

## News Release

The West Holmes Class of 2031 kindergarten registration (entering school, August, 2018) will begin on February 1. Parents having children who will be five years of age on or before August 1, 2018 are asked to call and register their child at the elementary school the child will attend, by April 6, 2018. It is important that you call by this date.

When parents call, you will be asked some basic information about your child, and you will schedule a time for kindergarten screening. A registration packet will be mailed out to you in April to be completed and brought to kindergarten screening later in April. **It is also very important that you bring a copy of your child's birth certificate and proof of residency with you to kindergarten screening so that we have all the necessary paperwork on file that we need. We look forward to seeing you and your child in April.**

### **Kindergarten screening dates are:**

April 10 – Clark (am only)  
April 12 – Millersburg (am only)  
April 13 – Millersburg  
April 17 – Killbuck  
April 19 - Nashville

Clark Elementary	330-674-7936
Killbuck Elementary	330-276-2891
Millersburg Elementary	330-674-5681
Nashville Elementary	330-378-2111

## **What is screening?**

Kindergarten screening is a brief assessment that usually lasts about a half hour. It provides a base line of where a child is at and measures generally accepted guidelines for kindergarten readiness. It is not a measure of intelligence, but rather an indication of a child's needs at a specific time. Children are assessed in five different areas:

Motor skills: This will include catching, jumping, hopping, cutting with scissors and building with blocks.

Language skills: This includes identifying objects, rhyming words, and answering questions such as, what is your name?

Concept skills: This area includes pointing to body parts, counting, placing blocks in named positions and sorting shapes.

Hearing and Vision: Our school nurse conducts these screenings to discover any potential concerns. Vision and hearing will be checked again at the beginning of kindergarten.

Social and Self Help Development: This is a survey the parents will complete that asks about personal habits such as dressing, eating, grooming as well as sharing, following rules and self-control.

## **Why is screening conducted?**

It is a state requirement that all children are screened prior to their entrance of school. It helps to identify children who may need additional support services. It gives students a chance to meet their teachers and other staff members. Also, it gives the students a chance to explore the school building.

## **What documents should I bring to screening with me?**

Please have the following enclosed forms completed when you arrive for screening.

- Registration Form (both sides)
- Health Record – this form MUST be turned in no later than 10 days after the first day of school
- Student Transportation Request

Along with above forms please bring these documents.

- Certificate of Live Birth for child (obtained from the Health Department)
- Your photo ID
- Proof of Immunization
- Proof of residence (a bill you have received in the mail with your name and physical address)

## **What can I expect when I arrive at the building?**

When you enter the building you can expect to see signs and staff giving directions to parents on where to go. Once you arrive in the room, your child will be taken to another room located near by and rotated through the five different assessment stations listed previously. While the parents are waiting for their child to return, the building principal will introduce staff and discuss school procedures and policies. Parents will be asked to complete a survey regarding their child. This is a good time for parents to ask questions they may want answered. You can also expect to hear a brief presentation from the Holmes County Public Library, as well as a chance to sign up for a library card. Once your child returns from screening you are free to go.

## **Who will be working with my child at screening?**

As a child rotates through the screening stations, they can expect to see professional personnel from the district, such as speech therapists, the schools nurse, as well as the kindergarten teachers themselves.

## **Who will see the results?**

After screening is complete the information from each assessment will be compiled. This information will be shared with the building principal, kindergarten teachers, and any other school personnel who may be involved in the child's education. This information helps the teacher prepare for his or her classroom needs to help make each child's year a successful one. Parents will also see the results. They can expect to see them arrive in the mail a few weeks after the screening has been conducted. After receiving the results a parent may feel free to contact the building principal to discuss the results.

## **How can I prepare my child for screening?**

The best way to make sure that your child is prepared is to make sure:

- Your child gets a good night's sleep the night before.
- Pick a screening time that best meets your child's needs.
- Dress your child comfortably; wear tennis shoes, no flip-flops please.
- Feed your child a well-balanced meal before coming.

WEST HOLMES SCHOOL HEALTH RECORD

\*\*\*This document and your child's Certificate of Live Birth are required to be on file at the school, no later than two weeks after the start of the current school year. This is an Ohio Dept. of Health regulation.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Father: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical History:

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Hearing Problems: \_\_\_\_\_ Vision Problems: \_\_\_\_\_

Speech Problems: \_\_\_\_\_ Hospitalizations: \_\_\_\_\_

Serious Illness: \_\_\_\_\_ Serious Accidents: \_\_\_\_\_

Immunization Record:

DTaP/DTP/Td 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_ (\*If 4th dose was given at least (6) months after the 3rd dose, and on or after the 4th birthday; the 5th dose is not required)

Polio 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_ (3 or more doses of IPV. The final dose must be given on or after the 4th birthday, regardless of the number of previous doses. If a combination of OPV and IPV was received, 4 doses of either vaccine are required).

MMR 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Hepatitis B 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

Varicella 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

HIB 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Examination: General Appearance: \_\_\_\_\_

HT: \_\_\_\_\_ WT: \_\_\_\_\_ B/P \_\_\_\_\_ P \_\_\_\_\_ R \_\_\_\_\_ T \_\_\_\_\_

Vision: Right \_\_\_\_\_ Left \_\_\_\_\_ Hearing: Right \_\_\_\_\_ Left \_\_\_\_\_

Eyes: \_\_\_\_\_ Ears: \_\_\_\_\_ Nose: \_\_\_\_\_

Throat: \_\_\_\_\_ Chest and Lungs: \_\_\_\_\_

Heart: \_\_\_\_\_ Abdomen: \_\_\_\_\_

Genitalia: \_\_\_\_\_ Hernia: \_\_\_\_\_

Neurological: \_\_\_\_\_ Extremities: \_\_\_\_\_

Posture: \_\_\_\_\_ Special Tests: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommendations for Physical Education: \_\_\_\_\_ Full Program \_\_\_\_\_ Restricted \_\_\_\_\_ None

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Physicians Signature