

Welcome to Preschool!



Preschool Information Night

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Agenda

- Milton Public Schools
- Preschool Programs
- Curriculum
- Preschool Screening
- Preschool Registration Process
- Questions



Administration and Preschool Support

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Holly Concannon - Collicot School Principal

Dr. Elaine McNeil-Girmai - Tucker Elementary School Principal

Kristin Donovan - Gile Road Campus Representative

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Milton Public Schools Core Values

- High Academic Achievement for All Students
- Excellence in the Classroom
- Collaborative Relationships and Communication
- Respect for Human Differences
- Risk-Taking and Innovation for Education



Milton Public Schools

- Grades PreK-12
- 4,150 Students
- 3 Preschool Campuses Serving 143 Students
- 4 Elementary Schools
- Pierce Middle School
- Milton High School

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MPS District-wide Preschool Programs

- Edgehill Campus
 - 3 & 4 year olds
 - Integrated Half Day (5 Days)
 - Substantially Separate (5 Days)
- Blue Hills Campus
 - Full Day (5 Days) - 4 year olds only
 - Half Day (5 Days) - 3 & 4 year olds
- Gile Road Campus
 - 4 year olds only
 - Full Day (3 Days M-W-F)



All MPS Preschool Programs:

- Are available to all children, regardless of home school
- Implement a common curriculum - *The Creative Curriculum*
- Employ certified teachers
- Have a low ratio of students to adults
- Have unique opportunities to interact with the larger school community
- Follow the 2017-2018 Milton Public Schools academic calendar for kindergarten students
- Require pre-registration

Edgehill Campus



Collicot School

Integrated Preschool Program

- Students attend five half day sessions, in either morning (8:30-11:00) or afternoon (12:00-2:30).
- Children must be age 3 on or before August 31, 2017. (Children receiving special education services may be eligible to enter during the school year once they turn age 3 per the IEP Team process.)
- Approximately 15 students attend each class session. Classes include both students who have special education needs and peers.

Substantially Separate Special Education Program

- Substantially separate programs are available for students with special education needs, as identified by the IEP Team.
- Based on the child's needs, there are half day (8:30-11:30) and full day (8:30-2:30) classroom offerings.

Blue Hills Campus Half Day Program



Tucker School

- Students attend five half day sessions, in either morning (8:50-11:30) or afternoon (12:30-3:19).
- Children must be age 3 on or before August 31, 2017.
- Approximately 12 students attend each class session.
- Students have the option to attend before school or after school programs depending on the session they attend.

Blue Hills Campus Full Day Program



Tucker School

- Students attend five full day sessions (8:50-3:19).
- Children must be age 4 on or before August 31, 2017.
- Approximately 18 students attend the program.
- Students have the option to attend before and after school programs.
- Lunch and one snack are provided.

Gile Road Campus



Milton High School

- Students attend three full day sessions on Monday, Wednesday and Friday (7:30am-2:10pm).
- Children must be age 4 on or before August 31, 2017.
- Approximately 15 preschool children attend the program.
- The program is linked to a Milton High School Child Study course.
 - Junior and senior high school students apply their child development studies in an on-site preschool classroom.
 - Under the supervision of a certified teacher, high school students work closely with the preschool-age children in this program.

Preschool is...



Play and Exploration



Making New Friends

Being part of a group



Early Literacy



Following Directions



Staying Focused



Cooperative Learning

Preschool is...

Dramatic Play



Creative Arts



Music and Movement



Blocks and Building



Outdoor Play



Sand and Water



Reading





A Day in the Life of a Preschooler

Full Day Program

- Arrival
- Morning Meeting
- Choice Time/Interest Areas
- Snack
- Gross Motor/Outdoor Play
- Independent Reading
- Music and Movement
- Read Aloud
- Lunch
- Quiet Time
- Afternoon Meeting
- Choice Time/Interest Areas
- Dismissal

Half Day Program

- Arrival
- Morning Meeting
- Choice Time/Interest Areas
- Snack
- Read Aloud
- Music and Movement
- Small Group Time
- Gross Motor/Outdoor Play
- Dismissal

How Are Classrooms Arranged?

Learning Centers

- Classroom Library
- Literacy and Writing
- Math Manipulatives and Puzzles
- Dramatic Play
- Blocks
- Art
- Science
- Sand and Water
- Technology
- Large Group/Meeting Area





Preschool Curriculum - *Creative Curriculum*

- Curriculum is designed in thematic units of study.
- Young children learn best by doing, learning first hand about our world using all their senses.
- Learning requires active thinking and experimenting to find out how things work.
- Children play and learn at a pace that is right for them.
- The goal is to inspire a love of learning with students becoming independent and inquisitive learners.



Home-School Partnership

- This is the beginning of a long-term relationship with the MPS.
- Families and schools work together to help children succeed.
- There are many ways we will be in touch:
 - Newsletters
 - Progress reports
 - Email
 - Open House
 - Home Visit Options
 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - Drop Off and Pick Up Times
 - Volunteer Opportunities
- ***You are your child's first teacher! We look forward to working with you!***



Preschool Screening

- The purpose of the preschool screening is to gain information about your child's learning style and needs.
- Your child will participate in a series of developmentally appropriate and fun tasks and activities.
- The screening takes about 15-20 minutes to complete.
- If there are concerns with a child's needs during screening, parents will be contacted to discuss further.



Special Education Services

Process

- Evaluation process
- Special education services and placement are determined by the IEP Team

Examples of Services

- Walk in services (low needs)
- Integrated program (moderate needs)
- Substantially Separate (significant needs)



Pre-Registration & Lottery

- Pre-registration is required in order to determine enrollment and plan programs.
- The pre-registration form can be found at the following link:
[2017-2018 pre-registration Link](#)
- If there is high enrollment indicated by pre-registration, program will hold lotteries on January 27, 2017.
- Multiples (twins, triplets, etc.) will be treated as one entry into the lottery but each student will incur an individual tuition cost.
- Waitlists will be maintained for each program.



Preschool Timeline

| | |
|-----------|--|
| January | <p>Jan. 12 - 26 – Pre-registration 2017-2018 pre-registration Link <i>Program Visits Available Upon Request</i></p> <p>Jan. 27 – Lottery (if necessary)</p> |
| February | <p>Week of Jan. 30 - Feb. 3 – Families notified of placement & registration information</p> <p>Feb. 13 & 17 – Registration (Appointment Only) Milton High School Library</p> <p>Feb. 24 – Completed Registration and Deposit Deadline</p> |
| April/May | Preschool Screenings |
| September | Orientation School Begins |



MPS Preschool Program Tuition Rates 2017-18

| | | |
|---|---|---------|
| Edge Hill Campus | 5 Half Day Sessions (morning or afternoon) | \$3,125 |
| Gile Campus | 3 Full Day Sessions | \$3,750 |
| Blue Hill Campus | 5 Half Day Sessions (morning or afternoon) | \$3,125 |
| Blue Hill Campus | 5 Full Day Sessions | \$7,500 |
| <i>Reduced fees available based on a sliding fee scale</i> | | |



Application for Reduced Tuition

- The following financial information is required:
 - 2015 or 2016 signed tax returns and a W-2/1099 form
 - 2015 tax return acceptable only with an approved extension from the IRS for your 2015 tax return
 - 1 month of most recent pay stubs

***ALL INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT
STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL***

2017-18 Preschool (**Projected**) Sliding Fee Scale

Sliding Scale subject to change in accordance with state guidelines.

| Fee Level | Percentage of State Median Income (Annual) | Family Size / Gross Annual Income | | | | | | | | Sliding Fee % | Fee @ \$3,125 Tuition |
|-----------|--|-----------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------------|-----------------------|
| | | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | | |
| 1 | Up to 25%* | 17,772 | 21,960 | 26,136 | 30,324 | 34,500 | 35,280 | 36,072 | 36,852 | Free | Free |
| 2 | 26-35%* | 24,876 | 30,732 | 36,588 | 42,444 | 48,300 | 49,392 | 50,496 | 51,588 | 10% | 312 |
| 3 | 36 - 50%* | 35,544 | 43,908 | 52,272 | 60,636 | 69,000 | 70,572 | 72,132 | 73,704 | 18% | 563 |
| 4 | 51 - 65% | 46,212 | 57,084 | 67,956 | 78,828 | 89,700 | 91,740 | 93,780 | 95,820 | 25% | 781 |
| 5 | 66 - 85% | 60,420 | 74,640 | 88,860 | 103,080 | 117,300 | 119,964 | 122,640 | 125,292 | 50% | 1563 |
| 6 | 86 - 100% | 71,088 | 87,816 | 104,544 | 121,272 | 138,000 | 141,132 | 144,276 | 147,408 | 75% | 2,344 |
| 7 | Above 100% | 71,088 | 87,816 | 104,544 | 121,272 | 138,000 | 141,132 | 144,276 | 147,408 | 100% | 3,125 |



Tuition Payments

- Deposit of 10% of tuition due at registration appointment
- Payment plan options (1, 2, 4 or 10 payments)
- Online payment system

Sliding Fee Example

- A Family of Four



- Total Household Annual Gross Income of \$70,000

Example with 2017/18 Rates

Family of Four \$70,000 income Fee is \$1,563

| Fee Level | Percentage of State Median Income (Annual) | Family Size and Income | Sliding Fee Percent | Fee @ \$3,125 Tuition |
|-----------|--|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| | | 4 | | |
| 1 | 0 - 25% | \$25,229 | 0% | 0 |
| 2 | 26 - 35%* | \$35,308 | 10% | \$312 |
| 3 | 36 - 50%* | \$50,445 | 18% | \$563 |
| 4 | 51 - 65% | \$65,582 | 25% | \$781 |
| 5 | 66 - 85% | \$85,753 | 50% | \$1,563 |
| 6 | 86 - 100% | \$100,890 | 75% | \$2,344 |
| 7 | Above 100% | \$100,891 | 100% | \$3,125 |



MPS Contact Information

Superintendent's Office – 617-696-4808

Special Education Office – 617-696-5040 ext. 5574

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Holly Concannon, Principal

Blue Hills Campus – 617-696-4291

Dr. Elaine McNeil-Girmai, Principal

Gile Road Campus – 617-696-4470 ext. 5131

Kristin Donovan, Gile Road Leader

Student Registration Information – 617-696-4470 ext. 5510

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Preschool Chair – 617-696-4282 x 2021

Emily Nazzaro

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Marti O'Keefe McKenna



PRESCHOOL

- This is a big step for you and your child!
- Celebrate this big step and enjoy!
- We can't wait to see you in the Fall!

Questions?

