

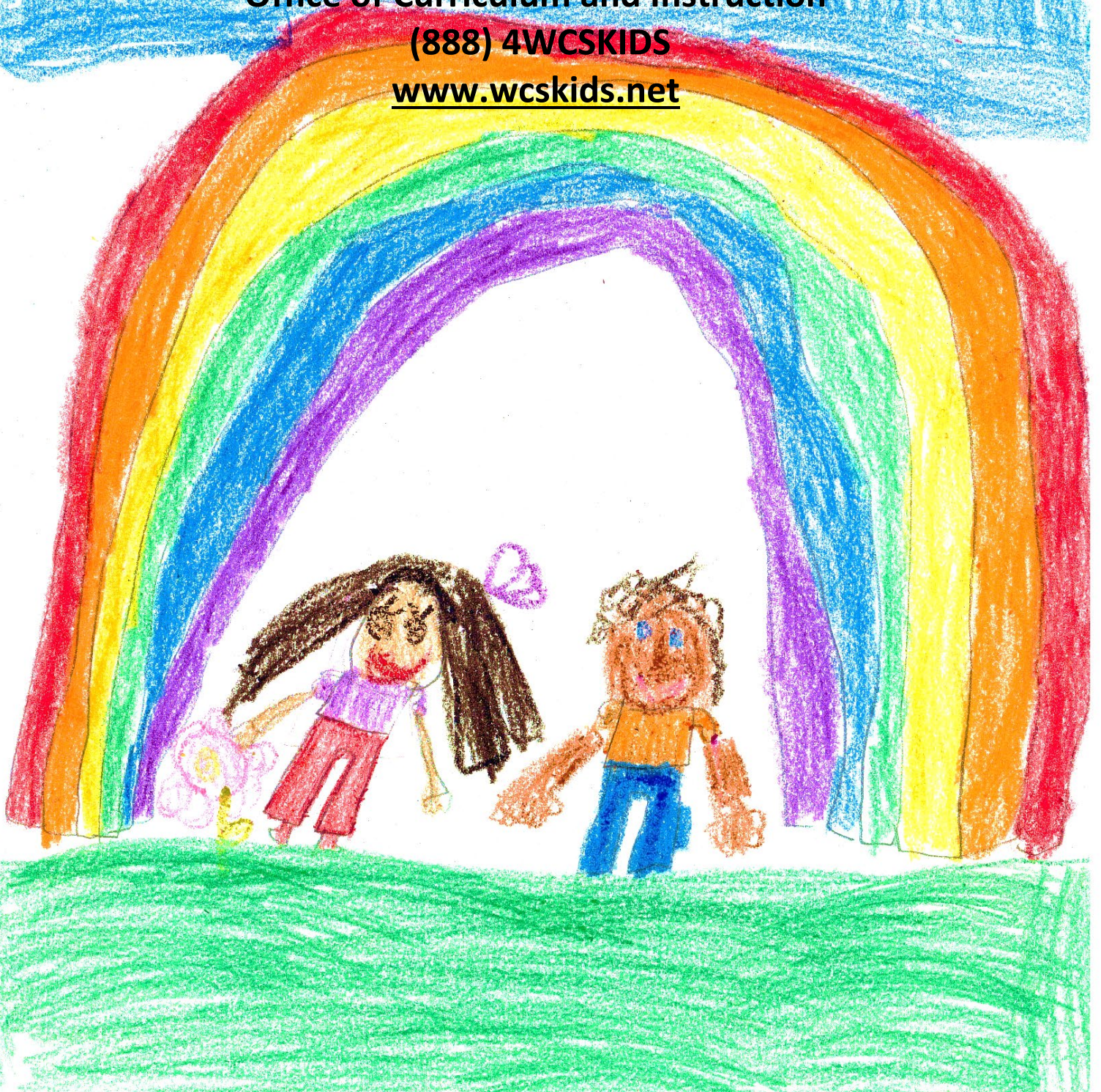
KINDERGARTEN

A World of New Discovery

Warren Consolidated Schools
Office of Curriculum and Instruction

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Sophia,
Jefferson Elementary School

WARREN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

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Student Achievement

A focus on measurable student achievement in our Professional Learning Communities.

High Expectations

Clear expectations for every stakeholder, including students, staff and parents.

Strong Relationships

Strong relationships among all stakeholders, including: teacher-student, parent-teacher, principal-teacher, and superintendent-board member.

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Dear Parents:

You are about to embark on the beginning of your child's formal education. As you move into this new opportunity for learning, you may have questions or concerns regarding your child's readiness for school. To help answer those questions, (and ease your mind), we've asked highly regarded early childhood teachers from around our district to share their insights on helping your child gain the right mix of kindergarten-readiness skills.

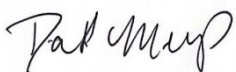
The skill sets they are looking for might surprise you. Because of the national focus on improving education and meeting standards, you might think that it's most important for children to enter kindergarten knowing their ABCs, numbers, shapes, and colors so they can keep up with the curriculum. While teachers would love children to come in with letter and number recognition, they don't want you to drill your kids on academic skills. There are equally — if not more — important readiness skills that set the stage for your child's learning. Raising an eager learner is the goal, and it can be achieved easily through play and day-to-day activities.

To help your child have a successful kindergarten experience, we suggest you work on the following readiness skills with your future kindergartener: enthusiasm toward learning, solid oral-language skills, the ability to listen, the desire to be independent, the ability to play well with others, strong fine-motor skills, and basic letter/number recognition. Your child is unique, and we want to ensure that this most important first step lays the foundation for a very successful school experience. These readiness skills will help your child succeed in kindergarten as well as pave the way for an outstanding educational career.

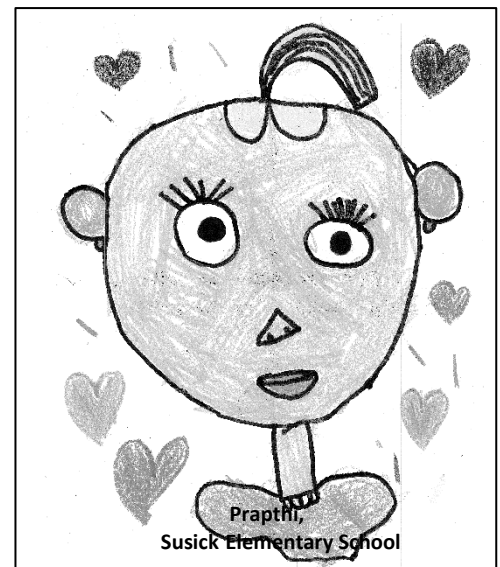
The entire Warren Consolidated Community is pleased to welcome your child to kindergarten. The communication between home and school is a key ingredient for your child's future success in school. We, therefore, cordially invite you to visit any of our schools, observe our quality kindergarten programs, and confer with teachers and administrators.

We hope this booklet helps you prepare your child for not only an exciting first day in kindergarten, but a rewarding educational career in Warren Consolidated Schools.

Sincerely,



David Meengs
Chief Academic Officer



KINDERGARTEN OPTIONS

Warren Consolidated Schools provides two options to meet your child's educational needs. Students eligible for kindergarten must be five years old on or before September 1st of the year they begin school.

KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten is a full day program. You may anticipate a year of great wonder, enthusiasm, and engagement as your child enjoys a wide variety of learning experiences. Literacy skills are the primary focus. A comprehensive, integrated curriculum that includes basic math concepts, STEM experiences, art, media, music, and physical education.

TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN (TK)

Transitional Kindergarten (TK) is intended to meet the needs of children who are not quite developmentally ready for the traditional kindergarten classroom. Children who will be turning 5 years old between September 1st and by December 1st and children who have little or no preschool experience may need TK to be more prepared for kindergarten the following school year. This full day program combines academics with critical social and emotional development, oral language, early literacy, and mathematical skills.

LATCHKEY PROGRAM

Warren Consolidated Schools is proud to offer our community a high-quality Latchkey program available before and after school for students in grades TK-5 who are registered in one of our twelve (12) elementary schools.

Latchkey programs provide supervised care on a regular basis for children during hours of the day when school is not in session; and parents are not available.

For more information such as times and prices, go to the Early Childhood website at <http://www.wcs.k12.mi.us/Departments/Early-Childhood/Latchkey/index.html> or call (586) 698-4046.



Henry,
Wilde Elementary School

TRANSPORTATION

Students living one (1) or more miles from the school are eligible for bus transportation. Students can be expected to walk up to one mile to a bus stop.

For more information such as bus stops and times, go to the Warren Consolidated Schools Transportation website, <https://ewa2.edulogweb.com/warmi01wqweb/webquery/> or call **586-825-2960**.



NUTRITION SERVICES

The mission of Nutrition Services is to offer a variety of quality, healthy food choices with excellent service in a friendly environment. A nourished student is a learning student. The department of Nutrition Services takes pride in "feeding" the minds of the future.

Each day, students have the opportunity to participate in federal breakfast and lunch programs that provide students with a balanced and nutritious meal that meets all federal nutrition guidelines. For more information such as menus and prices, go to the Warren Consolidated Schools Nutrition Services website, <http://www.wcs.k12.mi.us/Departments/Nutrition-Services/index.html> or call **(586) 698-4430**.



SCHOOL NURSE

The school nurse is concerned with the health of each child in school. The nurse works with the principals, teachers and parents to provide a safe and healthy school environment.

If your child has health concerns the school staff should be aware of, she will be glad to talk with you. You may contact the school nurse at **(888)-4WCS-KIDS ext. 43997**.

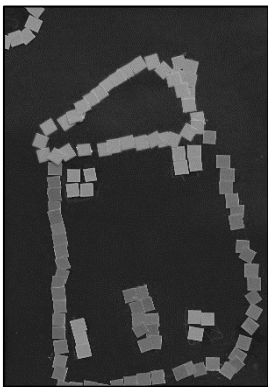


Dominic,
Green Acres Elementary School

READY FOR SCHOOL?

The following points should be considered as your child prepares to begin his/her school experience. A child should:

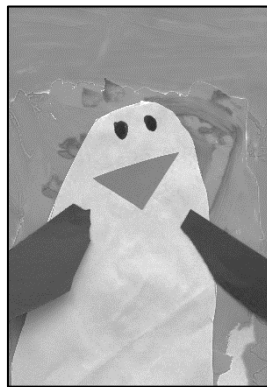
- Know their first and last name and be willing to give it when asked.
- Know their address and telephone number.
- Know their parents' first and last names (especially important if last names are different than the child's).
- Be able to dress and care for them self.
- Be able to follow simple directions.
- Be able to print their first name so it can be recognized.
- Be able to recognize their own printed name.
- Be able to speak in a voice loud enough so people can hear them when in front of a group.
- Be able to manage their emotions (anger, sadness, etc.).
- Be able to take responsibility for their own actions.
- Be able to listen quietly while others are talking.
- Be able to share, take turns, and play cooperatively with others.
- Be able to recognize and extend patterns.
- Be able to count 10-20 objects.
- Be able to recognize 40 letters either upper or lowercase.
- Be able to listen to a story and answer simple questions about it.
- Be able to use crayons, paste, and scissors and know what to do and what not to do with them.
- Be able to put together a simple puzzle.
- Be able to bounce and catch a ball.
- Be able to stand on one foot for five or more seconds.
- Show a desire to experiment and make things with materials such as paints, clay, and paper.
- Participate willingly in new experiences.



Vanessa,
Harwood Elementary School



Emily,
Holden Elementary School



Julie,
Cromie Elementary School



Charlie,
Willow Woods Elementary School

PREPARING FOR SCHOOL

Kindergarten is a big milestone for your child and you! It can be scary and stressful for your child, especially if this is your child's first experience in school. However, if you take some steps to prepare your child for this new experience, you can ease some of the anxiety and get your child's schooling off to a great start.

Tell your child what to expect. Your child needs to know about the teacher, the principal, and others who want to help. Talk with your child about what to expect during a typical school day, including classroom time, lunch and snacks, recess and bathroom breaks. The more your child knows about the details, the less anxious he/she will feel about the first days of school.

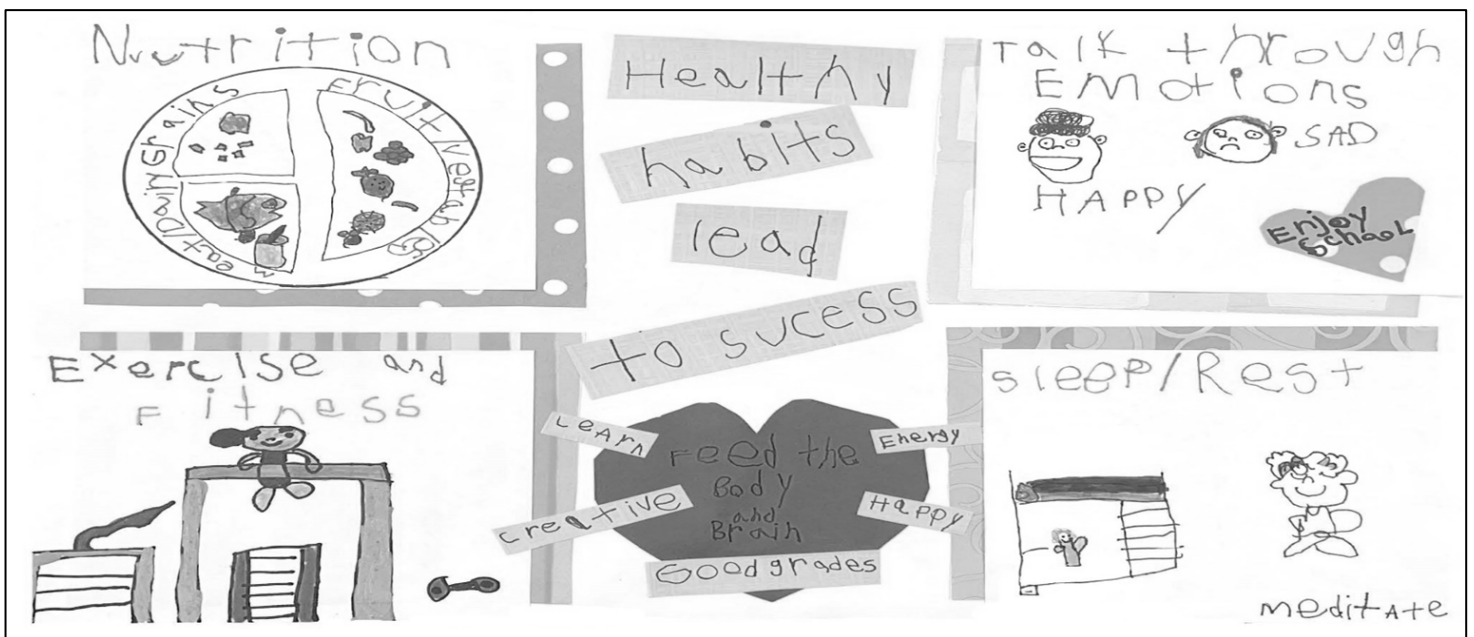
Rehearse for the big day.

Do a test-run of the new routine:

- Wake up at the time necessary to give your child plenty of time to get ready.
- Plan and fix a healthy breakfast.
- Lay out clothes the night before and make sure zippers, buttons and ties can be easily fastened.
- If your child takes a school bus, walk to the bus stop and talk about boarding the bus and where to sit. If you drive them to school, talk about landmarks along the way and pick-up and drop-off areas.
- If you are sending a lunch, make sure it is nutritious food that they like and can open. Juice boxes, fruit cups and zip lock bags can frustrate your child if they haven't had practice. Remind them to ask for help if needed. Lunch staff will be there to help.
- Go over the after-school routine, latchkey and evening schedule.
- Make sure your child knows your full name, address, and where you work.

Show an interest in what your child does. Remember that learning is fun! The things your child does at school are important. Your child wants you to show an interest in them too.

Getting and staying involved in your child's school. Visit the school website and social media sites to stay up to date on important dates and activities happening at the school. Speak with your child's teacher regularly, and if possible, participate in your school's booster organization.



ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

In order to begin Kindergarten, a **child must be five years old on or before September 1st** of the year he/she is entering school, OR if with a waiver, your **child turns 5 years old by December 1st**.

DO YOU LIVE IN THE WARREN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS ATTENDANCE AREA?

Verify that you live in (or are moving into) the Warren Consolidated Schools (WCS) attendance area by visiting the WCS Transportation website at <https://www.wcskids.net/Departments/Transportation/index.html> or call 586-825-2960. If you live outside the Warren Consolidated Schools attendance area, but live in Macomb County and want to attend WCS, you may apply through the **Schools of Choice Program** at <https://www.wcskids.net/Departments/Student-Services/Schools-of-Choice/index.html> or call 586-698-4478.

ALL REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND LINKS CAN BE FOUND ON THE STUDENT SERVICES WEBSITE
<https://www.wcskids.net/Departments/Student-Services/index.html>

Step 1 - Pre-Registration Enrollment **

Go to <https://ps.wcs.misd.net/public/formbuilder/form.html?formid=2682574>. This link will enable you to enter the basic demographic information.

WHAT IS PRE-REGISTRATION ENROLLMENT?

- The Pre-Registration is a public form used for families who wish to enroll in WCS.
- It is the first step in enrolling in WCS. This collects basic demographic information for families enrolling in WCS.

Step 2 - Receive Confirmation Email

You will receive a Welcome to Enrollment Express email from **enrollment@accelaschool.com** that your Pre-Registration was received. Your child's Pre-Registration will be reviewed by District staff. You will receive more information when it is processed and can take up to 24 hours. If you have questions or need assistance, please email **enrollment@wcskids.net**.

Step 3 - PowerSchool Parent Portal Account Set-Up

You will receive an additional email from **no_reply@wcskids.net** on how to create your PowerSchool Parent Portal Account using the provided Access ID and Access Password. The PowerSchool Parent Portal can be found at <https://ps.wcs.misd.net/public/>.

- **Add Student to an Existing Parent Portal Account**
Log into your Parent Portal Account. Using the Account Preferences tab, add your new student, using the provided Access ID and Access Password from the email.

PARENT PORTAL INSTRUCTIONS CAN BE FOUND AT THE STUDENT SERVICES WEBSITE
<https://www.wcskids.net/parentportal/>

Step 4 - Fill out Enrollment Forms A through Z

Please have the following documents ready to upload into the application:

- Child's certified birth certificate.
- Identification: Michigan driver's license, Michigan ID or passport of the parent or legal guardian.
- Residency: Property tax statement, current mortgage statement, signed lease or closing papers, **AND** a current utility bill.
- Immunization records.
- Vision, Hearing, and Dental Screening.
- Special Education Students ONLY - most recent IEP and/or a 504 Plan.

Step 5 - Acknowledge and Consent to information and documents submitted are correct - Final Step

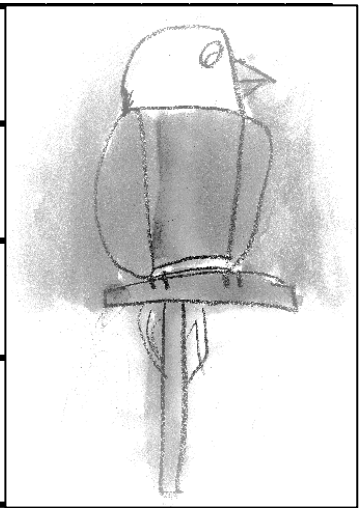
Once all forms have been submitted and reviewed, please bring to the Administration Building the birth certificate, identification, and any pertinent educational records such as Special Education records, IEP, etc. that you might have to complete the registration process.

For families without internet access or access to an electronic device, we offer enrollment kiosks at the WCS Administration Building located at 31300 Anita Warren, MI 48093, Monday – Thursday from 9 AM to 3:30 PM.

If you have questions, please visit the Student Services website at <http://www.wcs.k12.mi.us/Departments/Student-Services/index.html> or call 586-698-4478.

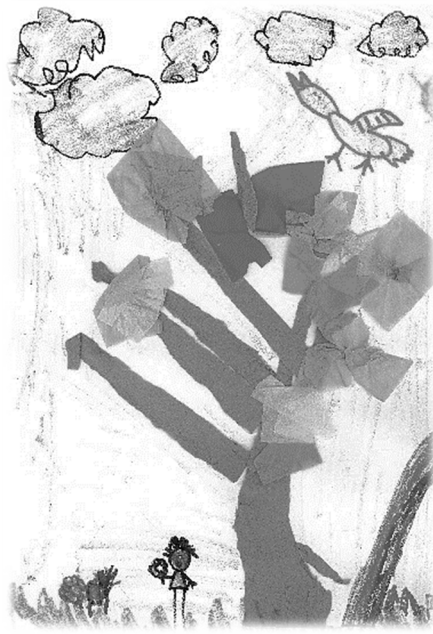
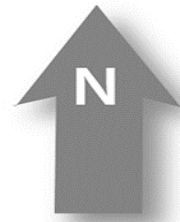
**** Please Note - The online registration tool is not compatible with older versions of the Internet Explorer browser. Please use Microsoft Edge browser, Firefox, or Google Chrome to complete the registration process.**

NOTES



Jonathan,
Wilde Elementary School

DISTRICT MAP



Wilma,
Harwood Elementary School

★ Student registration being held at:
 Warren Consolidated Schools
 Administration Building
 31300 Anita
 Warren, MI 48093
 North of 13 Mile Road
 and
 East of Van Dyke (M-53)

Warren Consolidated Schools



Early Childhood Programs in WCS

- Focus on Kindergarten preparation.
- Focus on Early Childhood objectives for development and learning including: social-emotional, physical health, language, cognitive, literacy, mathematics, science and technology, social studies, the arts, and English Language Acquisition.
- Experienced and dedicated teaching staff who are committed to fostering a love of learning and provide a positive introduction to the school setting.

Transitional Kindergarten

- FREE full-day program.
- Five days per week.
- For students who are born between September 1 and December 1, who would benefit from an additional year of growth between preschool and kindergarten, or who have limited early childhood experiences.
- A program that combines academics with critical social and emotional development standards for students not quite ready for traditional kindergarten.

World of Fours

- Must meet income eligibility guidelines and be a Macomb County resident to qualify.
- Half day and full day programs available.
- Must be 4 years old on or before September 1.
- Applications will be on-line in the spring.

Tuition-Based Preschool

- 30 week program.
- For students who will be 3 years of age on or before September 1; Class meets 2 days per week for 2 hours.

Early Childhood Special Education

- Special Education preschool program for children ages 3-6 with a current IEP
- Offers half-day programs and one full day program
- Classes taught by a certified special education teacher with one paraprofessional per classroom
- Skills taught include: communication, behavior training, fine motor, gross motor, and preschool academics individualized to the student

Project Find

- Concerns about your preschooler's communication, behavior, physical or cognitive skills?
- Concerns that your preschooler is developmentally delayed or might have autism?
- Call 586-698-4129 to request a Project Find preschool-age child screening today.



To help your child find their place in Warren Consolidated Schools, visit **WCSKIDS.NET** or call **888-4WCS-KIDS**.

*Dates, times, locations subject to change

WARREN CONSOLIDATED ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS



Black Elementary School
14100 Heritage Road
Sterling Heights, Michigan 48312
(586) 825-2840



Lean Elementary School
2825 Girard
Warren, MI 48092
(586) 574-3230



Cromie Elementary School
29797 Gilbert Drive
Warren, MI 48093
(586) 574-3160



Siersma Elementary School
3100 Donna
Warren, MI 48091
(586) 574-3174



Green Acres Elementary School
4655 Holmes
Warren, MI 48092
(586) 825-2890



Susick Elementary School
2200 Castleton
Troy, MI 48083
(586) 825-2665



Harwood Elementary School
4900 Southlawn
Sterling Heights, MI 48310
(586) 825-2650



Wilde Elementary School
32343 Bunert
Warren, MI 48088
(586) 294-8490



Holden Elementary School
37565 Calka Drive
Sterling Heights, MI 48310
(586) 825-2670



Wilkerson Elementary School
12100 Masonic
Warren, MI 48093
(586) 825-2550



Jefferson Elementary School
37555 Carol
Sterling Heights, MI 48310
(586) 825-2680



Willow Woods Elementary School
11001 Daniel Drive
Sterling Heights, MI 48312
(586) 825-2850



Rosalie, Wilkerson Elementary School