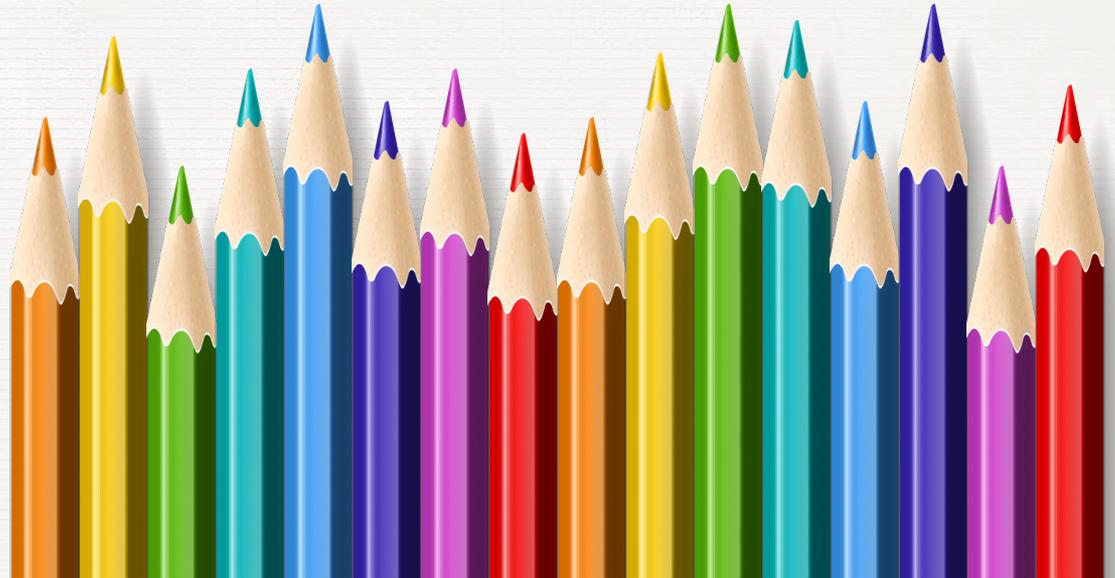


Project Blossom Preschool Parent Information Night



Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Project Blossom Preschool



Project Blossom Preschool functions as an integral part of Wrentham Public Schools and provides a high quality educational experience for early learners.

Key features include:

- ❖ **Use of evidence-based practices and a multi-sensory approach**
- ❖ **Curriculum that is aligned with Massachusetts State standards**
- ❖ **Early Childhood licensed teachers and highly qualified paraprofessionals**
- ❖ **Focus on each child's individual learning needs in the areas of academic readiness, communication, motor skills, and social-emotional development**

Project Blossom Preschool

3 Year Old Program Options

***Child must be age 3 by August 31st**

Available Options:

- 2-day morning
 - (T/TH) session (8:30 – 11:00)
- 2 day afternoon
 - (T/TH) session (11:45-2:15)

Classrooms Include:

- Class size is typically 10-12 students
 - Maximum 15
- Inclusive programs
- 1 certified teacher and 2 paraprofessionals



Project Blossom Preschool

4 Year Old Program Options

***Child must be age 4 by August 31st**

Available Options:

- 3-day morning
 - (M/W/F) session (8:30 – 11:00)
- 3-day afternoon
 - (M/W/F) session (11:45-2:15)
- 3-day extended morning
 - (M/W/F) session (8:30-12:00)

Classrooms Include:

- Class size is 12-18 students
 - Maximum 20
- Inclusive programs
- 1 certified teacher and 2 paraprofessionals



Why Choose Project Blossom?

- ❖ A variety of class options with low child to adult ratios
- ❖ Ongoing child assessments and progress monitoring
- ❖ Volunteer opportunities for parents
- ❖ Access to school activities, special presentations, and PTO coordinated community events
- ❖ Ease of transition to Delaney School Kindergarten
- ❖ Inviting and spacious classrooms with child size bathrooms
- ❖ Available support and consultation from occupational therapist, speech and language therapist, physical therapist, school psychologist, behaviorist, school nurse, and school adjustment counselors



Identifying Students with Disabilities



- ❖ Public school districts are required to identify and provide services for children with disabilities beginning at age 3 as part of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- ❖ Referrals are often from parents, early intervention agencies, teachers, doctors, day care centers, and our preschool screening
- ❖ If a child meets criteria for special education, there are a variety of service delivery options available based on his/her level of need which **may include** a tuition-exempt placement in our inclusive preschool classrooms
- ❖ Project Blossom is a fully inclusive preschool program, similar to classrooms throughout all elementary grades. Research has shown that inclusive preschool programs result in positive outcomes for all children.

A Typical Day in Preschool

- ❖ Free Choice (puzzles, books, blocks, dramatic play)
- ❖ Circle (calendar, songs, finger plays, stories)
- ❖ Centers (ELA, math, fine motor skills, science)
- ❖ Snack (We're hungry!)
- ❖ Recess (weather permitting)



Preschool Outcomes- Mathematics ⁸

- ❖ **Preschool standards are designed to facilitate young children's underlying mathematical understanding**
- ❖ **Learning is promoted through play and exploration activities**
- ❖ **Focus on developing an understanding of whole numbers, recognizing shapes and the relationships among them**



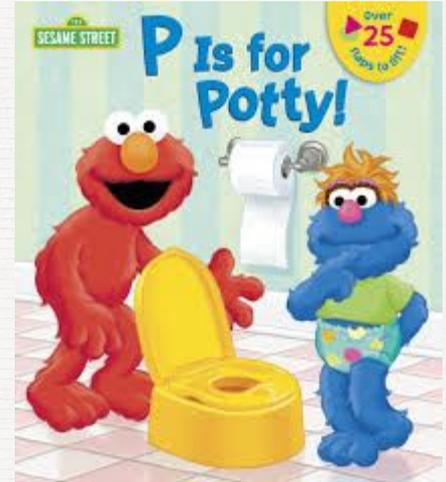
Preschool Outcomes- ELA

- ❖ **Preschool standards are designed to facilitate young children's understanding of the world of language and literature, writers and illustrators, books and libraries**
- ❖ **Foundations of reading, writing, speaking and listening, and language development are formed during conversations, dramatic play, songs, poems, and exploring books**



Toilet Training

- ❖ Due to safety, sanitary concerns, and maximizing instructional time, children entering preschool must be toilet trained with no pull-ups or diapers worn



Parent Involvement

Connecting with families to foster a successful home/school relationship is an essential component of Project Blossom Preschool

We look forward to communicating openly by:

- ❖ **Welcoming you in to volunteer in the classroom**
- ❖ **Sharing special events with you**
- ❖ **Inviting you to join in parent-teacher conferences**
- ❖ **Collaborating to provide your child with a meaningful preschool experience**



Current Project Blossom Students

- ❖ **Current students will be offered continued placement; however, we can't guarantee placement in the same session, or with the same teacher as the current school year.**
 - **3 Day Program (4 years old before August 31st)**
 - **2 Day Program (3 years old before August 31st)**
- ❖ **Please be sure to indicate your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices**
- ❖ **A lottery will be held for current students if the number of spaces requested for a specific class exceeds the availability**





Important Dates

Preschool Registration for 2023-2024

ONLINE ONLY



- ❖ All **current students must apply** and will be given preference for class sessions as long as applications are received **by January 9, 2024.**
- ❖ No **NEW** applications will be accepted prior to Thursday, January 11, 2024. **NEW applications will be accepted from Thursday, January 11 through Friday, January 26, 2024.**
- ❖ Based on the number of applications received, a lottery may need to be held for specific classroom sessions.
- ❖ Parents will be notified by the end of February as to their child's acceptance status.
- ❖ Preschool Screening will be held in the spring. Parents of accepted students will be contacted once dates and times have been determined to set up an appointment. Current students will not need to participate in the screening.



Tuition Information

Classes for 3 year olds:

2-day morning session...\$1940/year

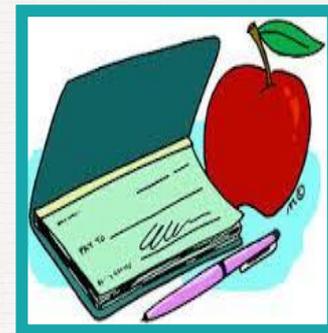
2-day afternoon session...\$1940/year

Classes for 4 year olds:

3-day morning session... \$2500/year

3-day afternoon session... \$2500/year

3-day morning extended session...\$3330/year



Tuition payments are scheduled using the FACTS management company.



Frequently Asked Questions

- ❖ **If my child turns 3 after August 31st can he/she be enrolled?**
We do offer a rolling admission, space permitting, but will only accept the application once the child has turned 3 years old.
- ❖ **Does Project Blossom Preschool follow the Wrentham Public Schools District calendar?**
Yes, preschool follows the same vacations, holidays, ½ days, snow days, and professional days as the Wrentham Public Schools.
- ❖ **If my child currently receives Early Intervention services, do I still need to apply for a preschool session?**
Yes, you must complete the application process. EI students are not automatically guaranteed preschool placement.
- ❖ **Is financial aid available?**
Unfortunately, we are not able to offer financial aid for preschool.

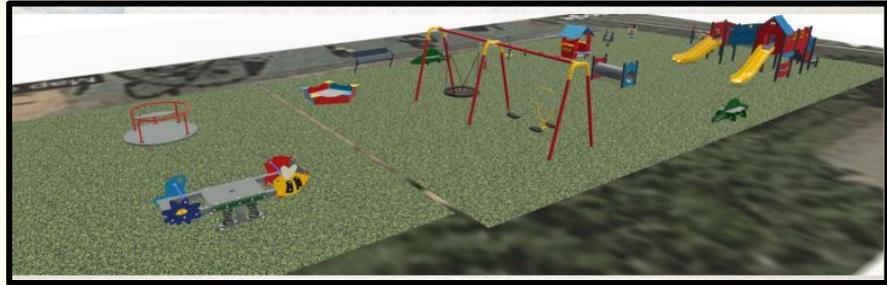


Delaney Preschool Playground Project

Current Playground



NEW Playground



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Delaney Preschool Playground Project

Current Playground

- 25 years old
- Parts can't be replaced as they are no longer made
- Structure is not accessible to all students
- Utilized by 100 preschool students and countless community members each year
- Wood chips cover the surface area and are unsafe for children with mobility challenges



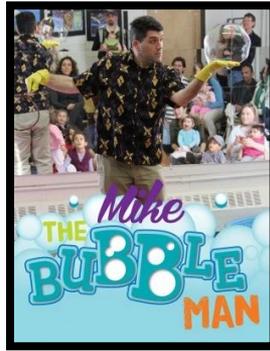
Our Vision

- Inclusive playground design accessible to all students with various mobility needs
- Safe floor covering for easy movement for all students
- Ground level play panels
- Multi-sensory play opportunities
- Welcoming, safe, and accessible play area for all
- ADA compliant

Process & Timeline

- **Spring 2023**~ A committee was formed to evaluate the current playground and determine needs for a new playground.
- **Summer 2023**~ Committee members visited area playgrounds to evaluate and gather information about desired playground features.
- **Fall 2023**~ Committee members reviewed playground presentations from area companies to determine the best playground design for our school and determined the cost.
- **Fall 2023 through Spring 2024**~ Ongoing fundraising efforts will take place.
- **Summer 2024**~ Remove current playground and Install new playground throughout the summer months.
- **Fall 2024**~ Students enjoy new playground!





Future Wrentham Wildcats...you are invited!

- Who?** Students entering Project Blossom in the fall of 2024 and their families
- What?** Social with Mike The Bubble Man
- When?** Friday, March 8 at 5:00 PM
- Where?** Gibbons Gym
- Why?** An opportunity for new families to get to know one another
- How?** Hosted by the Delaney Preschool Playground Committee



Thank You for Coming!

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