

# KINDERGARTEN

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Warren Consolidated Schools

Office of Curriculum and Instruction

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Carly,  
Willow Woods Elementary School

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## WARREN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

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### Student Achievement

A focus on measurable student achievement in our Professional Learning Communities.

### High Expectations

Clear expectations for every stakeholder, including students, staff and parents.

### Strong Relationships

Strong relationships among all stakeholders, including: teacher-student, parent-teacher, principal-teacher, and superintendent-board member.

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Dear Parents:

You are about to embark on the beginning of your child's formal education. As you move into this new opportunity for learning, you may have questions or concerns regarding your child's readiness for school. To help answer those questions, (and ease your mind), we've asked highly regarded early childhood teachers from around our district to share their insights on helping your child gain the right mix of kindergarten-readiness skills.

The skill sets they are looking for might surprise you. Because of the national focus on improving education and meeting standards, you might think that it's most important for children to enter kindergarten knowing their ABCs, numbers, shapes, and colors so they can keep up with the curriculum. While teachers would love children to come in with letter and number recognition, they don't want you to drill your kids on academic skills. There are equally — if not more — important readiness skills that set the stage for your child's learning. Raising an eager learner is the goal, and it can be achieved easily through play and day-to-day activities.

To help your child have a successful kindergarten experience, we suggest you work on the following readiness skills with your future kindergartener: enthusiasm toward learning, solid oral-language skills, the ability to listen, the desire to be independent, the ability to play well with others, strong fine-motor skills, and basic letter/number recognition. Your child is unique, and we want to ensure that this most important first step lays the foundation for a very successful school experience. These readiness skills will help your child succeed in kindergarten as well as pave the way for an outstanding educational career.

The entire Warren Consolidated Community is pleased to welcome your child to kindergarten. The communication between home and school is a key ingredient for your child's future success in school. We, therefore, cordially invite you to visit any of our schools, observe our quality kindergarten programs, and confer with teachers and administrators.

We hope this booklet helps you prepare your child for not only an exciting first day in kindergarten, but a rewarding educational career in Warren Consolidated Schools.

Sincerely,



John C. Bernia, Jr.  
Chief Academic Officer



Prapthi,  
Susick Elementary School



# KINDERGARTEN OPTIONS

Warren Consolidated Schools provides two options to meet your child's educational needs. Students eligible for kindergarten must be five years old on or before September 1<sup>st</sup> of the year they begin school.

## KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten is a full day program. You may anticipate a year of great wonder, enthusiasm, and engagement as your child enjoys a wide variety of learning experiences. Literacy skills are the primary focus. A comprehensive, integrated curriculum that includes basic math concepts, STEM experiences, art, media, music, and physical education.

## TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN (TK)

Transitional Kindergarten (TK) is intended to meet the needs of children who are not quite developmentally ready for the traditional kindergarten classroom. Children who will turn 5 years old between September 1 and December 1 and children who have little or no preschool experience may need TK to be more prepared for kindergarten the following school year. This full day program combines academics with critical social and emotional development, oral language, early literacy, and mathematical skills.

# LATCHKEY PROGRAM

Warren Consolidated Schools is proud to offer our community a high-quality Latchkey program available before and after school for students in grades TK-5 who are registered in one of our twelve (12) elementary schools.

Latchkey programs provide supervised care on a regular basis for children during hours of the day when school is not in session; and parents are not available.

For more information such as times and prices, go to the [Latchkey website](#), or call (586) 698-4046.



Henry,  
Wilde Elementary School

# TRANSPORTATION

Students living one (1) or more miles from the school are eligible for bus transportation. Students can be expected to walk up to one mile to a bus stop.

For more information such as bus stops and times, go to the [Warren Consolidated Schools Transportation website](#), or call 586-825-2960.



# NUTRITION SERVICES

The mission of Nutrition Services is to offer a variety of quality, healthy food choices with excellent service in a friendly environment. A nourished student is a learning student. The department of Nutrition Services takes pride in "feeding" the minds of the future.

Each day, students have the opportunity to participate in federal breakfast and lunch programs that provide students with a balanced and nutritious meal that meets all federal nutrition guidelines. For more information such as menus and prices, go to the [Warren Consolidated Schools Nutrition Services website](#), or call (586) 698-4430.



Warren Consolidated Schools is pleased to announce all breakfast and lunches will be free for **elementary students** as part of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) for the 2022-2023 school year.

What do families need to do?

- During the registration process you will be requested to complete and sign the [Household Information Report](#). This report is critical in determining the amount of money that our school receives from a variety of State and Federal supplemental programs including Title I A, At-risk (31a), Title II A, E-Rate, etc. These supplemental programs have the potential to offer supports and services to students, including, but not limited to:
  - Instructional supports (staff, supplies & materials, etc.)
  - Non-instructional services (counseling, social work, health services, etc.)
  - Professional Learning for staff
  - Parent and Community engagement supplies and activities
  - Technology

# SCHOOL NURSE

The school nurse is concerned with the health of each child in school. The nurse works with the principals, teachers and parents to provide a safe and healthy school environment.

If your child has health concerns the school staff should be aware of, she will be glad to talk with you. You may contact the school nurse at (888)-4WCS-KIDS ext. 43997.



Dominic,  
Green Acres Elementary School

# READY FOR SCHOOL?

The following points should be considered as your child prepares to begin his/her school experience. A child should:

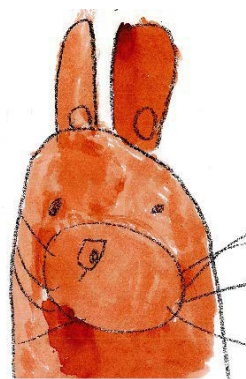
- Know their first and last name and be willing to give it when asked.
- Know their address and telephone number.
- Know their parents' first and last names (especially important if last names are different than the child's).
- Be able to dress and care for them self.
- Be able to follow simple directions.
- Be able to print their first name so it can be recognized.
- Be able to recognize their own printed name.
- Be able to speak in a voice loud enough so people can hear them when in front of a group.
- Be able to manage their emotions (anger, sadness, etc.).
- Be able to take responsibility for their own actions.
- Be able to listen quietly while others are talking.
- Be able to share, take turns, and play cooperatively with others.
- Be able to recognize and extend patterns.
- Be able to count 10-20 objects.
- Be able to recognize 40 letters either upper or lowercase.
- Be able to listen to a story and answer simple questions about it.
- Be able to use crayons, paste, and scissors and know what to do and what not to do with them.
- Be able to put together a simple puzzle.
- Be able to bounce and catch a ball.
- Be able to stand on one foot for five or more seconds.
- Show a desire to experiment and make things with materials such as paints, clay, and paper.
- Participate willingly in new experiences.



Josephine,  
Harwood Elementary School



Roman,  
Susick Elementary School



Michael,  
Cromie Elementary School



Mariette,  
Willow Woods Elementary School

# PREPARING FOR SCHOOL

Kindergarten is a big milestone for your child-and you! It can be scary and stressful for your child, especially if this is your child's first experience in school. However, if you take some steps to prepare your child for this new experience, you can ease some of the anxiety and get your child's schooling off to a great start.

**Tell your child what to expect.** Your child needs to know about the teacher, the principal, and others who want to help. Talk with your child about what to expect during a typical school day, including classroom time, lunch and snacks, recess and bathroom breaks. The more your child knows about the details, the less anxious he/she will feel about the first days of school.

## Rehearse for the big day.

Do a test-run of the new routine:

- Wake up at the time necessary in order to give your child plenty of time to get ready.
- Plan and fix a healthy breakfast.
- Lay out clothes the night before and make sure zippers, buttons and ties are able to be easily fastened.
- If your child takes a school bus, walk to the bus stop and talk about boarding the bus and where to sit. If you will drive them to school, talk about landmarks along the way and pick-up and drop-off areas.
- If you will be sending a lunch, make sure it is nutritious food that they like and can open. Juice boxes, fruit cups and zip lock bags can frustrate your child if they haven't had practice. Remind them to ask for help if needed. Lunch staff will be there to help.
- Go over the after-school routine, latchkey and evening schedule.
- Make sure your child knows your full name, address, and where you work.

**Show an interest in what your child does.** Remember that learning is fun! The things your child does at school are important. Your child wants you to show an interest in them, too.

**Getting and staying involved in your child's school.** Visit the school website and social media sites to stay up-to-date on important dates and activities happening at the school. Speak with your child's teacher regularly, and if possible, participate in your school's booster organization.





# ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

In order to begin kindergarten, a **child must be five years old on or before September 1<sup>st</sup> of the year he/she is entering school** OR if with a waiver, your **child turns 5 years old on or before December 1<sup>st</sup>.**

## DO YOU LIVE IN THE WARREN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS ATTENDANCE AREA?

Click [here](#) to verify that you live in (or are moving into) the Warren Consolidated Schools (WCS) attendance area.

-If you live outside the Warren Consolidated Schools attendance area, but live in Macomb County and want to attend WCS, you may apply through the [School of Choice Program](#), the application can be found [here](#).

## ALL REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND LINKS CAN BE FOUND AT THE [KINDERGARTEN WEBSITE](#)

### **Step 1-Pre-Registration Enrollment\*\***

Click [here](#) - This link will enable you to enter the basic demographic information.

#### WHAT IS PRE-REGISTRATION ENROLLMENT?

- The Pre-Registration is a public form used for families who wish to enroll in WCS.
- It is the 1<sup>st</sup> step in enrolling in WCS. This collects basic demographic information for families enrolling in WCS.

### **Step 2-Receive Confirmation Email**

You will receive a Welcome to Enrollment Express email from [enrollment@accelaschool.com](mailto:enrollment@accelaschool.com), that your Pre-Registration was received. Your child's Pre-Registration will be reviewed by District staff. You will receive more information when it is processed, this could take up to 30 minutes. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact **Warren Consolidated School District** directly at **586-698-4478**.

### **Step 3-Parent Account Set-Up (FIRST TIME PARENT PORTAL USERS ONLY)**

You will receive an additional email on how to create your PowerSchool Parent Portal Account using the provided Access ID and Access Password.

#### To add a student to an existing Parent Portal Account

Log into your [Parent Portal Account](#) using your existing Username and Password. Use the Account Preferences tab, add your student, using the provided Access ID and Access Password, directions can be found [here](#).

#### [CLICK HERE FOR PARENT PORTAL INSTRUCTIONS](#)

### **Step 4-Sign into your [Parent Portal Account](#) to Fill out Enrollment Forms A-Z**

Select student name that you are enrolling from the upper left.

Click on the Forms tab on the left and then the Enrollment tab on the top.

Please have the following documents ready to upload (click [here](#) for directions on how to scan/upload documents using a mobile device) into the application:

- Child's certified birth certificate.
- Identification - Michigan driver's license, Michigan ID or passport of the parent or legal guardian.
- Residency - Property tax statement, monthly mortgage statement, lease, or closing papers **AND** a current utility bill.
- Immunization records.
- Vision and Hearing Screening.
- Special Education Students ONLY-most recent IEP and/or a 504 Plan.

#### [CLICK HERE FOR ASSISTANCE ON WHERE TO FIND THE ABOVE INFORMATION](#)

### **Step 5-Acknowledge and Consent to the information and documents submitted are correct**

#### **Final Step**

Once all forms have been submitted and reviewed, Student Services will contact you to set up a time to bring in original birth certificate, identification and any pertinent educational records such as, special education records, IEP, etc. that you might have, to complete the registration process.

**For families without internet access or access to an electronic device, we offer enrollment kiosks at the [WCS Administration Building](#), at 31300 Anita Warren, MI 48093.**

**If you have questions, visit the [Student Services website](#) or call, 586-698-4478**

**\*\*Please Note - The online registration tool is not compatible with older versions of the Internet Explorer browser. Please use the Microsoft Edge browser, Firefox or Google Chrome to complete the registration process.**





# DISTRICT MAP

## MAP GUIDE

- Purple = Elementary Schools
- Green = Middle Schools
- Red = High Schools, Administration, Performing Arts Center, Educational Centers



Wilma,  
Harwood Elementary School

Student registration being held at:  
 ★ [Warren Consolidated Schools](#)  
 ★ [Administration Building](#)  
 31300 Anita  
 Warren, MI 48093  
 North of 13 Mile Road  
 and  
 East of Van Dyke (M-53)



# Warren Consolidated Schools



## Early Childhood Programs in WCS

- Focus on Kindergarten preparation.
- Focus on Early Childhood objectives for development and learning including: social-emotional, physical health, language, cognitive, literacy, mathematics, science and technology, social studies, the arts, and English Language Acquisition.
- Experienced and dedicated teaching staff who are committed to fostering a love of learning and provide a positive introduction to the school setting.

## World of Fours

- Must meet income eligibility guidelines and be a Macomb County resident to qualify.
- Half day and full day programs available.
- Must be 4 years old on or before September 1.
- Applications will be on-line in the spring.

## Early Childhood Special Education

- Special Education preschool program for children ages 3-6 with a current IEP
- Offers half-day programs and one full day program
- Classes taught by a certified special education teacher with one paraprofessional per classroom
- Skills taught include: communication, behavior training, fine motor, gross motor, and preschool academics individualized to the student

## Transitional Kindergarten

- FREE full-day program.
- Five days per week.
- For students who are born between September 1 and December 1, who would benefit from an additional year of growth between preschool and kindergarten, or who have limited early childhood experiences.
- A program that combines academics with critical social and emotional development standards for students not quite ready for traditional kindergarten.

## Tuition-Based Preschool

- 30 week program.
- For students who will be 3 years of age on or before September 1; Class meets 2 days per week for 2 hours.
- For students who will be 4 years of age on or before September 1; Class meets 4 days per week for 3 hours.

## Project Find

- Concerns about your preschooler's communication, behavior, physical or cognitive skills?
- Concerns that your preschooler is developmentally delayed or might have autism?
- Call 586-698-4129 to request a Project Find preschool-age child screening today.



To help your child find their place in Warren Consolidated Schools, visit **WCSKIDS.NET** or call **888-4WCS-KIDS**.

\*Dates, times, locations subject to change

# WARREN CONSOLIDATED ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS



**Black Elementary School**  
14100 Heritage Road  
Sterling Heights, Michigan 48312  
(586) 825-2840



**Lean Elementary School**  
2825 Girard  
Warren, MI 48092  
(586) 574-3230



**Cromie Elementary School**  
29797 Gilbert Drive  
Warren, MI 48093  
(586) 574-3160



**Siersma Elementary School**  
3100 Donna  
Warren, MI 48091  
(586) 574-3174



**Green Acres Elementary School**  
4655 Holmes  
Warren, MI 48092  
(586) 825-2890



**Susick Elementary School**  
2200 Castleton  
Troy, MI 48083  
(586) 825-2665



**Harwood Elementary School**  
4900 Southlawn  
Sterling Heights, MI 48310  
(586) 825-2650



**Wilde Elementary School**  
32343 Bunert  
Warren, MI 48088  
(586) 294-8490



**Holden Elementary School**  
37565 Calka Drive  
Sterling Heights, MI 48310  
(586) 825-2670



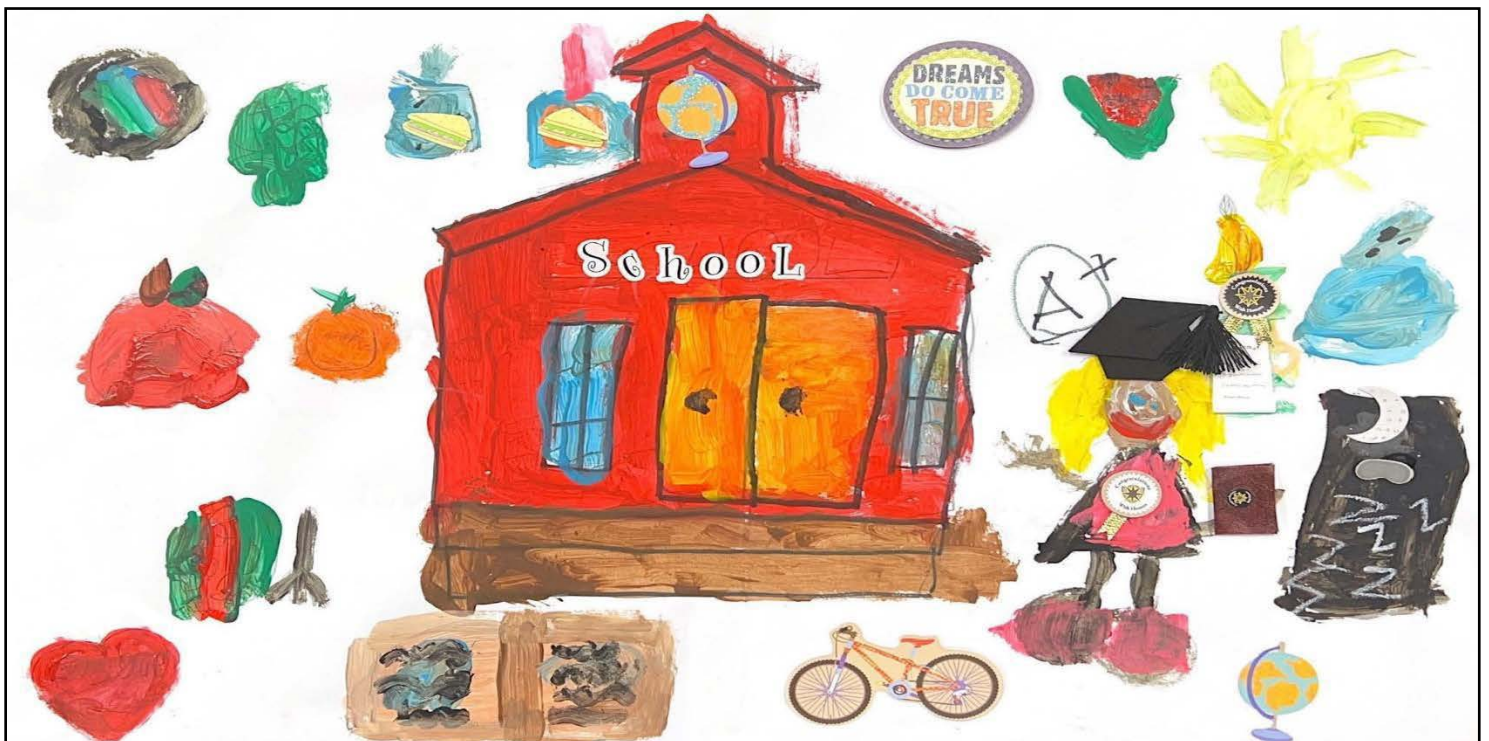
**Wilkerson Elementary School**  
12100 Masonic  
Warren, MI 48093  
(586) 825-2550



**Jefferson Elementary School**  
37555 Carol  
Sterling Heights, MI 48310  
(586) 825-2680



**Willow Woods Elementary School**  
11001 Daniel Drive  
Sterling Heights, MI 48312  
(586) 825-2850



Rosalie, Wilkerson Elementary School