

STEPANSKI NEWSLETTER

February/March 2026

New Stepanski Principal

Hello Stepanski Families,

I am excited to officially introduce myself as the new Principal of Stepanski Early Childhood Center. My name is Joann O'Rourke and I am truly grateful for the opportunity to serve your children and families. For the past 26 years I have worked in early elementary education across several schools in our district. I am honored to support your family as your children transition into elementary school. Stepanski has always held a special place in my heart as my own children attended many, many, years ago.

Warmly,
Joann O'Rourke
Stepanski Principal
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New Program Specialist

Lisa Gryglak has had a long career in early childhood will ensure our staff and programs are fully supported with the most current information in education.



Enrollment

Enroll now for preschool, junior kindergarten, and kindergarten. If you are unsure which program is the best fit for your child, reach out and we would love to help!

Open House

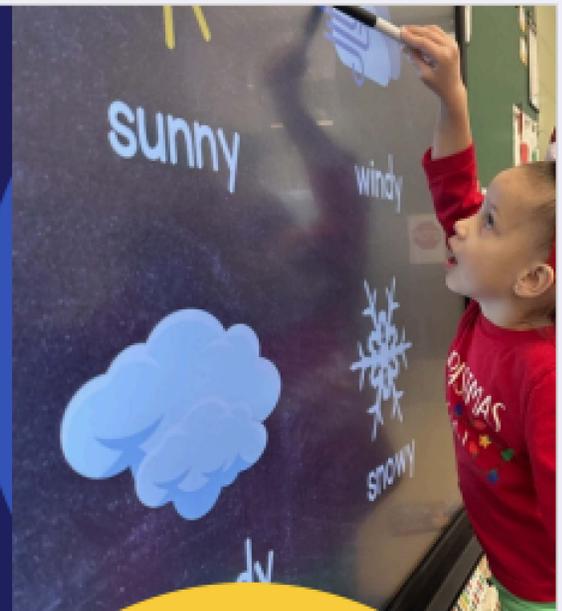
Calling all families interested in preschool! Please attend Saturday, February 21st from 10-12. See our classrooms, meet our teachers and enroll!



STEPANSKI EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

OPEN HOUSE

- Take a tour of our state-of-the-art school, and meet our amazing staff.
- Complete a registration folder beforehand and bring the necessary paperwork for immediate enrollment. Alternatively, sign up for a registration appointment.



February 21, 2026



10 a.m.-1 p.m.



6010 Hatchery Road
Waterford, MI 48329



248-666-9593



Scan QR Code to RSVP

The following documents are needed to complete enrollment:
Birth certificate, immunizations, lease or mortgage statement, two current utility bills and a driver's license.



Junior Kindergarten



Who qualifies:

Children who turn 5 years old between June and December 1st. Goals for JK students: play collaboratively, build attention span and stamina, increase fine motor skills, promote independence, develop social and emotional skills and conflict resolution.

JK provides young 5's with the opportunity to interact socially throughout the day. This is done through facilitated play, small and large group instruction and social & behavioral instruction. JK directly teaches pre-learners skills and gives children the time to practice and develop the behaviors of listening, sitting, waiting, accepting disappointment, taking turns and transitioning.

Purpose:

- Prepare young children for kindergarten
- Pace a curriculum that progressively reinforces and expands early academic skills.
- Provide age appropriate instruction that supports their development in the areas of social/emotional development and independence.
- Promote, empower and inspire confident learners.

Houghton Elementary

Donelson Hills Elementary

Grayson Elementary

Enroll now

Central Enrollment



248-681-2076





Kindergarten ROUNDUP

Please Join Us!

Thursday, March 5 at 6 p.m.

Attend the event at your child's elementary school!

**Beaumont | Cooley | Donelson Hills | Grayson
Haviland | Houghton | Knudsen | Riverside | Schoolcraft**

★ **Meet your principal and teachers!**

Get your Class of 2039 T-shirt!



★ **Explore your building!**

**To Enroll Your Child,
Visit Central Enrollment!**

**Enroll online at
www.wsdmi.org/enrollment**

or in person at:

Central Enrollment

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WSD Early On



Helping Little Ones Learn and Grow (0-36 months)

The first years of your baby's life are very important, and children learn and grow at different rates. If you have any questions about how your baby is developing or if you think that he or she might need extra help, don't worry but don't wait.

How does Early On work?

- Complete a referral.

If you are concerned about your infant or toddler, begin an online referral at 1800earlyon.org or call 1-800-EarlyOn.

- We meet with your child and your family.

A service coordinator will set up the appointment for an evaluation. Your Early On team will look at how your child grows and learns (e.g. thinking, talking, moving, hearing, seeing, responding to others, and taking care of basic needs).

- Together we establish a plan.

Eligible children and their families will participate in an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) meeting. At this meeting, you and your Early On team will write your IFSP using all of the information that has been gathered so far about your child and your family.

- Services are delivered.

Your provider will support your family the entire time you're in Early On. The provider will make sure your family understands your Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP), help your family understand your rights, ensure that your services are delivered on time, and continuously seek appropriate resources and supports to benefit the development of your child during his or her time in Early On.

Don't worry but don't wait.

1800earlyon.org or 1-800-EARLY ON