

Prekindergarten News

Rochester City School District



Message from the Executive Director, Dr. Robin Hooper

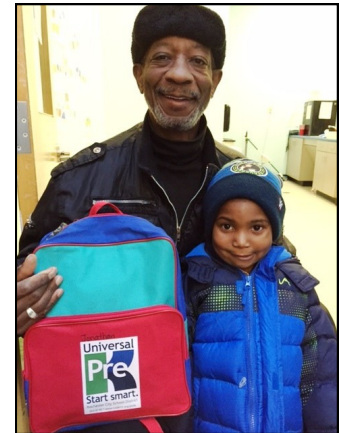
Prek Programs are Moving Forward to add 3 Year Olds and Transition 4 Year Olds to Kindergarten!

The Rochester City School District Expanded Prekindergarten Program for 3 year-old students began on January 4th as our new students and families entered new prekindergarten classrooms for the first time. Approximately 600 three-year-old students are currently attending six hour prek programs in Rochester elementary schools and community-based organizations. The district is planning to expand enrollment in the program to approximately 1,000 seats for three-year-old students in the fall. Enjoy the photos of our youngest students engaging with each other and a variety of learning activities in this newsletter. All of our prekindergarten classrooms, including our new 3 year-old classrooms, have been supplied with Lending Libraries for students to borrow books to read at home and return to school. Our goal for each student is to read 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten with the assistance of family members and friends.

Families of four-year-old students are invited to attend the Transition to Kindergarten Family Event on Saturday, April 30th from 10 AM—2:00 PM at 500 Webster Ave. Families will have an opportunity to engage in learning activities with their children, attend workshops and receive free learning tools to take home with recommended activities for learning at home. The focus of the event is on providing families with information and tools to successfully transition their child to kindergarten. Staff will be available to register students for kindergarten at the event.

Before each vacation break three-year-old and four-year-old prekindergarten students will receive books to read during the break and to keep for their home libraries. These books can be read multiple times and counted toward each student's goal of reading 1,000 books before kindergarten.

Mathematical literacy is important to student's success in school and in life. Parents, teachers and students in prek and kindergarten work together to strengthen math skills at Math Night held in December at School No. 44. Enjoy photos of the event in the newsletter.



UPK continues to inspire reading by providing Lending Libraries and book bags for taking books home.



REGISTER NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2016-2017

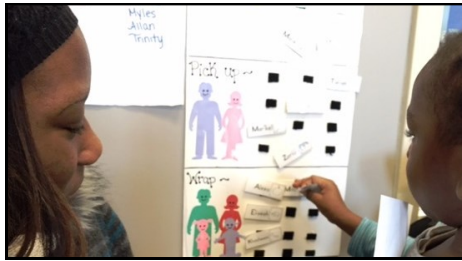
Registration for children entering the Rochester City School District can be completed at the Office of Student Placement and Equity, located at [131 W. Broad Street](http://131.W.BroadStreet). Monday- Friday 8:00a.m. to 4:30p.m.

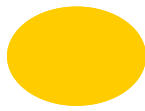
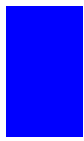
You will need to bring:

Child's Identification * Proof of Address * Proof of Guardianship * Child's immunization record
For more information visit www.rcsdk12.org or call (585) 262-8241

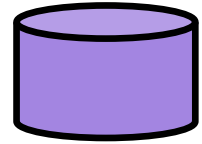
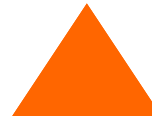
EXPANDED PRE K—THREE YEAR OLDS COME TO SCHOOL!

Our youngest students began attending school on the first Monday of the new year, January 4, 2016. Classroom communities now are being formed as these energetic, enthusiastic youngsters have opportunities to form bonds with peers and caring teachers. With a daily routine designed to foster exploration throughout the day, discovery, new learning and excitement abounds.





Math Night at School 44

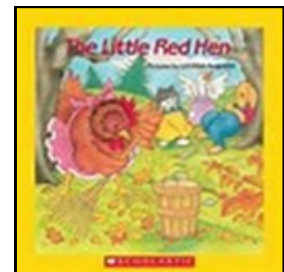
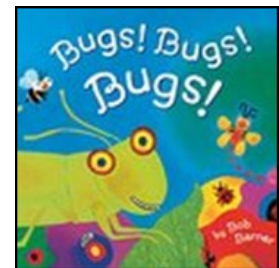


On December 17th, School 44 Preschool and Kindergarten Classes joined together for a Math Night. The students and their parents explored hands on activities at a variety of stations around Measurement, Numbers and Counting, Patterning, Geometry (Shapes), and Collecting Data for Graphs. At each station children received a take home activity so they could continue their math exploration at home. Parents found it interesting to see how the preschool math skills lead to the Common Core skills that the kindergarteners have been working on this Fall.



TAKE HOME BOOKS

The Early Childhood Department has purchased books for our PreK students to take home to read during school vacation breaks and to keep for their home libraries. Research shows that children who are read to daily are more likely to develop a love of reading and more extensive vocabularies. The more words children know the greater the likelihood that they will be good readers.



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Every child is a work of art.
Create a masterpiece.

Our Vision

Prekindergarten Programs empower young children to successfully contribute to their families, school, community and environment.

Our Mission

Prekindergarten Programs provide opportunities for young children to participate in challenging, stimulating programs, designed to support their language, cognitive, and social development while being sensitive to their strengths and needs.

Visit our website at
www.rcsdk12.org/PreK

SAVE THE DATE

Transition to Kindergarten Family Event



Saturday, April 30, 2016
10:00 a.m.— 2:00 p.m.
33 School and Ryan Center
500 Webster Avenue

UPK students who will be attending Kindergarten in the fall and their Families are Invited to this Special Event

- Hands-on learning activities
- Visit the Talking School Bus
- Mini-workshops for parents
- Free learning materials to take home (as seen in picture on the left)
- Registration for Prekindergarten and Kindergarten