



Oh, the exciting things your child will learn in

KINDERGARTEN!

Attend Kindergarten Orientation at your school
March 14-April 3 (see page 2)

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ATTEND KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION AT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL

Mark your calendars now so you can attend Kindergarten Orientation, a special event for parents/guardians and kindergartners who are starting school in Fall 2012. You'll meet teachers, the principal, and other staff; tour the school; hear how you can support your child's education; and learn all about kindergarten in Osseo Area Schools!

To complete your child's enrollment, visit our Enrollment Center, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (check for occasional office hour adjustments: www.district279.org), or stop by any elementary school listed below to drop off your enrollment materials.

School	Kindergarten Orientation	
Basswood Elementary	Tuesday, March 20	5-6:30 p.m.
Birch Grove Elementary School for the Arts	Tuesday, March 20	6-7 p.m.
Cedar Island Elementary	Tuesday, March 20	5:30-6:45 p.m.
Crest View Elementary	Thursday, March 22	6-7 p.m.
Edinbrook Elementary	Tuesday, March 20	5:30-6:30 p.m. (please arrive at 5 p.m. if submitting enrollment materials)
Elm Creek Elementary	Tuesday, March 20	6-7 p.m.
Fair Oaks Elementary	Wednesday, March 14	5-5:30 p.m. free dinner 5:30-7 p.m. orientation
Fernbrook Elementary	Tuesday, March 20	4-6 p.m.
Garden City Elementary	Tuesday, March 20	10-11 a.m. or 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Palmer Lake Elementary	Thursday, March 22	6-7:15 p.m.
Park Brook Elementary	Thursday, March 22	6:15-7:15 p.m.
Rice Lake Elementary	Tuesday, April 3	9:30-11 a.m. or 6-7:30 p.m.
Rush Creek Elementary	Wednesday, March 14	5-6:30 p.m. (please arrive at 4:30 p.m. if submitting enrollment materials)
Weaver Lake Elementary: A Science, Math & Technology School	Tuesday, March 20	6-7:30 p.m. (please arrive at 5:30 p.m. if submitting enrollment materials following lottery selection)
Woodland Elementary	Tuesday, March 20	5-6 p.m. (please arrive at 4:30 p.m. if submitting enrollment materials)
Zanewood Community School	Wednesday, March 14	5-6 p.m.

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KINDERGARTEN OPTIONS

*Choices allow you to pick the best fit for your child and family**

HALF-DAY, EVERY DAY KINDERGARTEN

A morning or afternoon program; see locations on page 5

Half-Day, Every Day Kindergarten offers a 2½-hour adventure in learning. Students are assigned to a morning or afternoon session, depending on school bus routing.

A typical daily schedule includes reading, math, social studies, science, art, story time, and social interaction with peers. Licensed teachers in music and physical education offer specialized instruction. Students use the media center on a regular basis and participate in field trips and all-school activities such as assemblies.

FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN

A tuition-free option for students who live in the attendance areas for Crest View, Fair Oaks, Garden City, Palmer Lake, Park Brook, and Zanewood

Full-Day Kindergarten provides extra support for first-grade readiness. Students spend all day with a licensed kindergarten teacher to gain the skills needed to succeed in first grade. A combination of state funds pays the full-day costs.

** Kindergarten options vary, depending on attendance area and school choice.*

In Osseo Area Schools, we know kindergarten is an important step in your child's life. Our kindergarten program is student-centered and is taught by experienced staff who love children and are dedicated to helping your child achieve. (Kindergarten options vary; see locations on page 5.)

TUITION-BASED ALL-DAY OPTIONS

See page 7 to compare Kindergarten Crew and Kindergarten Extra features and fees

KINDERGARTEN CREW

Tuition-based Kindergarten Crew combines half-day kindergarten with a half-day of activities led by skilled child care instructors, enhancing what your child is learning in kindergarten. Your child will learn through fun, hands-on experiences, including learning labs and weekly themes. The Kindergarten Crew program is closely aligned with the kindergarten curriculum.

To register, return the completed Kindergarten Crew registration form with the rest of your enrollment materials.

KINDERGARTEN EXTRA

Tuition-based Kindergarten Extra combines half-day kindergarten with a half-day of enrichment activities led by your child's kindergarten teacher, providing an option for students who are ready for a longer school day.

Apply by March 9; return the completed Kindergarten Extra application with the rest of your enrollment materials. If applications exceed available space, a lottery will be held on March 12, with notification by March 15.

To be eligible to enroll in Kindergarten Extra at a particular school, students must either:

- live in that school's attendance area; or
- have been accepted for enrollment in that school through the school choice process (non-resident open enrollment or in-district resident transfer). For information about school choice, please visit <http://d279.us/gc97> or scan this code:



MAGNET SCHOOLS (SPECIALTY THEME SCHOOLS)

Magnet schools allow students to deepen their learning in special focus areas.

At **BIRCH GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS**, core curriculum is integrated with music, dance, drama and visual arts for daily classroom instruction. Arts-rich electives and arts troupes provide additional opportunities for students to “learn through our passion for the arts!”

At **WEAVER LAKE ELEMENTARY: A SCIENCE, MATH & TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL**, students learn by inquiring about the world around them. Students who discover answers and solve challenges through reading, research, and investigation become lifelong learners.

To apply for kindergarten enrollment at either Birch Grove or Weaver Lake, submit your completed application by the priority deadline of January 15, 2012.

Magnet school applications may be submitted online at www.nws.k12.mn.us/MagnetApp.html.

For assistance with the magnet school application, contact the Enrollment Center at 763-585-7350.

After January 15, magnet school applications will be accepted on a space-available basis.

Have you heard? Birch Grove Elementary School for the Arts and Weaver Lake Elementary: A Science, Math & Technology School have earned national recognition for excellence.

GET ON THE BIG SCHOOL BUS!



Kindergarten students who live one-half mile or more from their attendance area school are eligible for school bus transportation. Within district guidelines, transportation to magnet schools is provided at no cost to students who enroll through the Northwest Suburban Integration School District. Parents/guardians of students enrolled at other schools through enrollment options (intra-district transfers) are responsible for their child’s transportation.

QUESTIONS?

If you have questions about kindergarten enrollment, please call the Enrollment Center at 763-585-7350, or e-mail enrollmentcenter@district279.org.



KINDERGARTEN AND CHILD CARE OPTIONS

See page 3 for descriptions of kindergarten programs. Note: Kindergarten Extra sites require minimum enrollments.

Basswood Elementary
15425 Bass Lake Road, Maple Grove
763-494-3858
8:50 am - 3:20 pm
Dennis Palm, Principal
Half-Day Kindergarten
Kindergarten Crew
Kindergarten Extra
Before- and After-School Care (Kidstop)

Birch Grove Elementary
School for the Arts
4690 Brookdale Drive, Brooklyn Park
763-561-1374
9:30 am - 4 pm
Jeff Zastrow, Principal
Half-Day Kindergarten
Kindergarten Crew
Before- and After-School Care (Kidstop)

Cedar Island Elementary Gr. PK-3
6777 Hemlock Lane, Maple Grove
763-425-5855
9:30 am - 4 pm
Dan Wald, Principal
Half-Day Kindergarten
Kindergarten Crew
Kindergarten Extra
Before- and After-School Care (Kidstop)

Crest View Elementary
8200 Zane Avenue N., Brooklyn Park
763-561-5165
8:50 am - 3:20 pm
Suzette Erickson, Principal
Full-Day Kindergarten

Edinbrook Elementary
8925 Zane Avenue N., Brooklyn Park
763-493-4737
8:50 am - 3:20 pm
Tony Hudson, Principal
Half-Day Kindergarten
Kindergarten Crew
Before- and After-School Care (Kidstop)

Elm Creek Elementary
9830 Revere Lane N., Maple Grove
763-425-0577
8:50 am - 3:20 pm
Jim Meyer, Principal
Half-Day Kindergarten
Kindergarten Crew
Before- and After-School Care (Kidstop)

Fair Oaks Elementary Gr. PK-3
5600 – 65th Avenue N., Brooklyn Park
763-533-2246
9:30 am - 4 pm
Phil Sadler, Principal
Full-Day Kindergarten

Fernbrook Elementary
9661 Fernbrook Lane, Maple Grove
763-420-8888
8:50 am - 3:20 pm
Wendy Biallas-Odell, Principal
Half-Day Kindergarten
Kindergarten Crew
Kindergarten Extra
Before- and After-School Care (Kidstop)

Garden City Elementary
3501 – 65th Ave. N., Brooklyn Center
763-561-9768
9:30 am - 4 pm
Todd Tischer, Principal
Full-Day Kindergarten

Palmer Lake Elementary
7300 W. Palmer Lake Dr., Brooklyn Park
763-561-1930
8:50 am - 3:20 pm
Tim Brown, Principal
Full-Day Kindergarten
Before- and After-School Care (Kidstop)

Park Brook Elementary
7400 Hampshire Ave. N., Brooklyn Park
763-561-6870
8:50 am - 3:20 pm
Scott Taylor, Principal
Full-Day Kindergarten

Rice Lake Elementary
13755 – 89th Ave. N., Maple Grove
763-420-4220
8:50 am - 3:20 pm
Mark French, Principal
Half-Day Kindergarten
Kindergarten Crew
Before- and After-School Care (Kidstop)

Rush Creek Elementary
8801 County Road 101, Maple Grove
763-494-4549
9:30 am - 4 pm
Don Johnson, Principal
Half-Day Kindergarten
Kindergarten Crew
Kindergarten Extra
Before- and After-School Care (Kidstop)

Weaver Lake Elementary:
A Science, Math, & Technology School
15900 Weaver Lake Rd., Maple Grove
763-420-3337
9:30 am - 4 pm
Gretchen Peel, Principal
Half-Day Kindergarten
Kindergarten Crew
Before- and After-School Care (Kidstop)

Woodland Elementary
4501 Oak Grove Pkwy., Brooklyn Park
763-315-6400
9:30 am - 4 pm
Linda Perdaems, Principal
Half-Day Kindergarten
Kindergarten Crew
Kindergarten Extra
Before- and After-School Care (Kidstop)

Zanewood Community School
7000 Zane Ave. N., Brooklyn Park
763-561-9077
9:30 am - 4 pm
Carol Rowan, Principal
Full-Day Kindergarten
Before- and After-School Care (Kidstop)

Questions? Call one of our helpful Enrollment Center advisors!

Enrollment Center
7051 Brooklyn Boulevard, Brooklyn Center
763-585-7350
enrollmentcenter@district279.org

CHILD CARE FOR BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL (KIDSTOP)

To register for child care before or after school, complete and return the Kidstop enrollment form, along with application fee.

KIDSTOP (BEFORE- AND AFTER-SCHOOL CARE)

Kidstop, our tuition-based before- and after-school child care program, helps make life easier for busy working parents.

Students can arrive as early as 6:30 am and stay as late as 6 pm, up to five days per week, depending on your child care needs.

Kidstop instructors regularly communicate with kindergarten teachers. Instructors use the “Efficacious (*I Can*) Learning Framework” that helps students build skills in communication, problem solving, self-direction, responsibility and resourcefulness.

The program is open on most non-school days and during the summer before kindergarten.

See Kidstop childcare locations on page 5 and fee information on page 7.

HOW TO ENROLL

Complete and return the Kidstop enrollment form, along with the application fee.

SUMMER CARE

We’re offering a program that’s just right for students entering kindergarten next fall: it’s our summer Kidstop program, “Just Move!”

The logo for "Just Move SUMMER 2012" features the words "Just Move" in a large, bold, black font with a green outline. Below it, "SUMMER 2012" is written in a smaller, green, blocky font. The background of the logo is a light gray with a faint, larger version of the "Just Move" text.

Join the fun as we partner with Lifetime Fitness and others for a summer of learning and activities that promote a healthy lifestyle. Through fun, hands-on activities, your child will learn about health, nutrition and fitness while building skills in literacy, learning, and play. It’s the perfect program to jumpstart your child’s kindergarten readiness, all in a caring and engaging environment.

Regardless of your child’s school of enrollment next fall, he or she can be part of the summer care program offered at the following elementary schools: Basswood, Edinbrook, Elm Creek, and Rush Creek.

Watch for the summer enrollment flyer mailed to your home (also available at catchtheenergy.org)

For more information about Kidstop, visit the Kidstop blog at <http://d279.us/gd49> or scan this code:



KINDERGARTEN FEE-BASED OPTIONS

Features	1/2 Day Kindergarten + Kindergarten Crew	Kindergarten Extra
Licensed Teacher	Yes, 1/2 day Kdgn session only	Yes, all day
Developmentally Appropriate Curriculum	Yes	Yes
Phy Ed and Music	1 each every 6 days	daily, on alternating basis
District Kindergarten Curriculum	Yes	Yes
Theme-Based	Yes	Yes
Family Special Events	Yes	Yes
School Lunch Option	Yes	Yes
Recess	Yes	Yes
Field Trips	Yes	No
Play Time	Yes	Yes
Learning Centers	Yes	Yes
Media Center/Library	Yes	Yes
County day care assistance for eligible families	Yes	Yes
Eligible for partial scholarships if families meet criteria	Occasionally	Yes
3-5 day rates available	Yes	No
How to enroll	Enroll through Enrollment Center	Apply through Enrollment Center; lottery if applications exceed available space
Annual tuition	\$3,284	\$3,843

2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR TUITION, SEPTEMBER 4, 2012-JUNE 6, 2013

The chart below shows tuition for both programs, based on five days per week.

Convenient credit card payments! (add \$5/month)

	School Year Tuition
Kindergarten Crew	\$3,284
Kindergarten Crew including either before OR after school care	\$4,875
Kindergarten Crew including both before AND after school care	\$5,837
<p><i>Kindergarten Crew also offers rates for fewer than five days and for non-school days; choose the option that works best for your family's needs! Visit http://d279.us/ge8c for more detailed fee options.</i></p>	
Kindergarten Extra	\$3,843
Kindergarten Extra including either before OR after school care	\$5,434
Kindergarten Extra including both before AND after school care	\$6,396



KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT

Enrollment is easy! Questions? Call 763-585-7350 or e-mail enrollmentcenter@district279.org

JANUARY 15, 2012

First priority deadline for magnet schools, intra-district transfers, and open enrollment

If you're interested in our national award-winning specialty schools (Birch Grove Elementary School for the Arts and Weaver Lake Elementary: A Science, Math and Technology School), be sure to apply by January 15 for priority consideration. Intra-district transfers and non-resident students are urged to apply by January 15, as well.

WINTER 2012

Complete and return enrollment materials

Complete and return the forms you received in the January mailing, or download them from www.district279.org. Turn in your completed forms during regular office hours at any of our 17 elementary schools or the Enrollment Center, 7051 Brooklyn Boulevard, Brooklyn Center. (For magnet school application information, see page 4.) The Enrollment Center offers a one-stop shop for enrollment, with an on-site immunization clinic and other services available.

Schedule Early Childhood Screening

Early Childhood Screening is required for entrance to kindergarten and is available at no cost to all children ages three through five. Screening includes a check of vision, hearing, and developmental progress; a review of immunizations and family information; and an individual consultation with parents regarding the child's progress and any identified needs. **Please call 763-391-8776 to schedule your appointment as soon as possible.**

MARCH 9, 2012

Second priority deadline for magnet schools, intra-district transfers, and open enrollment; Kindergarten Extra application deadline

SPRING 2012

Attend Kindergarten Orientation

See dates on page 2.

Update your child's immunizations

State law requires written proof that kindergartners have been immunized against the following: diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (DTP); measles, mumps and rubella (MMR); polio; varicella (chicken pox); and hepatitis B. If you have questions about these immunizations or the free immunization clinic, please call our enrollment advisors at 763-585-7350.

MAY 4, 2012

Third priority deadline (final lottery) for magnet schools, intra-district transfers, and open enrollment

SUMMER 2012


Watch your mail for information about Half-Day Kindergarten assignment, transportation, and fall Open House!

Half-Day Kindergarten students will be notified of their morning or afternoon assignment in August. Spend the summer reading to your child, practicing readiness skills, and preparing for your child's exciting first day of school!

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Our mission is to inspire and prepare all students with the confidence, courage and competence to achieve their dreams; contribute to community; and engage in a lifetime of learning.