Knudsen Connection

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May 2022

Dear Parents,

About this time every year, many parents contact the school requesting teachers for their children for the upcoming school year. Placement decisions have become much more challenging as we strive to achieve the best placement for each child.

Our placement process is a team effort, done with great care. The initial classroom lists are drawn up and reviewed by the teachers and specialists involved with your child to ensure that we have considered all factors that create appropriate placement.

We strive to accomplish the following:

To provide a situation in which each child may learn best.

To provide a learning environment in which each parent will have confidence.

To pair teachers with children and parents creating partnerships that supports each child's success.

To provide representative, heterogeneous classes of equal size, capable of functioning as cohesive groups.

We always work to keep the best interests of the children in mind as we determine appropriate placements. As parents, you know your children better than anyone and may wish to share some information that will help us in this placement process.

If you would like to tell us something about your child that will aid us in the placement decision, **please put this information in a letter to me by Friday, May 20th**. *We would ask that you refrain from naming a specific teacher in your letter, rather tell us about how your child learns best. For example, "My child works best in a highly structured environment and I would prefer he/she be placed with a structured teacher."* **Please do not approach your child's teacher with a specific teacher request.** All information relative to your child's placement should be directed to me in your letter.

Please be assured that, with or without a letter from parents, the staff will review each child's individual needs and select the classroom situation in which we believe he/she will learn best.

Sincerely,

Laura Smith

Families,

Please contact the office if your student(s) will not be returning in the fall. (248) 682-7300

Our staff would like to thank everyone who offered a kind word, gesture, or gift this week. We love our Knudsen Family and really felt the love during Teacher Appreciation Week.

Thank you Knudsen PTA for planning so many fun things for staff this week. Each day was full of fun surprises.

Thank you to the following businesses for their contributions:

Massage Green
Dave & Amy's
Fino's
Clarkston Tap
Pop's Restaurant
Beewaxed Cosmetics
Shark's Club
Tropical Smoothie
Olga's
Firehouse Subs
Guido's Pizza
Applebee's
Buffalo Wild Wings
Papa Romano's
Tubby's
Lucky Duck Pizza
Speedway
Leo's Coney Island
McDonald's

Appropriate Dress

At this time of year, the weather is not always consistent, alternating between warm and cold days. Please check the weather before your child dresses for school. We would like to remind you that appropriate dress is required at Knudsen. Tops must have straps that are three finger widths wide (no spaghetti straps), no halter tops or crop tops (bare midriff.) In addition, shorts/skirts must be an appropriate length. We do not encourage wearing of flip flops because they are dangerous to run/play in on the playground. Please have your child wear closed-toe shoes. Please keep an extra pair of clothes in your child's locker or backpack in case they need to change.

Parent Portal

Now is a good time to make sure you have access to your parent portal. Please go to https://mistar.oakland.k12.mi.us/waterford/parentportal/

Enter your pin and password. Here is where you will view your students emergency information, schedule, and grades. This is also how you register for the next school year over the summer.

If you don't have a pin and password, because you are new to the district or just have never gotten them, click the **Need Your Login Information?** link below the PIN and Password boxes, enter the email address the District has on file for you, and your PIN and Password will be sent to that email address.

If you need assistance, please call (248) 682-2648.

Covid 19 Test Kits

The Waterford School District has obtained free COVID-19 home test kits through the MI Backpack Home Test Program. Our school has been supplied with a limited number of test kits available for students and staff. Please reach out to the school's office if you are interested in receiving a free COVID-19 home test kit. There is a limited number of test kits available. Kits will only be provided to parents for pick up.

Arrival/Dismissal Reminders

The safety of our students is important at Knudsen. We kindly remind you to adhere to the following procedures:

*Please remember the car loop is for car pick-up only. If you want to park and exit your vehicle, you should walk to the front door of the building and meet your child. **Please do not walk to the car loop to get your child.**

*Do not drop your child off on the road and have them run across the front driveway, use the loop on the side of the building.

*Please park in designated parking spaces only. Only vehicles with a handicap designation should be parking in handicap parking spaces.

*There is a specific traffic flow in the front. Cars should exit through the far parking lot and down the dirt road to the corner where the crossing guard stands. Do not exit the bus entrance by the dumpster.

*If you need to make any changes to your student's dismissal procedures, please contact the office **before** 3:30 so we have enough time to get messages to classrooms**. Do not send your child's teacher a message, as they are teaching and may not see it.**

*Please make sure children are picked up on time. If not, they will be sent to child care, and you will be charged a fee.

We encourage you to be patient, show consideration to others, and to follow our drop off/pick up procedures. We realize that you may be in a hurry, but the safety of our students must be the number one priority of everyone.

Knudsen Elementary
2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

No School for Students

9/3-9/6.....Labor Day Recess
11/2.....Professional development
11/24-11/26..... Thanksgiving Break
12/22-1/2.....Winter Break
1/17 ..... Martin Luther King Jr Day
2/18-2/21 ..... Mid-Winter Break
3/28-4/1.....Spring Break
4/15.....Good Friday
5/30.....Memorial Day

1/2 Days for Students

10/29.....District-wide
11/5.....Elementary
11/23 .....Elementary
1/21.....Elementary
2/17 ..... .District-wide
3/9 ..... .District-wide
3/25..... .District-wide
5/27 ..... .District-wide
6/10.....District-wide

Dismissal time on half days for Knudsen students — 11:57 a.m.

Do you have a new Kindergartener for the 2022/2023 school year?

OAKLAND COUNTY MICHIGAN
HEALTH DIVISION
DAVID COULTER
OAKLAND COUNTY EXECUTIVE

FREE HEARING & VISION SCREENING

Available to children who live & learn in Oakland County

Help your child develop and learn by identifying a hearing or vision problem early.
Call **248.424.7070** for more information or to schedule an appointment.

FOUR LOCATIONS TO BETTER SERVE YOU

PONTIAC
1200 N Telegraph Rd
Bldg. 34 E
Pontiac, MI 48341

SOUTHFIELD
27725 Greenfield Rd
Southfield, MI 48076

NEW HUDSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
56730 Grand River Rd
New Hudson, MI 48165

WALLED LAKE CHURCH OF CHRIST
1403 N. Pontiac Tr.
Walled Lake, MI 48390

Limited availability at the New Hudson Methodist Church and Walled Lake Church of Christ.
Michigan law requires hearing and vision screening before entering kindergarten. Testing done in preschool by a Public Health Technician, licensed eye care practitioner, or doctor's office will also fulfill this requirement.

Nurse On Call Public Health Information
800.848.5533 NOC@OakGov.com
OakGov.com/Health
@PublicHealthOC

The Oakland County Health Division will not deny participation in its programs based on race, sex, religion, national origin, age, or disability. State & federal eligibility requirements apply for certain programs.

Michigan Law (Public Health Code, Act 368 and the 1976 Revised School Code, Act 451) states your child needs a vision test before going to kindergarten.