

**Sharon Public Schools
One School Street
Sharon, Massachusetts 02067**

December 2009

Dear Prospective Kindergarten Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the Sharon Public Schools Family! Starting Kindergarten is a major event in your child's life. Your first introduction to the Sharon Public Schools is a program for parents, **Orientation to Kindergarten**, which will be held in each elementary school during the week of January 11, 2010. (See enclosed flyer for specific dates.) At that time, you will have a chance to learn about all aspects of our kindergarten program. Later in the spring, parents and children will be invited to visit the school their child will be attending. You and your child will have a chance to become familiar with the school and to get acquainted with other families in your school community.

For the 2010-2011 school year, kindergarten children are required to be 5 years old on or before 8/31/10. Registration for your child will be held on January 21, 2010 from 3:30-7:30 pm at the Cottage Street Elementary School, January 19, 2010 from 3:30-7:30pm at East, and January 19 and January 20, 2010, from 3:15-7:15pm at Heights Elementary School.

Since registration is a clerical procedure, **children do not need to attend**. Registration enables us to gather information that is required for entrance to school. Once this is completed, class groupings are developed. If you feel that you have important information about your child that would help us in making a class placement decision, please share this information in writing and bring it with you to kindergarten registration. Parents' comments about their child are thoughtfully considered in the process of developing class groups; however, this information should not be related to a request for a specific teacher.

Please read and complete all of the enclosed information packet before attending registration.

At the time of registration, parents will be required to:

- Bring the child's original birth certificate and provide a copy for school records. Original birth certificates may be obtained from the office of the Town Clerk in the town where parents were residing at the time of their child's birth.
- Submit a physicians' certificate that the child has been immunized against Polio, DPT, Hepatitis B, MMR, and Varicella as well as evidence of lead poison screening after nine months of age.
- Submit a physician's report of the child's physical exam dated no earlier than September, 2009.
- Present a Parent Photo ID
- Present Proof of Residency (Children must live IN Sharon.) Proof may be a lease, mortgage statement, deed or a notarized letter from the homeowner if you are living with another family.

If you do not plan to register your child for kindergarten in the Sharon Public Schools, it is important that you inform the school by calling (Cottage 781-784-1580 or email l_frers@sharon.k12.ma.us)--(Heights 781-784-1595 or email j_shafiroff@sharon.k12.ma.us)--(East 781-784-1551 or email j_blumenthal@sharon.k12.m.us) before January 11, 2010.

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Cottage Street School
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East Elementary School
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