



**MIDDLEBOROUGH
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Preschool Family Orientation for Prospective Community Peers

Live Virtual Presentation

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

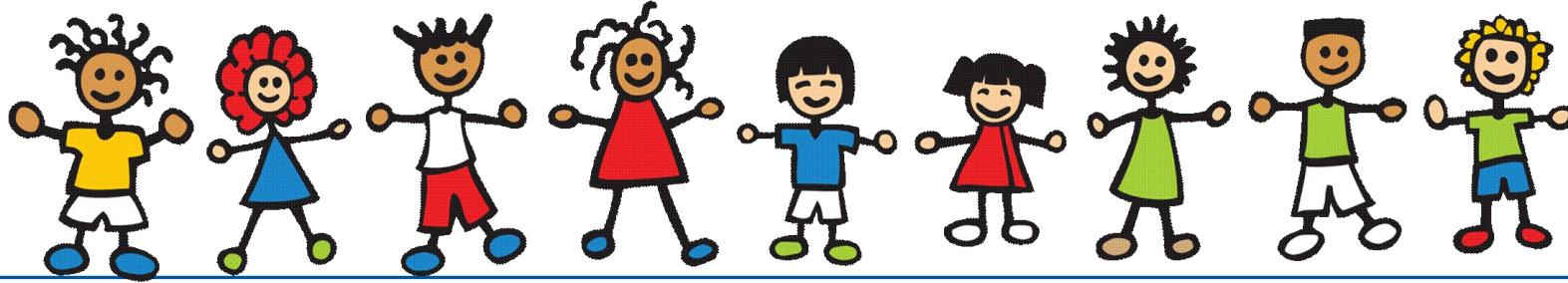
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Attendance/Sign-In

- If you have a google email you can type into the chat and provide your child's name
- If you do not have a google email, you can fill out the google form that was emailed to you.



Welcome/Introductions



- *Patty Carifio – Early Childhood Special Education Teacher*
- *Shauna Soucy – Early Childhood Special Education Teacher*
- *Stephanie Peixoto – Preschool Speech/Language Pathologist*
- *Kira Drugan - School Psychologist*
- *Kelly Weymouth – School Nurse*
- *Tracie Lord – MECC Principal*
- *Melissa Deutschmann – Special Education Coordinator/Director*

Middleborough Early Childhood Program

- Philosophy of inclusive education
- Overview of the program



Tuition and Volunteers

- **This is a tuition-based program for community peers**
 - Fee is based on the # of sessions per week ~ 4-5 depending on placement
 - Fee has been approved by School Committee for \$15/session
 - Failure to pay will result in the student having to leave the program
 - Fee schedule and first payment information shared in July 2026
- **Volunteers/CORI Checks**
 - Volunteers are welcome as appropriate, including for the MECC PTA
 - PTA email is MECCPTAboard@gmail.com or Parents of MECC on Facebook
 - CORI must be done via Middleborough Public Schools (valid for 3 years)

Enrollment Process

- Each prospective student must participate in a screening by early childhood staff (described later in this presentation)
- Students who pass the screening will move on to enrollment:
 - The school nurse will be present to review health records (most recent physical w/ immunizations & lead level)
 - The district's registrar will also be present to review proof of residency and other registration documents (birth certificate)
 - Devices will be available for families to complete the online registration process through the district website. The registrar will be on hand to assist as needed.

Registration Documents

- Families should start collecting the required documents **now**:
 - **School/Camp Physical** with immunizations and lead level - (this is NOT the office visit summary)
 - **Official Birth Certificate**
 - **Proof of Residency**
 - Any legal documents (if applicable)
- Incomplete files with missing items cannot be accepted
- Questions about health record documents can be directed to the MECC school nurse: Kelly Weymouth at (508) 946-8874
- Questions about documents can be directed to Middleborough's Registrar: Katie Goodine at (508) 946-2000 x 3716

Proof of Residency Documents

1. Either a mortgage or lease statement dated within the last 60 days
2. Utility bill (most recent) with address that matches mortgage/lease
3. Driver's license or state-issued ID with address that matches

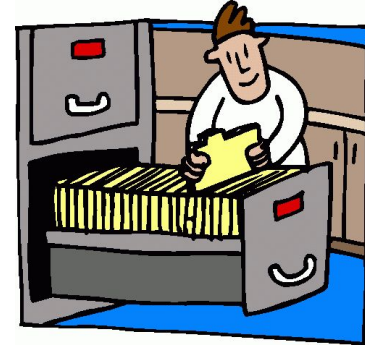
Please see the District website for more information on proof of residency:

- <https://www.middleboro.k12.ma.us/registration>

Health Information



Health Records



State mandated requirements:

- 4 year physical exam
- Immunizations up to date
- Lead level

Medical concerns/Health conditions:

Allergies, Asthma, Diabetes, Seizure disorder, any special health care need

Medications at school/requirements:

- MD order- dated after June 30th
- Authorization for Medication Administration form
- Care plan with picture

Medications must be brought in by an adult! Do not send in with child!



Health Records Continued

- **Protocol regarding illness:**
 - Must be home fever free for 24 hours without medication
 - Home for 24 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhea
 - 24 hours on an antibiotic when diagnosed with a contagious condition
- **Cough and sneeze etiquette**
- **Encourage healthy snacks**
 - Health and Wellness Policy
 - No sharing of food
- **Safe to school number:** 508-946-8872 for MECC only

Preschool Screening

- **Screening:** an essential step to enrollment
 - Brigance: Inventory of Early Development
- **Screening Dates for 2026:**
 - March 31st and April 1st





Qualities that make a good community peer

- Separates easily from parents
- Can follow directions from teacher
- Speaks clearly and models language for others
- Shares, cooperates, is helpful, and takes turns
- Independent with self-help skills (e.g., toileting)
- Can play in and accommodate to new social situations
- Has age appropriate developmental skills
- Can work well in groups as well as alone
- Pays attention to activities
- Transitions to changes with flexibility to new environment or activity





A “Typical Day”



1. Arrival/Dismissal
2. Circle Time
3. Centers
4. Snack
5. PE, Art, Library, Music (Depending on the day)
6. Playground



Sessions Offered

Preschool Days:

Monday-Thursday
(AM)

or

Monday-Friday
(PM)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM Session	8:45-11:15	8:45-11:15	8:45-11:15	8:45-11:15	NO PreK
PM Session	12:00-2:30	12:00-2:30	12:00-2:30	12:00-2:30	12:00-2:30

Inclusion Speech Therapy Services:

What is it? How might my child be included?

Services are provided to students on both IEPs and RTI services who need Speech Therapy.

- Services typically take place in the Speech Therapy Room, but can take place within the classroom also.

While in the classroom, the SLP might:

- Participate in Centers
- Attend Snack-time
- Conduct small group activities (3-4 students)
- Conduct whole group activities
- Co-Teach an activity or lesson with the teacher



Peer modeling provides children with the opportunity to learn skills from typically developing peers through games and activities. Lessons are designed so that children learn while they play and observe the proper behavior of others.





Social/Emotional Support

- Kira Drugan is our School Psychologist who works with our preschool students and families when needed
- Students are introduced to various social and emotional concepts as part of the general curriculum. Our classes use concepts and language from the *Social Thinking*, *Zones of Regulation*, and *Second Step* programs.

Questions and Answers



Contact Information

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