Welcome to the Transitional Kindergarten & Kindergarten Information Night

January 14, 2026

Slides from this evening

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Welcome/Introductions

Presenters/Panel:

Lisa Hickey: Superintendent
Linda Whipple: Executive Assistant/ Registration Specialist
Catherine Waslif: Director of Educational Services
Tina Mondani: Administrative Assistant-Educational Services Dept.
Rachel Gekas: Director of Child Nutrition Services

Rachel Reed: Kindergarten Teacher- Meadows Elementary
Bonnie Daugherty: Transitional Kindergarten Teacher- Meadows Elementary
Kristi Warner: Transitional Kindergarten Teacher-Spring Valley Elementary

Agenda

- District Overview
- What to Expect in TK and Kindergarten
- Enrollment & Registration Procedures
- Additional Information
- Time for Questions

MESD Vision

- Nurture Emotional Intelligence
- Promote a Passion for Learning
- Foster an Innovative Learning Environment
- Connect Self and Learning to the World

District Overview

- 4 Elementary Schools: Green Hills, Lomita Park, Meadows, Spring Valley
- 1 Middle School: Taylor
- TK-8 District
- Approximately 2,100 students
- Outstanding programs and staff at all school sites
- Currently TK classes at all schools

What to expect in Transitional Kindergarten (TK)

Sample TK Daily Schedule

8:15 Line up & Pledge - outdoors
8:20 Unpack and sanitize or wash hands
8:25 Morning Meeting
8:55 Morning Work
9:25 SEL/Yoga
9:35 Ready for recess - sanitize/wash
9:40 Recess/snack
10:10 Math/Science
10:40 Brain Break/Movement
10:50 Centers (Language Arts/Math/ Science/Social Studies/Art)
11:35 Clean up get ready for lunch; wash/sanitize hands
11:45 Walk to lunch room

11:50 - 12:15 Lunch
12:15 - 12:30 Lunch recess
12:35 Sanitize/wash hands
12:40 Free Choice Play
1:30 Clean up and get ready to go home.
1:35 Story Time
1:45 Dismissal
1:55 Extended Day Enrichment (small group)
2:30 Dismiss extended day students

***Tuesday Legarza (PE) 8:30 - 9:30
** Thursday Music 10:40 -11:10
*Cam Science (once/month)

TK Learners in Action

Weekly Music with Music for Minors

Foundational Literacy and Math Skills

Play rooted in SEL

Transitional Kindergarten

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McGraw Hill Reveal MATH

Heggerty
PHONEMIC AWARENESS CURRICULUM
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Wonders

Click each graphic to learn more about learning TK

What to expect in Kindergarten

Sample Kinder Daily Schedule

8:15 Line up & Pledge - outdoors
8:20 Unpack and sanitize or wash hands
8:25 Morning Activity & Calendar
8:40 Language Arts - Read Aloud/Discussion
8:50 Language Arts - Phonics/Grammar
9:10 Ready for recess - sanitize/wash
9:15 Recess/snack
9:35 Read Aloud & Writer's Workshop
10:00 Language Arts Stations/Centers
10:30 Math / Math Stations
11:00 Science/Social Studies
11:25 Clean up get ready for lunch; wash/sanitize hands

11:30 Lunch
11:45 - 12:00 Lunch recess
12:00 Sanitize/wash hands
12:05 Read Aloud - SEL/Activity
12:30 Poetry/Art
1:00 Read Aloud
1:10 Exploration/Free Choice
1:35 Clean up/get ready to go home
1:45 Dismissal
1:45 Extended Day (small group)
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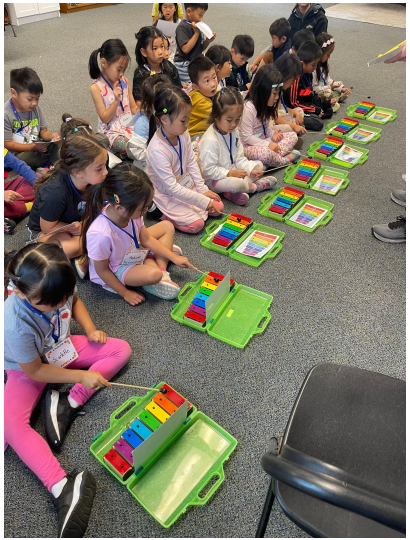
Kindergarteners in Action



Weekly Music with Music for Minors

Art

Journal Writing

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State Standards

Mc Graw Hill
Reveal MATH

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Wonders

Click on the graphics to learn more about learning in Kindergarten

Preparing for the First Day Of School!

Click on the graphic for information and activities to help you prepare your child for school.

Get Ready to Read Activities!

Kindergarten Readiness Skills

Countdown to School Activities

Borrowed with gratitude from the Pleasanton Unified School District

School Readiness

Get ready for the journey!

- **Attention Span** (Increasing Activities)
- **Awareness / Familiarity:** “What is school?”
- **Communication**
- **Eating Skills**
- **Independence:** Separates from caregiver with support and uses coping strategies (deep breaths, comfort item, routine)
- **Self-Control / Self-Regulation**
- **Self-Care Skills** (Backpack, shoes, clothing)
- **Toileting**

Enrollment & Registration

Registration Process

Yellow: Lomita Park
Orange Green Hills
Purple Spring valley
Blue: Meadows

Reminder about Residence Eligibility: Elementary school assignments are based on MESD school boundaries.

The registration forms are available at www.millbraeschooldistrict18.org/registration or at the school office.

1. **Compile the necessary forms and documents.**
2. **Contact the school Site Administrative Assistant to make a registration appointment.**

Grade Placement/Birthdates

Transitional Kindergarten (TK)

All children who turn 4 by September 1, 2026 are eligible

Kindergarten

Students must be 5 years old, on or before September 1, 2026.

Final Registration Steps

- Turn in ALL registration documents to the school site.
- Once complete, you will receive an email to complete the registration process in our online registration portal. Complete the online process as soon as possible.
- You will receive an email confirming the registration process is complete.

Keep your login information. It is your access to your ParentVue portal, where you can update/change your emergency contact information and view your child's attendance information, report cards, etc.

*All students will be assigned to their resident school based on their home address and classroom space availability. If there is a lack of classroom space, your student will be placed on a waiting list for your resident school and will be assigned to another school within the Millbrae Elementary School District with the available classroom space.

Enrollment & Registration Procedures

Step 1:
Gather documents

Collect the necessary forms and documents.

Contact the school Site Administrative Assistant to schedule an appointment.

Step 2:
Registration at the School Site

Once completed, you will receive the online registration link via email.

Step 3:
Online Registration completed

Once your Online Registration is reviewed and is accepted, you will receive an email stating your child's enrollment is complete. This could take some time.

Step 4:
Watch for information from the principal

Details about the start of school will be coming your way over the summer.

Attend the First Day of School on Thursday, August 14, 2025.

New Student Enrollment Checklist

Please bring the following items to the registration appointment:

- **Student Data Sheet**
- **Housing Questionnaire**
- **Student birth certificate or passport**
- **Parent Identification: Driver's license or passport (copy)**
- **Immunization records from Doctor (copy)**
- **TB test results or TB Risk Assessment questionnaire signed by Doctor**
- **Residency Verification: Detailed in the next column**
- **Oral Health Assessment**
- **If applicable, please bring the current copy of your child's IEP or 504 plan**

Proof of Residency Documents accepted include:

Two (2) residency documents are required both must have Parent/Guardian name and address listed on both:

1. Current Property Tax Bill, Grant Deed, or original Rental or Lease Agreement
2. Current PG&E, Water or Garbage bill (or Confirmation of Utility Service Notice)

Click here for a printable Registration checklist

Parent Opportunities

- PTA/PTO
- Millbrae Education Foundation (MEF)
- School Site Council
- English Language Advisory Committee
- Field Trip/Classroom Volunteers & Yard Supervisors*
- District Level Advisory Committees

*Volunteer clearance required.

Happy Hall Before & After School Program

Happy Hall programs prioritize a nurturing, inclusive community where children feel valued, supported, and inspired to learn.

- Available at all sites
- Before School 7:00-8:15
- After School-6:00
- STEAM, SEL, Movement, & more!

New Families & Admissions

call or text: (650) 583-7370

email: info@happyhall.com

Special Education

If your incoming TK child has an IEP (Individualized Education Plan), please be aware that we will be holding meetings in the Spring to help support a smooth transition.

Contact the Special Education Office if you have any questions about services.
(650) 697-6865 ex 020

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Stay Informed with Parent Square

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Available on the App Store

ANDROID APP ON Google play

https://www.parentsquare.com/signin

Child Nutrition Services

HEROES

Dedicated team of 12 preparing ~2,150 meals/day

Mei, Andrea & Stanley

Flora & May

Seven & Sandra

Myrth & Yolanda

Nicole, Terri & Lynn

Child Nutrition Services

Site Operations

Green Hills, Meadows, Spring Valley & Taylor:

- Serves FREE breakfast & lunch daily to ALL students
- Families are requested to complete Free & Reduced Meal Applications each year

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Lomita Park:

- Serves FREE breakfast & lunch daily to ALL students
- Serves FREE supper & snack to students enrolled in afterschool program
- Families are requested to complete a Universal Benefit Application

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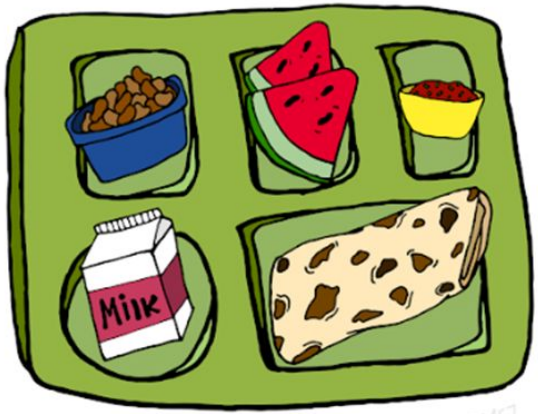
Schools are now the single healthiest place Americans are eating.



Tufts University (2021)

Courtesy of @LunchAssist

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

https://now.tufts.edu/2021/04/12/study-finds-americans-eat-food-mostly-poor-nutritional-quality-except-school

Child Nutrition Services

Meal Requirements

- All meals served must meet USDA & CDE requirements
- Students MUST take 3 components (1/2c fruit or vegetable **required**)
- Students may **NOT** take single items (ex: a milk or a piece of fruit from our fresh garden bars)

Visit our website for more Child Nutrition information :

https://mesdk8childnutrition.org/

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Questions?