will conduct a meeting in the multi-purpose room at Grandview Elementary for parents with children entering kindergarten in the 2017–2018 school year. She will discuss the procedures for registering your child for kindergarten and provide helpful hints.

During this meeting time we will host our fourth and final Story Time. Children can build independence by attending Story Time alone, and parents can attend the kindergarten meeting and process the information Mrs. Higgs provides to them.



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The Derry Area kindergarten registration can be completed on our website (derryasd.schoolwires.com) starting in the fall of 2016. Students can also be registered at Grandview Elementary. Make a registration appointment with our school secretary by calling 724-694-2400.