



May 22, 2020

Dear Families of Students Entering Kindergarten in 2020-2021:

We want to welcome the incoming class of New Panthers to the Pike-Delta-York Local School District! We're thrilled to have these students become a part of our Northwest Ohio District of Choice.

The ending of the 2019-2020 school year has understandably been affected in many ways by the state guidelines for keeping our students and families safe during this COVID-19 pandemic. The District has modified the typical Kindergarten Screening process for spring 2020 in light of these guidelines. Our goal is to keep everyone safe while getting ready for the 2020-2021 school year.

Kindergarten screening for the 2020-2021 school year will follow the details below:

- Your child must be 5 years old by August 1, 2020 to register.
- Parents must register their 2020-2021 kindergarten student through the District's online registration system, Final Forms, as soon as possible to ensure adequate supplies and staffing. Registration instructions for Final Forms are attached.
- The typical in-person kindergarten screening process will be adapted, and will be integrated into the kindergarten readiness assessments that take place in the fall of each school year. Students will participate in a combination of academic readiness screening, vision and hearing screening, and observational screening elements.
- An in-person screening/assessment appointment will be scheduled by the school and parents will receive a letter over the summer with their scheduled time. Appointments will take place on August 19, 20, 21, or 24, 2020.
- Incoming kindergarten students will not be assigned a teacher prior to the start of the 2020-2021 school year. Teacher assignments will be shared after the screening/readiness assessment process is completed. There will be a separate Open House for all kindergarten classes once teacher assignments have been announced. The date for this kindergarten Open House is Monday, August 24, 2020 from 5:00-6:30pm. The first day of school for all kindergarten students is Tuesday, August 25, 2020.
- A general kindergarten class supply lists will be posted with other grade-level supply lists so families may shop for most school supplies at one time.

We appreciate your understanding and support as we move forward and get ready for the newest class of Young Panthers. We are looking forward to meeting our new students and hope that you have a happy and healthy spring.

Any questions can be directed to the elementary office.

Sincerely,

Ellen Bernal, Elementary Principal