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Dates set for 2017-2018 kindergarten registration sessions at each school

The North Syracuse Central School District has announced its registration dates for 2017-2018 kindergarten students. Home schools are in the process of mailing appointment letters to families that will be registering known new students. In order for your child to enter school next fall, he or she must be five (5) years old on or before December 1, 2017.

Elementary schools are holding registration at individual schools on the following dates **by appointment**. Families will receive an appointment letter from their child's home school in February. Families who will be registering a new kindergarten student and who have not received their letter by the 3rd week in February, should contact the school to schedule an appointment.

Kindergarten registration will take place by appointment at the following locations on the dates and times:

School	Date(s)	Time(s)
Allen Road Elementary (315) 218-2300	March 15, 2017	12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. AND 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
K.W.S. Bear Road Elementary (315) 218-2400	March 15, 2017	8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Cicero Elementary (315) 218-2500	March 8, 2017	12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. AND 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Lakeshore Road Elementary (315) 218-2600	March 7, 2017	12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. AND 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Roxboro Road Elementary (315) 218-2700	March 8, 2017	12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. AND 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Smith Road Elementary (315) 218-2800	March 21, 2017	12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. AND 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Any questions you may have regarding your child's registration can be answered by calling your child's home school.

The following items must be brought to registration:

Parent identification, proof of birth, verification of your child's immunization record, proof of residency (mortgage statement, lease agreement, purchase offer and/or utility bill - driver's license is NOT acceptable) and custody papers, if applicable.

You must attend the registration session at your child's home school. If you miss the above sessions and need to register your child for kindergarten, please register at the North Syracuse Central School District Office, 5355 West Taft Road, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. or 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Non-Public School Transportation Notification Applications must be filed prior to April 1

To parents and guardians of students residing in the North Syracuse Central School District: As required by New York State Law, applications for bus transportation to and from private and parochial schools and to and from day care (within homeschool attendance zone) must be filed prior to April 1, 2017.

Applications may be picked up and returned to the North Syracuse Central School District Transportation Department, 5520 East Taft Road, North Syracuse, NY 13212.

Applications can also be obtained on the North Syracuse Central School District's website (www.nscsd.org/transapp) and returned to the Transportation Center, located at 5520 East Taft Road, North Syracuse, NY 13212.

If you need further information, please call the Transportation Department at 218-2107.

We Want to Hear From You!

North Syracuse Central School District
Community Survey

Your Opinion Matters!

www.nscsd.org/NSCSDComsurvey

Please take our survey by February 28, 2017

DATED MATERIAL – PLEASE RUSH

Thoughts from the Superintendent; Fostering a Respectful Culture

Recently, our District Advisory Council met to further explore the five key themes that emerged from our Vision work involving various groups on what our educational environment should look like if we truly honor our mission:

- Local businesses and community involvement in our schools,
- Honoring diversity, differentiation and student choice in response to learning styles,
- Redesigning collaborative instructional spaces to enhance learning,
- District wide expectations for student behavior,
- And respectful communication among all.

In each of the five areas we addressed the questions: How do we make this happen? And, what is the budgetary impact?

As we launch into budget season, priorities will be considered based on the work we have done in this area.

I would ask that we draw our attention to the last theme listed above: **Respectful communication among all**. The good news here is that treating each other with respect does not have a budgetary impact. There is no direct cost; yet, we could say that respect is priceless!

Over the last few years, throughout our school community, much has been talked about concerning the need to create a culture which fosters respect. First and foremost, this pertains to our students and we are underway with addressing this by working toward consistent expectations for student behavior throughout our district. However, respectful communication among all goes beyond our student population. It pertains to staff and student interactions, interactions among staff, and also parent and community interactions with members of our staff. If we are truly going to make a difference in our overall culture, we must all be conscious of acting and speaking respectfully in our day-to-day interactions.

In an effort to move toward a respectful culture, I would continue to encourage parents and community members to bring concerns to our attention through phone calls or e-mails. If you have questions pertaining to your child, first contact your child’s teacher to discuss your concerns. The next step, if unsettled, would be to contact your child’s building principal. Any concerns unable to be resolved at the building level, should then be brought to the attention of district administration.

By following these simple steps, and communicating in a respectful manner, we can work together for the benefit of our students.

In addition, as members of the overall school community, we can all help each other as we strive to be good role models for our students by acting and speaking in a respectful manner!

With the utmost respect,

Annette Speech

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Superintendent of Schools

Educating Our Future!
How Equitable Funding Promotes School Success
An important community event for North Syracuse AND Liverpool School District families!

New York State’s highest court ruled that schools must receive enough State Aid to provide a sound basic public education. For the past 10 years, New York has ignored the court ruling, depriving North Syracuse and Liverpool students of almost \$300 million! Our students will lose more than \$12 million in aid this year alone. Please attend this event to find out how inequitable funding is undermining your child’s future and what you can do to ensure that we get our fair share of school aid.

March 9 • 7:00-8:00 p.m. • North Syracuse Junior High School

Find out more:
nscsd.org or liverpool.k12.ny.us




North Syracuse Central School District Mission Statement

The students, residents and staff of the North Syracuse Central School District will work collaboratively to ensure a respectful and diversified learning environment.

Our collective focus is to provide educational experiences and opportunities that inspire students to reach their individual potential as productive citizens.

