



## **Fairhaven Public Elementary Schools** **Kindergarten**

### *Frequently Asked Questions about Kindergarten:*

**Screening:**            **Monday, May 2, 2016 @ \_\_\_\_\_**  
                                 **Tuesday, May 3, 2016 @ \_\_\_\_\_**  
                                 **Wednesday, May 4, 2016 @ \_\_\_\_\_**

#### *Why do we screen children entering kindergarten?*

Kindergarten screening is state mandated as well as an integral part of our planning for each child. It is important for our teaching staff to become aware of each child's individual needs, so we can provide for their educational program as they enter Kindergarten. Screening results will not prevent a child from entering Kindergarten.

#### *How should I prepare my child for screening day?*

Have your child get a good night's sleep. Tell them that this is the first step to going to kindergarten!! They will see their new school and meet some of the teachers.

#### *Where do we go for the screening?*

Enter by the main door of Wood School. Please check in at the Main Office when you arrive.

#### *How long will we be at the school for our screening?*

You should plan on a minimum of forty-five minutes. It may sometimes take a little longer.

#### *Who will screen my child?*

A kindergarten teacher, not necessarily your child's future teacher, and a speech and language pathologist will complete your child's screening.

#### *What happens during the screening?*

Kindergarten teachers will ask your child to listen and respond to questions, follow directions, do some drawings, and to participate in some movement activities. The speech and language pathologist will also work with your child for a short period of time.

## **Kindergarten Parent Orientation:**

### *When and where is orientation?*

An orientation for parents/guardians only will be held on April 28, 2016 at 6:00pm at Wood School.

### *What happens at orientation?*

The Kindergarten teachers, principal and nurse will give you necessary important information about the kindergarten program. You will hear all about what a typical school day will be like along with the school schedule and expectations. This is also an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have about the school and procedures. A tour of the school and kindergarten classrooms will also be given.

### *When will I be notified who my child's teacher will be?*

All parents who have completed the total registration process will be notified of their child's teacher during the week of June 20th. This letter will also include the date of the Child & Parent visit and first day of school

### *When will my child visit the school?*

Students and parents are invited to the school during the day on a very special Child & Parent Visit event. During this visit, your child will join his/her teacher in their classroom for a brief time and you will have another opportunity to ask questions of the principal and nurse. You will be notified during the summer about the specifics of this event.

## **Important Dates to Remember**

<b>Kindergarten Parent Orientation</b>	<b>April 28, 2016 at 6:00pm</b>
<b>Kindergarten Screenings</b>	<b>May 2, 3 &amp; 4</b>
<b>Notification of Class Assignments</b> (if completed the total registration process)	<b>Week of June 20, 2016</b>
<b>Child &amp; Parent Visit</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>First Day of School</b>	<b>TBA</b>