

Dear Parent/Guardian:

I would like to invite you to attend a special Kindergarten registration meeting at the Edith M. Decker School on Thursday, February 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. At this time, you will have an opportunity to meet Teachers, Administrators and Support Staff that will be working with your children. You will receive a registration packet and have any questions regarding registration answered. Only children who will be five years old on or before October 1, 2010 may be registered.

Parents must call the Main Office at Decker School (973-398-6400 x110) to r.s.v.p. If you are unable to attend the meeting you must call the Superintendent's Office (973-398-6400 x111) to make other arrangements to register. When registering, you must present **copies** of the child's birth certificate and immunization records, as follows:

1. **DPT --** **Four** doses of DPT, with one dose on or after the 4th birthday.
2. **Polio --** **Three** polio vaccines, with one dose on or after the 4th birthday.
3. **Measles --** **Two** doses of a measles-containing vaccine both given after the 1st birthday (preferably MMR). Each measles vaccine must be separated by at least one month.
4. **Rubella (German Measles) – One** rubella vaccine on or after the 1st birthday.
5. **Mumps --** **One** mumps vaccine on or after the 1st birthday.
6. **Hepatitis B --** **Three** doses of Hepatitis B vaccine prior to school entry.
7. **Varicella (Chicken Pox) – One** varicella vaccine on or after the 1st birthday.
8. **A Recent Physical** – is required within one year of the student's date of entry into the school, certifying your child's health status. The form for the physical and the immunizations must be completed by your family physician and submitted (prior to June 1, 2010) to the School Nurse.

Registration packets will be distributed and registration will be expedited by returning all forms on or before Thursday, February 4, 2010. You may complete the forms at the February 4th meeting or at home and return them by Friday, February 12th. No child will be permitted to begin school until all of the necessary requirements have been met.

KINDERGARTEN READINESS, VISION AND HEARING SCREENINGS

Before entering Kindergarten, each student must be screened for vision, hearing and readiness skills. These screenings are mandatory and enable us to best plan for your child's arrival at school.

At the time of the registration meeting you will have an opportunity to register for the screenings. Please be prepared to bring your calendars in order to schedule a time for you and your child to meet with our Child Study Team, Speech Teacher, and School Nurse.

Sincerely,

Jane Mullins Jameson
Superintendent of Schools

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PROJECT CHILD FIND

Under New Jersey Administrative Code, Chapter 14, Title 6A, the responsibility of systematically locating preschool-age handicapped children rests with the individual school district. If you have a child 3 to 21 years of age whom you suspect may have a handicapping condition, please contact our Child Study Team at 973-398-4400 Extension #319 to obtain information regarding Early Intervention Programs.

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