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Welcome to Kindergarten!

JANUARY 28, 2026



Tonight's Agenda

- Introductions
- The Registration Process
- Our Kindergarten Inventory
- The Methacton Experience & Approach
- Supports for Students
- The Kindergarten Program
- Preparing for Kindergarten
- School & Home Partnership



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- **Mrs. Charane Juckniewitz**
- **Miss Steph Sawyer**
- **Mrs. Shannon Snyder**

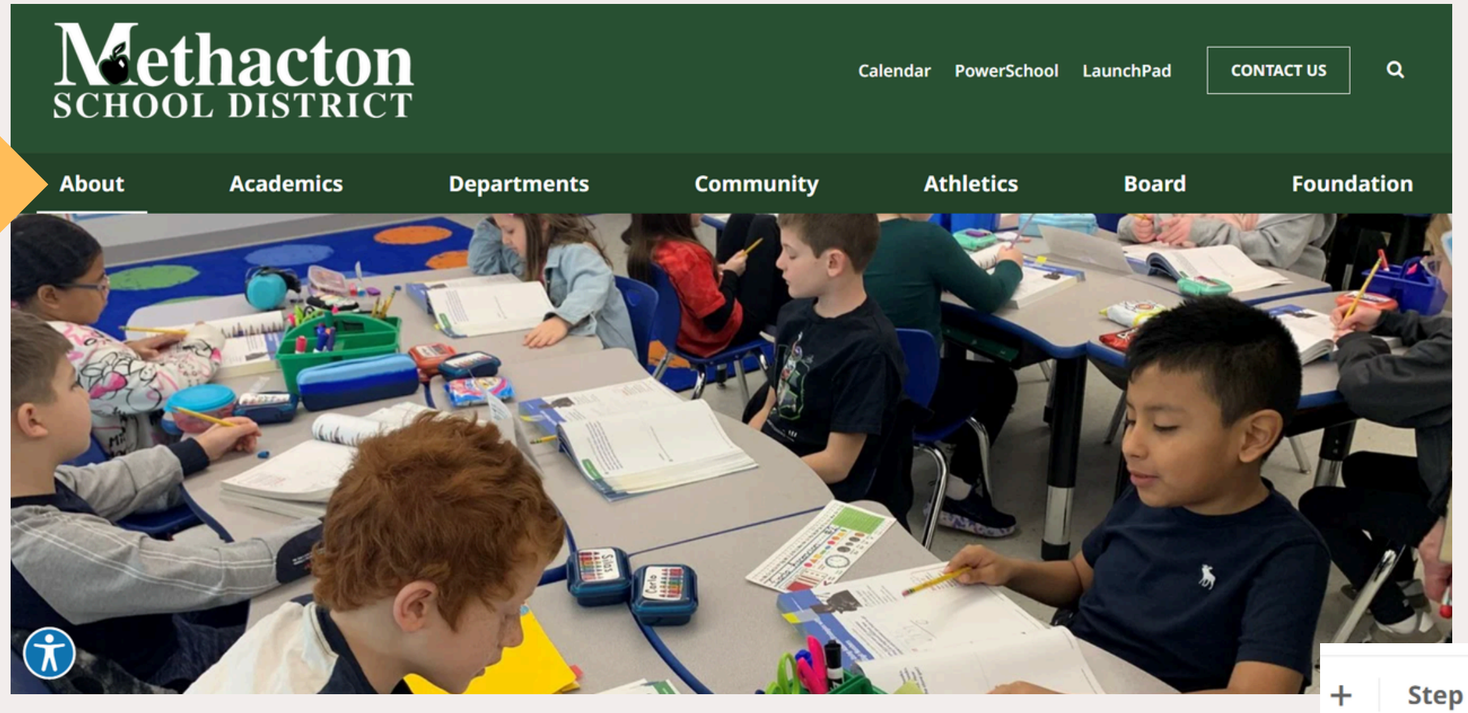




Online Registration opens February 3.

Children must turn 5 on, or before, September 1, 2026.

The Online Process



Student Registration



+ Step One: Online Pre-Registration

+ Step Two: Gather Documentation Required

+ Step Three: Create PowerSchool Parent Account & Upload Supporting Documents

Required for Registration for All Students

Photo ID for parent/guardian



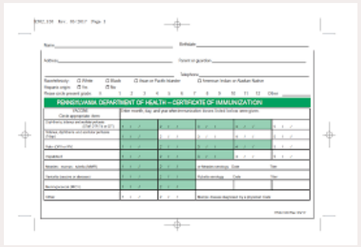
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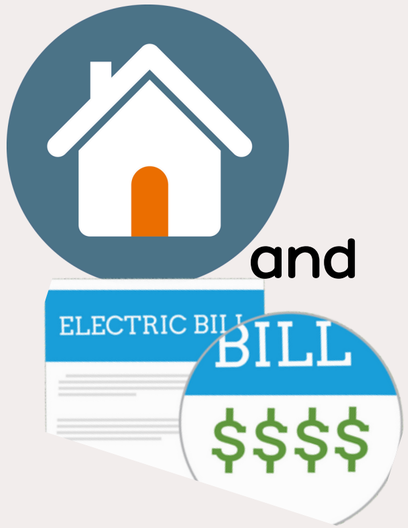
Birth Certificate & Immunization Records for Student



and



Proof of Residence (Lease/electric bill)



Start gathering your documentation now, so you have it when you are ready to register.

Other Pieces: If Applicable

Child Custody Agreement



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Future Documentation Needed



Physical Form

Dental Form

The physical and dental forms need to be dated after Jan 1, 2026 and provided to nurse once the school year begins.

Developmental Inventory

Once fully registered.
and verified...



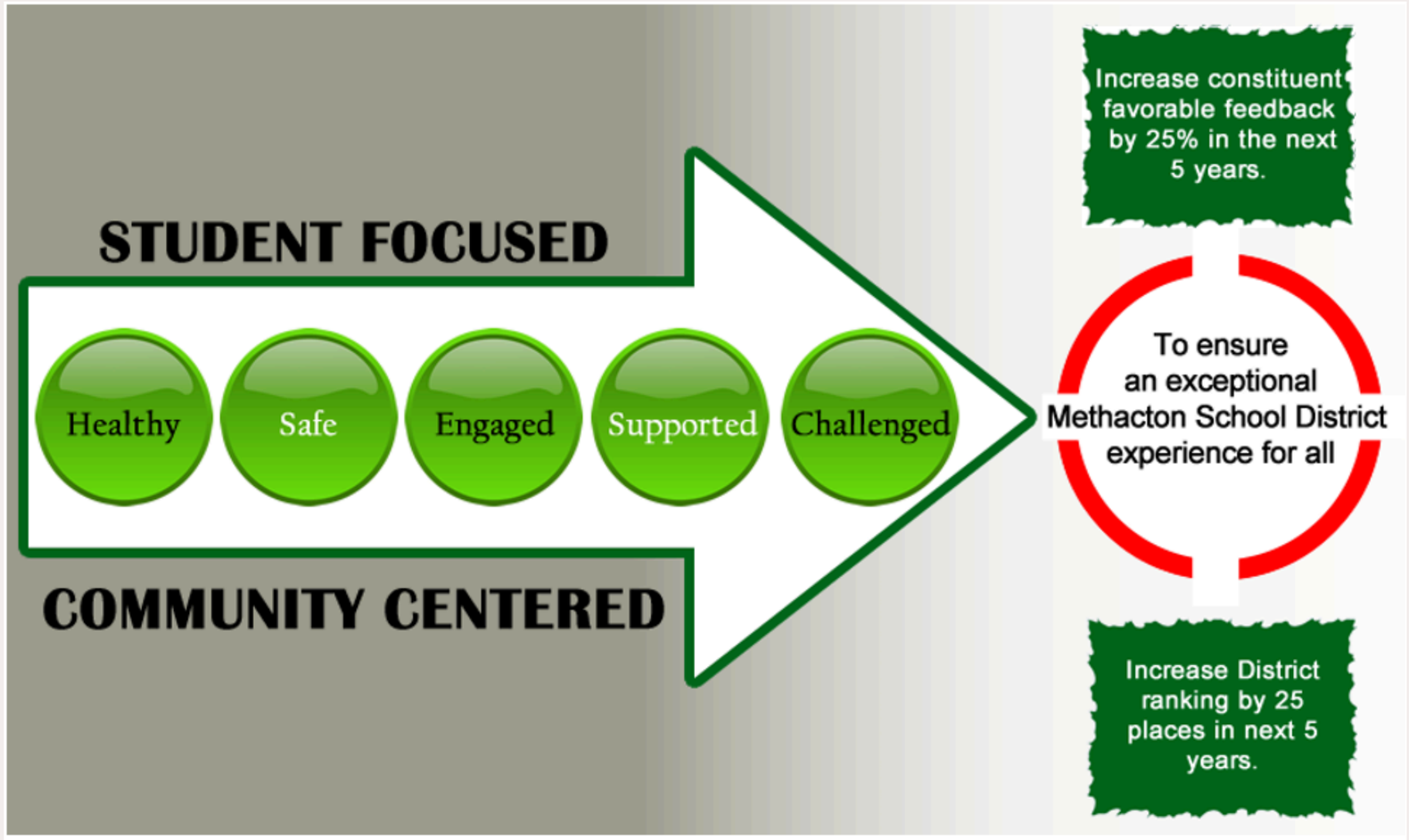


...a reading specialist will schedule a time to meet at the school. This usually occurs in early June and takes about 20 minutes.

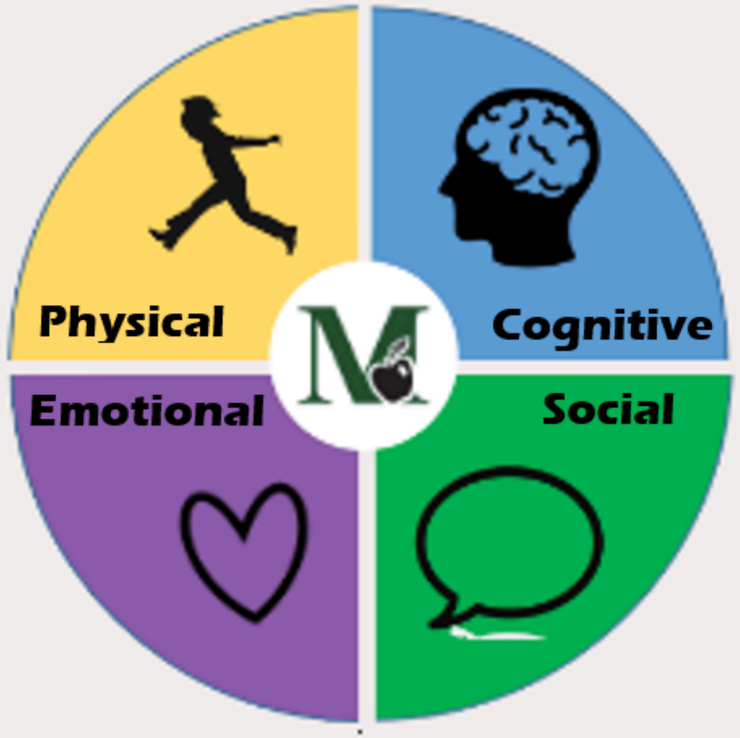


We'll get an understanding of your child's letter and number sense to better prepare us for the upcoming school year.

From Kindergarten and Beyond…



Methacton's Whole Child Approach



Social Skills

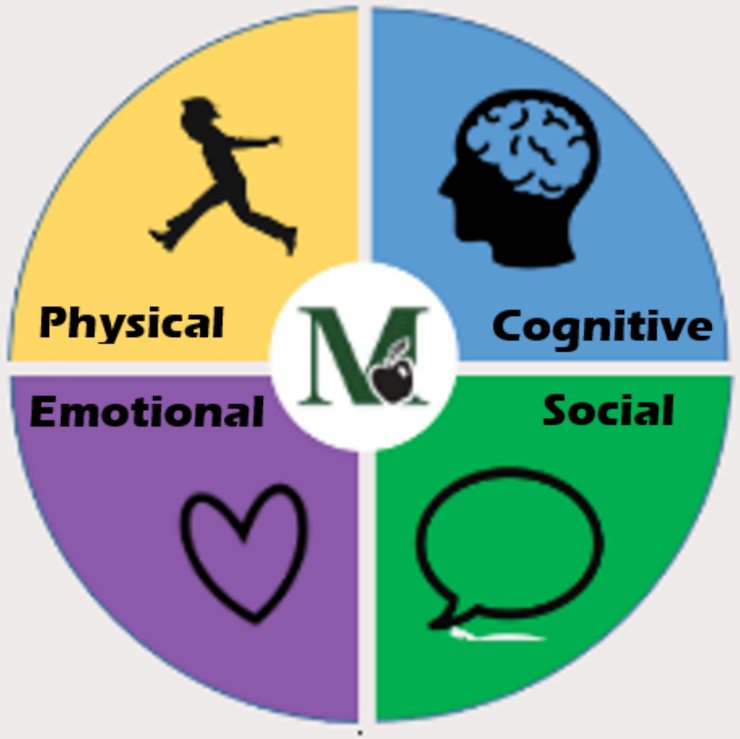
- Communication
- Managing Conflict
- Asking for help



Emotional Skills

- Managing Emotions
- Decision Making
- Goal Setting

Methacton's Whole Child Approach



Physical Skills

- Gaining Awareness
- Moving Safely
- Motor Development



Cognitive Skills

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Science/Social Studies

Support in Kindergarten

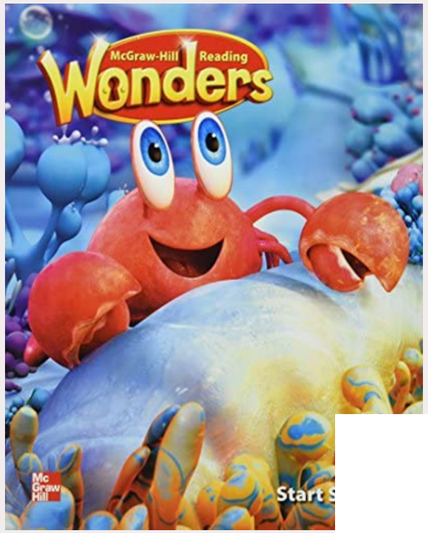
Our kindergarten program is inclusive.

- English Language Development
- Speech
- Reading Support
- Math Support
- Learning Support
- Social/Behavioral Support



“WIN” - *What I Need Practice - Intervention & Extension*

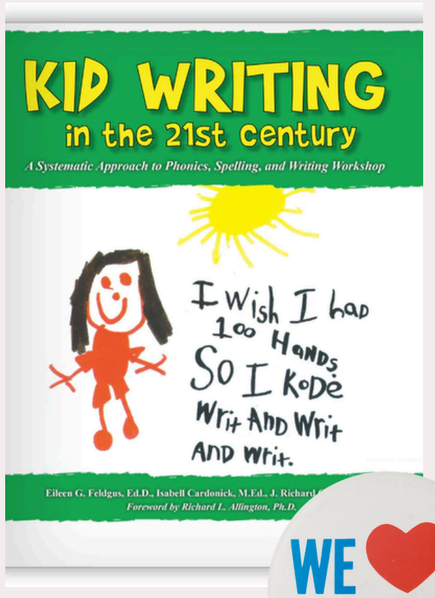
Literacy *Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking*



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Phonemic Awareness





WE ♥ OUR VOLUNTEERS



100 minutes: Whole Group & Small Group Learning

Math *Building Number Sense*







60 minutes: Whole Group, Small Group

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Science & Social Studies















30-40 minutes: Hands on & Play-based

Special Areas

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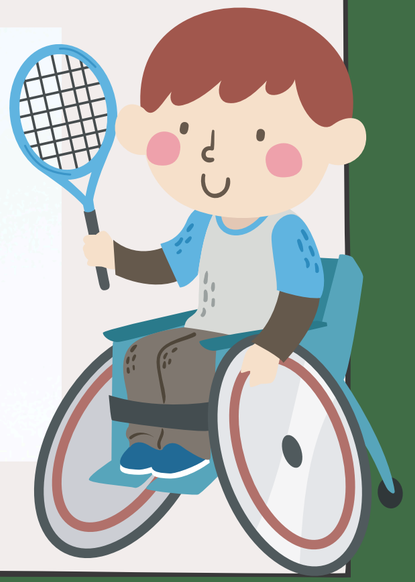


LIBRARY



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We can't forget about.....

I like eating lunch in the cafeteria!

Sometimes we learn on computers!



I like to play with my friends at recess!



Beginning of the Year Skills

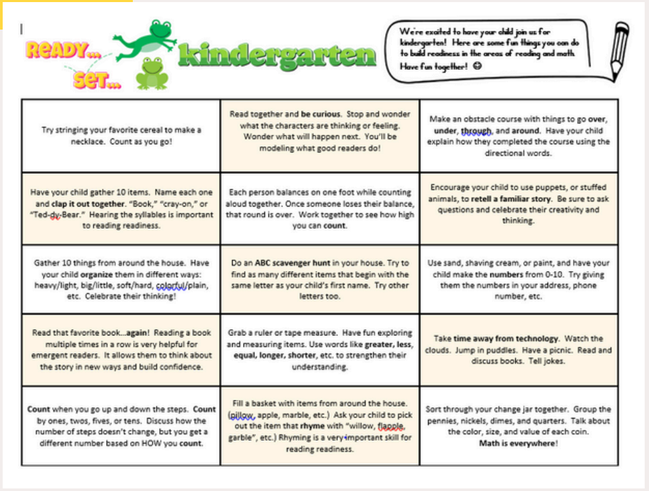
- *Identify most letters of the alphabet visually*
- *Recognize and pronounce letter ‘sounds’*
- *Recognize own name in print*
- *Write own name*
- *Familiarity with some numbers & shapes*
- *Count objects*
- *Grip a pencil correctly*
- *Use scissors, glue, and paint*



Preparing for Kindergarten







Consider...

- Story Hour @ Library
- Visit a Cafe (ie: IKEA)
- Play dates
- Visit a playground
- Run errands



Building Readiness

- ***Build Independence***
  Using the bathroom, opening lunch items
- ***Manage Big Feelings***
  Naming emotions, waiting, taking turns, asking for help
- ***Develop a Learning Mindset***
  Trying again, making mistakes, being curious, listening to stories
- ***Prioritize Play Over Screens***
  Building, pretending, drawing, outdoor play, limited device time
- ***Establish Predictable Routines***
  Consistent sleep, morning routines, positive talk about school

Ways to Get Involved...

Methacton Coordinating Council

Get involved with your school's Home & School!

- Attend monthly meetings
- Volunteer for events
- Volunteer in school
  - May need clearances
- Join a committee

Go to Konstella.com

Konstella
Konnect Parents

Click "Find My School."

Questions & Answers

How and when are the number of classes decided?

Enrollment is something we monitor closely to help us best prepare for the coming school year. Sometimes there are last minute changes to enrollment and classes may be added, or capped. If a grade-level is capped at one school, additional students will be sent to another one of our elementary buildings. These decisions are usually not needed until the summer or fall.

Can I request a specific teacher?

There are many factors we examine when building class lists, and the student-teacher relationship is one factor. Rather than requesting a teacher by name, please identify the characteristics you believe would best meet the needs of your child. Although we cannot guarantee anything, all requests will be considered.

Questions & Answers

How many Kindergarten classes are there?

There are currently 4 classes in each of our elementary schools; however, this may change due to enrollment.

What are the hours for students?

A student's day is from 8:55 am - 3:35 pm.

When is the first day of school?

All K-12 students begin on **Monday, August 31, 2026**.

When is the Kindergarten Sneak-a-Peek?

The tentative date is Thursday, August 27, 2026.



2026-27 Calendar

Questions & Answers

My child already did Kindergarten in another school? Should they do it again at Methacton?

All students who turn 5 on, or before, September 1, 2026 are eligible for kindergarten. As parents/guardians, you will need to make this decision.

What organizations provide before & after school care?

A list of preschool facilities that provide before and/or after school care can be found on the Methacton website. Please pay close attention to the transportation details. ***This is subject to change.***

Thank you!

We're excited to partner with you!

