

# Welcome to Kindergarten



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# Presenters

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ELA, Social Studies & Title 1 Director

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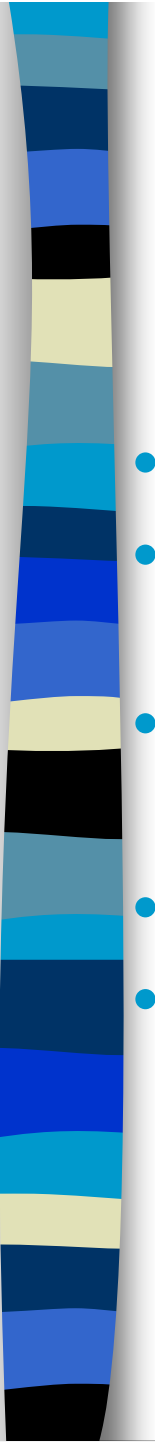
Sarah Rothenberg - Collicot

Kathy Mulligan - Cunningham

Kim Comer - Glover

Bonnie Johnson - Tucker

# Agenda

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- The Landscape
  - The Kindergarten Programs
  - Benefits of Full Day Kindergarten
  - Next Steps
  - Questions and Answers



# The Landscape

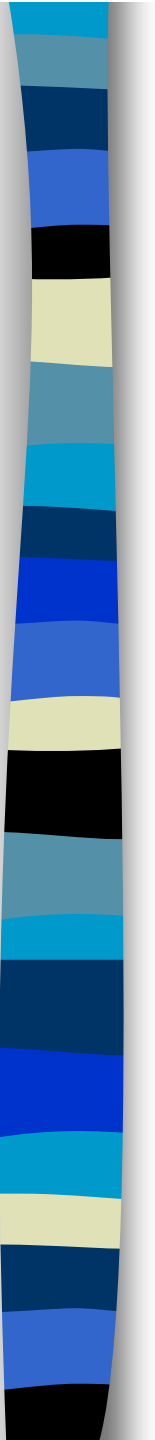
- Space designed for FDK in each elementary school
- FDK Grant/Tuition



# Milton Kindergarten Enrollment

As of Oct. 1	FDK	HDK	Total
2007-08 (Pilot)	53	196	249
2008-09	287	13	300
2009-10	319	18	337

# Kindergarten Programs





# Core Kindergarten Program

- All programs are developed from the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks in the following content areas:
  - English Language Arts
  - Mathematics
  - Science, Technology and Engineering
  - Social Studies
  - Arts
  - Health



# Kindergarten Programs

- Full Day Kindergarten (FDK)
  - Students assigned to classroom
  - Tuition applies
- Co - Taught Kindergarten (FDK)
  - Students assigned to classroom
  - Tuition applies
- Half Day Kindergarten (HDK)
  - School(s) to be determined by the Administration
  - Students assigned to classroom
  - No tuition



# Kindergarten Staffing

<b>Program Type</b>	<b>Staffing</b>
<b>FDK</b> 18-22 students	<b>1 teacher</b> 1 part time aide
<b>Co-Taught (FDK)</b> 16 -18 students	<b>2 teachers</b> (one regular education teacher and one special education teacher)
<b>HDK</b> 18-22 students	<b>1 teacher</b>



# Co-Taught Kindergarten Classroom

- Balanced classes of children with and without disabilities
- Special education services provided in the classroom to maximum extent possible
- Same core program as the Full Day Kindergarten



# Benefits of FDK

- What the teachers say....



# Benefits of Full Day Kindergarten

- **TIME!**
  - Increased Opportunities for children to:
    - Build individual understanding of concepts
    - Work in small groups, large groups, and independently
    - Make connections through play and through structured groups and activities
    - Think, analyze, investigate, and question
    - Share what they know and think



# Benefits of Full Day Kindergarten

- **TIME!**
  - Increased Opportunities for teachers to:
    - Understand what connections have been made
    - Build on or influence these beliefs
    - Learn how to address varying learning profiles
    - Challenge students at all developmental level
    - Prepare students for the transition to grade 1
    - Work in partnership with children and their families on a more individualized basis



# Transition to Kindergarten

## August – Early September

- **Opportunities that vary by school to:**
  - Visit the school
  - Meet the teacher before school starts at school or at your home
  - Receive a letter during the summer from your teacher
  - Meet your classmates
  - Kindergarten t-shirt Community Days in September



# Sample Full Day Schedule

## Tuesday

8:50-9:40 Welcome/Explorations

9:40-9:55 Morning Meeting

9:55-10:15 Snack Time/Bathroom

10:15-10:45 Specialist ( Art, Music, Phys. Ed., Library)

10:45-11:35 Math Workshop

11:35-12:15 Shared Reading/Phonics/Word Study

12:10-1:05 Lunch/Recess

1:05-1:20 Quiet Time

1:20-1:40 Writing Workshop/Independent Reading

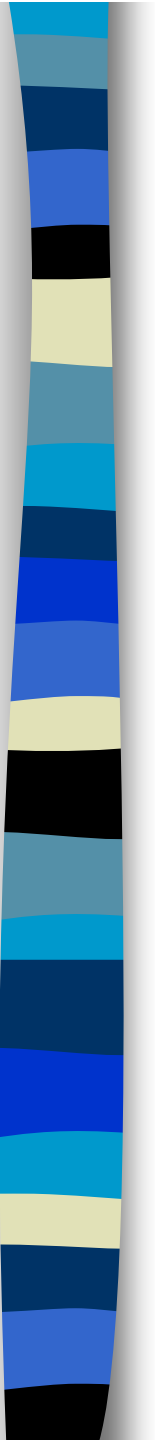
1:40-2:10 Literacy Centers/Strategy Groups

2:10-3:00 Thematic Unit + Project

3:00-3:15 Afternoon Group/Dismissal

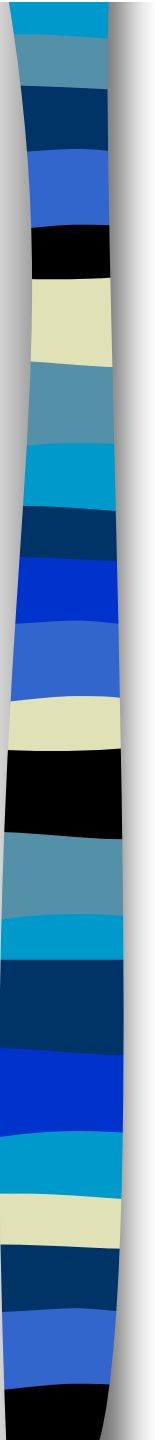
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## Whole Group Instruction



# Explorations

## Small Group Activities



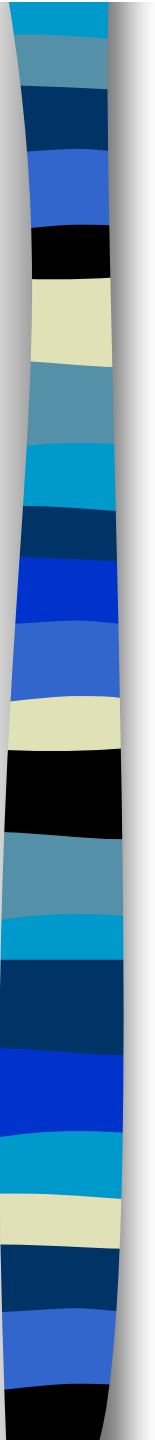


# Explorations

Independent Work & Exploration

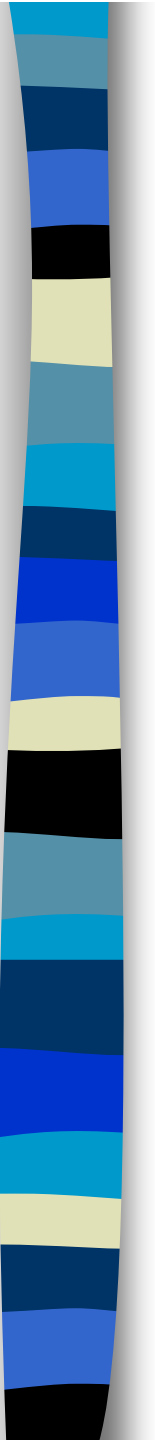
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## Learning Centers

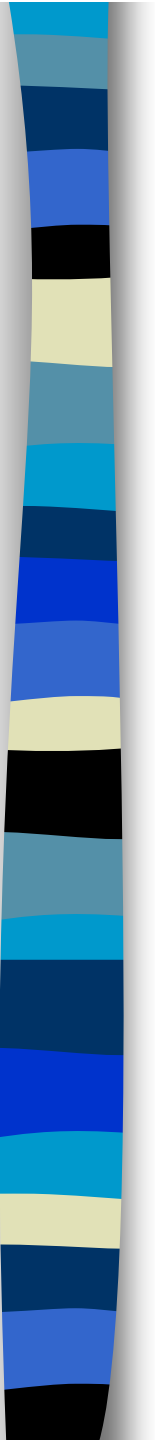


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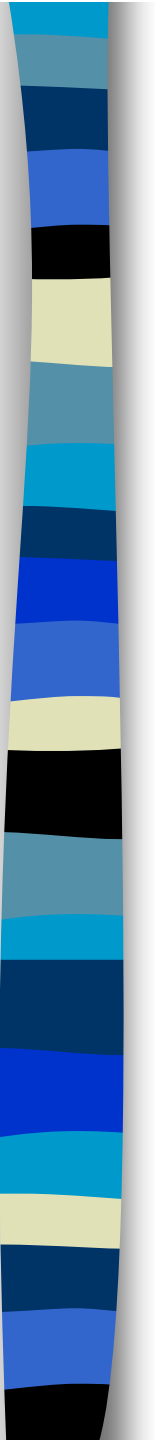


# Curriculum Literacy



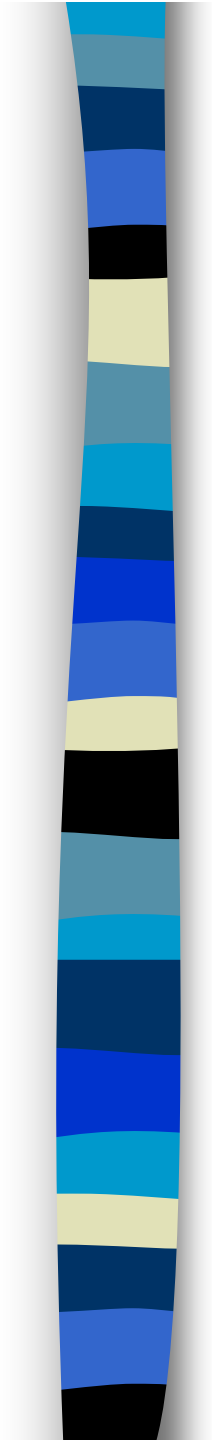
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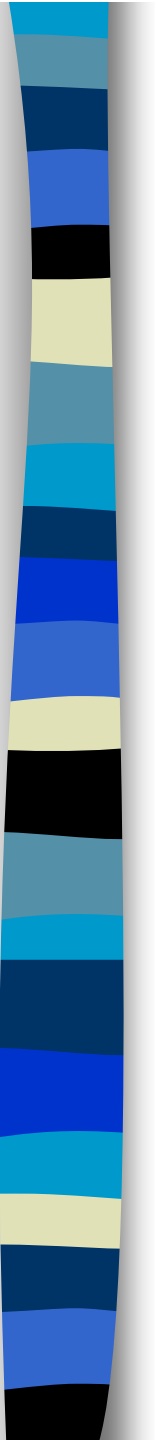
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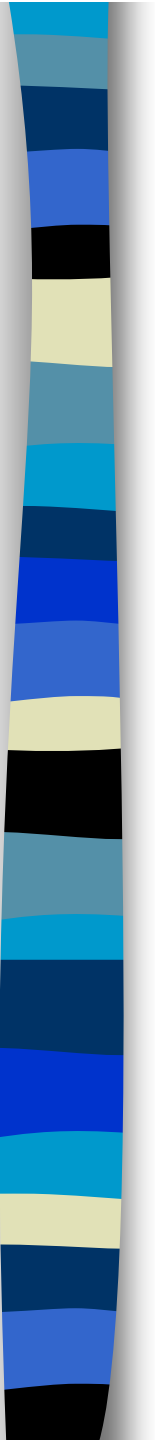




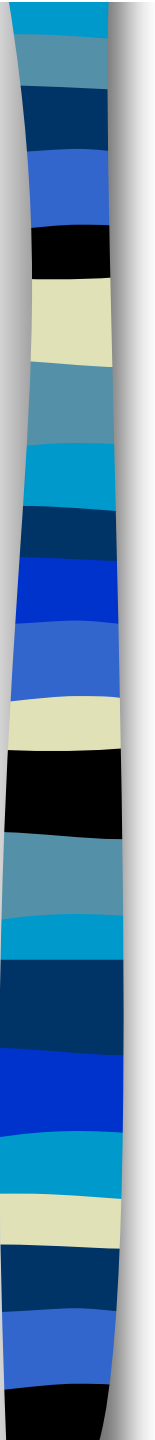
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## Science & Social Studies

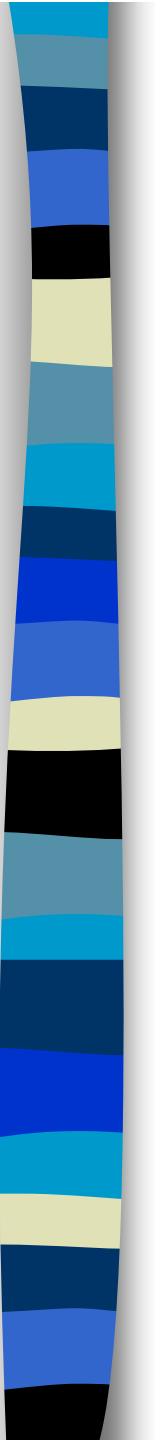
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# Rest/Quiet Time





# Making Connections & Building Relationships

## Between Children

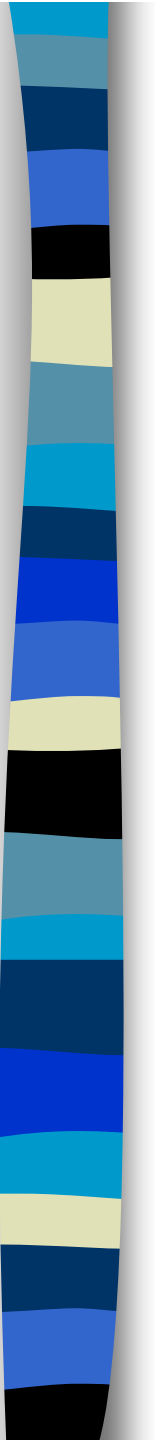


# Making Connections & Building Relationships

## Between Teachers and Children

# Making Connections & Building Relationships

## School Community





# Making Connections & Building Relationships

Safety and Consistency



# Next Steps

- Registration and Screening Process
- Transportation
- Before/After School Care
- Kindergarten Student Assignment



# The Process

## Parent/Guardian Registration

February

by appointment

- Registration Packet
- Health/Immunization
- Financial/Fee Information

..... Separate this year!!! .....

## Student Screening

June

by appointment

- Snacks
- Games
- T-shirts



# Parent/Guardian Registration Process

- You will receive a registration packet tonight which includes:
  - **Registration Appointment (Date & Time)**
  - **Packet 1:**
    - **Student Information/Registration Form**
    - **Health & Immunization Form**
    - **Video/ Photo Release Form**
  - **Packet 2:**
    - **Kindergarten Choice & Financial Form**
    - **Financial/ Fee Information**
    - **Sliding Fee Scale**
  - **Packet 3:**
    - **Kindergarten Timeline**
    - **Transportation Information**
    - **Before/ After School Care Information**
    - **Food Services Program**
  - **Registration Cheat Sheet**



## Parent/Guardian Registration Process

- Held **February 9, 10, 11** - by *appointment only*
- Held at Milton High School Library
- Bring completed forms and original documents
- Do not bring your child
- Each appointment will last approximately 20 minutes.



## What happens at screening for you?

- You will visit three different stations to submit and review paperwork:
  - Administrative Assistants:** registration forms, proofs of residence, birth certificate, photo id
  - Nurse:** health forms, immunization records
  - Financial staff:** Program selection form and financial forms



# Enrollment and Proofs of Residency

- All ORIGINAL documents
- Completed Registration Forms
- Student's Birth Certificate
- Official Photo Identification Proofs of Residency
- Checklist in your packets tonight!



# Kindergarten Choice Form

You will be required to bring the completed choice form with you to your registration appointment.

The form will ask you to select:

- Full Day K
- Half-Day K



# Complete the Registration

- I challenge you...
  - Bring all of the correct forms
  - Practice on your checklist/cheat sheet
  
- For those who don't complete it at first
  - Bring in additional information to the registrar at MHS
  - Mrs. Denise Kelly, 7:00-3:00, Mon-Fri



# Student Screening Process

- When your registration is complete...
- In May 2010 you will receive a letter which includes the following information:
  - **Your child's school assignment**
  - **Your child's student screening appointment (June 2010)**
  - **Your child's tuition amount**
  - **Your child's tuition deposit amount**
- On the date of your child's student screening appointment please bring:
  - Your child
  - Your check for deposit



# Student Screening Process

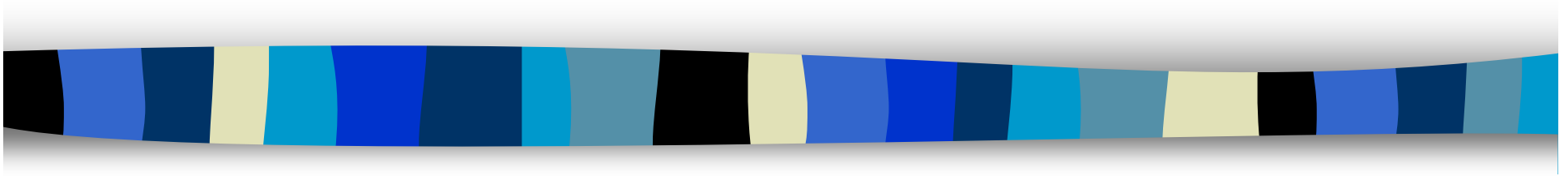
- Held in June, by appointment only
- Held at Milton High School Library
- Park in rear of building and go up three flights (stairs or elevator)
- Bring your child and your tuition deposit
- Each appointment will last approximately 30-45 minutes.



# What happens at screening for your child?

- In June your child will:
  - receive a nametag, a t-shirt, a snack and have his/her picture taken
  - complete a series of tasks and activities
  - complete simple coloring activities and make new friends
  - complete a hearing screening

# HEALTH SERVICES



SCHOOL NURSES ARE AN  
INVALUABLE

RESOURCE FOR PARENTS /  
GUARDIANS



# Immunization Requirements

- ☞ DTAP 5 Doses
- ☞ POLIO 4 Doses
- ☞ HEP B 3 Doses
- ☞ MMR 2 Doses
- ☞ VARICELLA 1 Dose or Hx of disease

There are many newly combined vaccines



# Up to date Physical Exam

- 👁️ Stereopsis vision screening from your pediatrician recorded on PE
- ☎️ Up to date emergency contact phone numbers
- 😊 Plan if student needs to be dismissed due to illness or injury
- 📄 Information sharing



# State Mandates

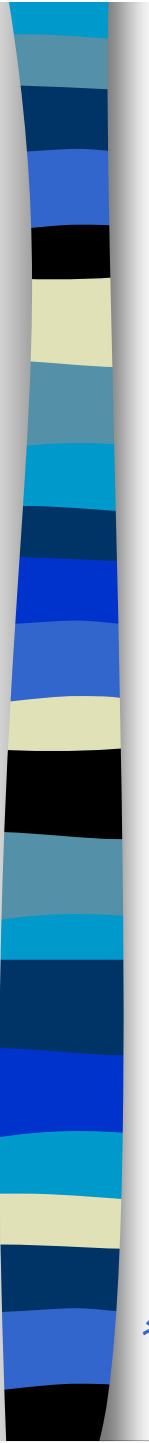
- Vision Screening grades K-5
- Hearing Screening grades K-3 and all special ed. students grades 4-5
- Scoliosis screening grade 5



# Financial Information for Full Day Kindergarten

- Families who select FULL DAY will be subject to the FDK tuition of \$3,300 unless they adequately document that they fall lower on the sliding fee scale
- Documentation of Income
  - 2009 Signed Tax Returns and original W-2s/1099s
  - Latest 1 month of pay stubs
- **Deadline to submit paperwork is April 30, 2010**
- Payment Plan options available
- All families eligible for free or reduced lunch qualify for free FDK
- Packet contains information regarding discount for multiples

***ALL INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT  
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Fee Level	Percentage of State Median Income (Annual)	Family Size / Gross Annual Income								Sliding Fee Percent	Fee @ \$3,300 Tuition
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
1	Up to 25%*	15,876	19,608	23,340	27,072	30,804	31,512	32,208	32,904	Free	Free
2	26-35%*	22,224	27,444	32,676	37,896	43,128	44,112	45,084	46,068	10%	300
3	36 - 50%*	31,740	39,204	46,680	54,144	61,608	63,012	64,416	65,808	18%	540
4	51 - 65%	41,262	50,973	60,676	70,387	80,098	81,916	83,733	85,558	25%	825
5	66 - 85%	53,952	66,648	79,344	92,040	104,736	107,124	109,500	111,876	50%	1,650
6	86 - 100%	63,480	78,420	93,348	108,288	123,228	126,024	128,820	131,628	75%	2,475
7	Above 100%	63,481	78,421	93,349	108,289	123,229	126,025	128,821	131,629	100%	3,300

*\* State Caps for folks at this income level*

# Sliding Fee Example

- A Family of Four



- Annual Gross Income of \$65,000

**Family of Four**

**\$65,000 income**

**Fee is \$1,650**

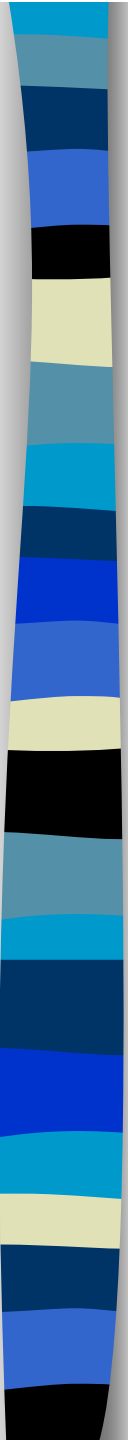
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1	0 - 25%	\$23,340	0%	0
2	26 - 35%*	\$32,676	10%	\$300
3	36 - 50%*	\$46,680	18%	\$540
4	51 - 65%	\$60,676	25%	\$825
5	66 - 85%	\$79,344	50%	\$1,650
6	86 - 100%	\$93,348	75%	\$2,475
7	Above 100%	\$93,349+	100%	\$3,000

**Choose # of payments**

**10% Deposit**

**10 Monthly Payments of \$149**

		Fee Structure						
Number of Payments		3,300		2,475		1,650		825
		Amount for Deposit	Amount per Payment	Amount for Deposit	Amount per Payment	Amount for Deposit	Amount per Payment	Amount for Deposit
1		\$ 300	\$ 3,000	\$ 248	\$ 2,228	\$ 165	\$ 1,485	83
2		\$ 300	\$ 1,500	\$ 248	\$ 1,114	\$ 165	\$ 743	83
4		\$ 300	\$ 750	\$ 248	\$ 557	\$ 165	\$ 371	83
10		\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 248	\$ 223	\$ 165	\$ 149	83





# Additional Information

- Transportation
- Before/After School Care
- Kindergarten Student Assignment

# Transportation

- Transportation Policy
  - Kindergarten students who live outside traditional walking distance to their assigned school are transported without charge
  - Please note: Since bus routes are school-specific, bus registration forms with appropriate bus stops will be mailed out with school assignments in June
  - Completed registration forms must be returned by July 15 to Transportation Department at Milton High School





# Before and After School Care

- Early School Arrival Program( **ESAP**) begins at 7:00 a.m. in every school
- After School Enrichment (**ASE**) ends at 6:00 p.m. in every school
- December, February & April Vacation Camps
- These are all fee based programs
- Information Handout in packet
- Registration forms for these programs will be mailed to all incoming kindergarteners in early July



# Student Assignment

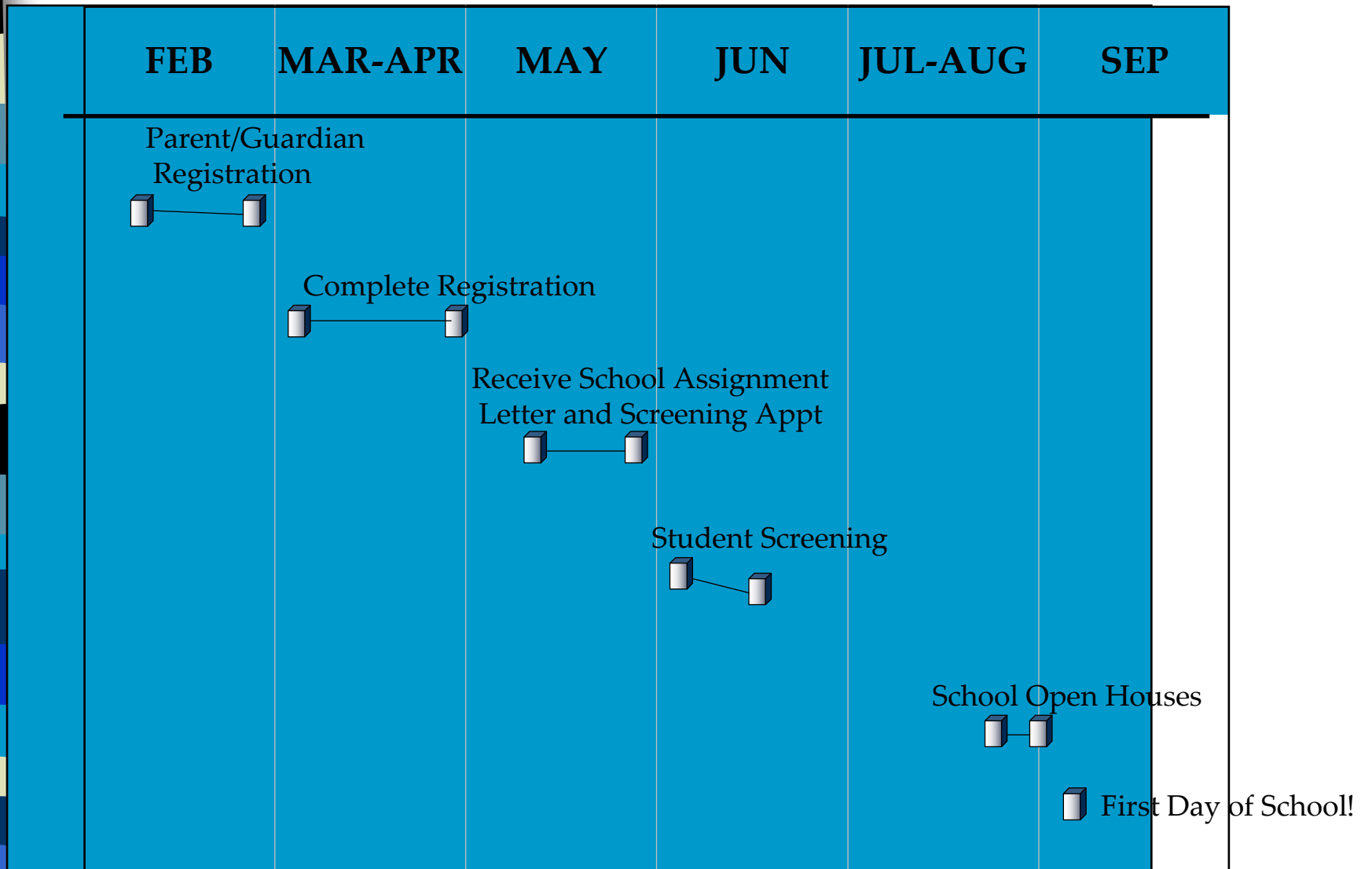
- District Student Assignment Policy will be followed see the policy on our website at [www.miltonps.org/about-student-reg.php](http://www.miltonps.org/about-student-reg.php)
- If necessary to balance class sizes across the district, the following criteria will be used:
  - ❖ Siblings
  - ❖ Volunteers
  - ❖ Geographic Proximity



# HDK Student Assignment

- Based on enrollment, children will be assigned to the school(s) that offer HDK
- The school(s) that offer HDK will be determined at a later date

# Timeline:





# MPS Contact Information

## Phone List

- Superintendent's Office – 617-696-4808
- Business Office – 617-696-5040
- Special Education – 617-696-5040 ext. 5572
- Collicot Elementary School
  - Gerard Schultz, Principal – 617-696-4282
- Cunningham Elementary School
  - Christine Gerber, Principal – 617-696-4285
- Glover Elementary School
  - Dr. Dore Korschun, Principal – 617-696-4288
- Tucker Elementary School
  - Marcia Uretsky, Principal – 617-696-4291
- Transportation Department & Community Schools
  - Pamela Dorsey, Director – 617-696-5040 ext. 5544
- Student Registration Information
  - Denise Kelly, Registrar – 617-696-4470 ext. 5510

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