Welcome to Delta Kelly Elementary

Class of 2039

Delta Kelly Elementary School

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Delta Kelly Mission Statement

As a school community our vision is to nurture children's intellectual character by engaging students in collaborative inquiry and purposeful experiences. We value curiosity, and creativity, which empowers students to think, explore, take risks, reflect, and persevere. These opportunities guide students to discover their unique gifts.



Meet our Staff

Kristin Patrona
Principal



Corine Terry
Learning Consultant



Robin Cottone
Interventionist





Pauline Bayrakdarian & Kim Smith
Secretaries

Meet the Kindergarten Teachers

Bonnie Jackson Brandon Siewert Jade Vargo Brittany Zelda







Delta Kelly Support Staff

Learning Consultant

Academic Interventionist

English Language Learner Teacher

Para Educators

School Social Worker

Speech & Language Pathologist

Resource Room Teachers



First Week of Kindergarten



1st Day- August 24, 2026– Half day of school

- Families *attend class with students* for the first hour of the day
- Students and families transition to playground
- Families leave once all students are on the playground and can return to pick students up around 11:15am.

2nd Day- August 25, 2026–Full day of school

- Students with last names that begin with ~A-L attend
- Students with last names that begin with ~M-Z stay home
- Teachers collect information on classroom balance of abilities and behaviors

3rd Day- August 26, 2026-Full day of school

- Students with last names that begin with ~A-L stay home
- Students with last names that begin with ~M-Z attend
- Teachers collect information on classroom balance of abilities and behaviors



4th day- August 27, 2026- Full day of school

- All students report
- Teachers share recommendations for student moves to ensure balanced classrooms
- Families notified if updates to placement are being made

5th day- August 28, 2026- Full day of school

*****We will post the alphabet breakdown for the 2nd and 3rd day on our website and communicate with families in August.**

Kindergarten Daily Routines

Arrival

Fifth Grade Safeties help bussers

Parent drop off-use Kindergarten door

Leave lunch outside classroom in bins *(Snacks should be separate from their lunch)*

Place belongings in cubbies

Daily folder in basket

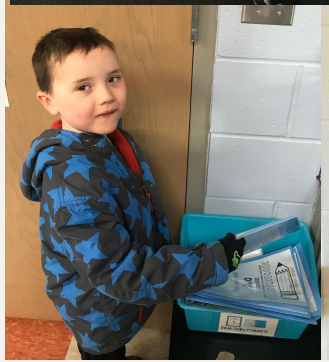
Lunch selection

Name sign-in













Kindergarten Daily Routines

Morning Routines

Morning greeting- Building connections and classroom community

Daily schedule

Calendar/Number corner–math skills

Weather–science skills

The Positivity Project

Building excitement for the day's learning







Kindergarten Daily Routines

Literacy

Phonics

Reading

Writing

Phonemic Awareness

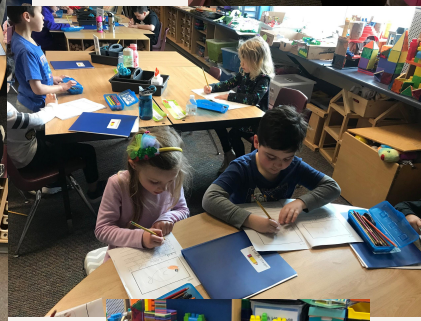
Read Alouds

Kindergarten Literacy Rotations

Intervention Groups











Kindergarten Daily Routines

Math

Bridges Curriculum

Number Corner

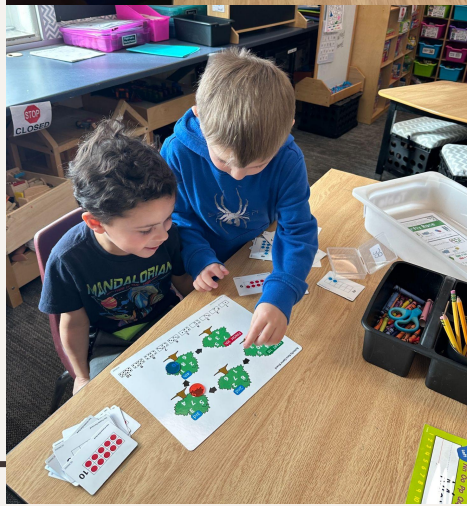
Whole group lesson

Math Workplaces-math games/activities in small group setting









Kindergarten Daily Routines

Science, Social Studies and Health

Force and Motion

Weather

Living/Non-Living

Earth Materials

Maps and Globe

Flag

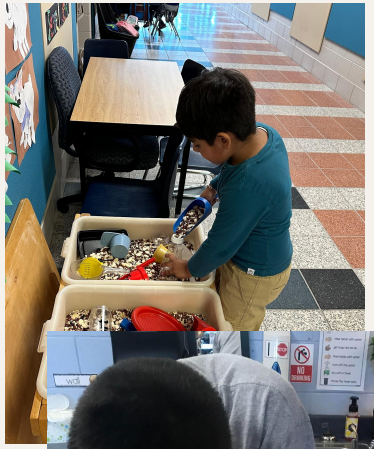
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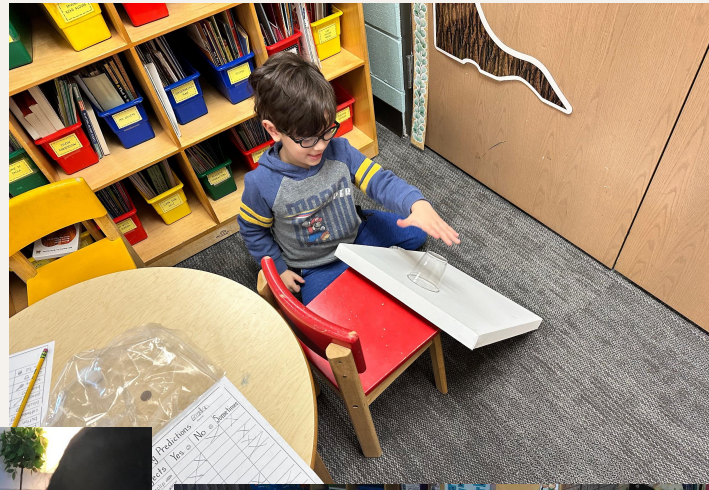
School Rules

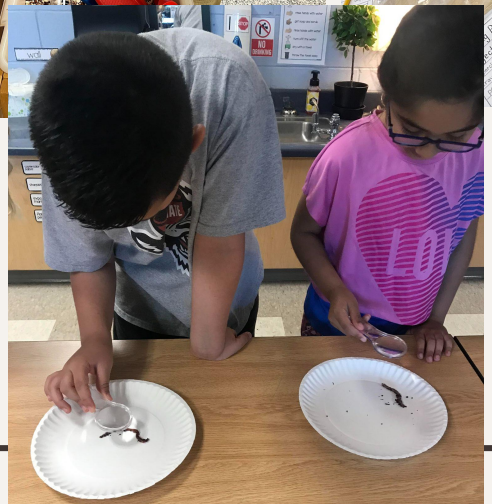
Conflict Resolution

Identify classroom issues

Consider viewpoints









Kindergarten Daily Routines

Snack and Free Choice (Play)

Students have 2 snacks per day
- They can bring 2 peanut, tree nut (sometimes dairy) ***free*** snacks per day
- They can bring a water bottle daily

Through play, students can
- Use their Imagination, creativity, design and passion
- Develop cooperation and collaboration skills
- Navigate social situations
- Model and learn problem solving skills

Teachers facilitate learning connections while students play











Kindergarten Daily Routines

Recess and Lunch

20 minutes for lunch and 20 minutes for recess
-Keep this in mind when packing lunches
-Purchase lunch boxes and containers that students can open independently

2-3 Para Educators stay with grade level

Sharing food is not allowed for safety

Peanut and tree nut free table

School lunch is peanut and treenut free

Lunches sent from home can contain nuts but snacks may NOT

Students wash hands after lunch













Kindergarten Daily Routines

Specials

Art – 1 Hour per week

Media – 1 Hour per week

PE – 30 minutes twice per week

Music – 30 minutes twice per week







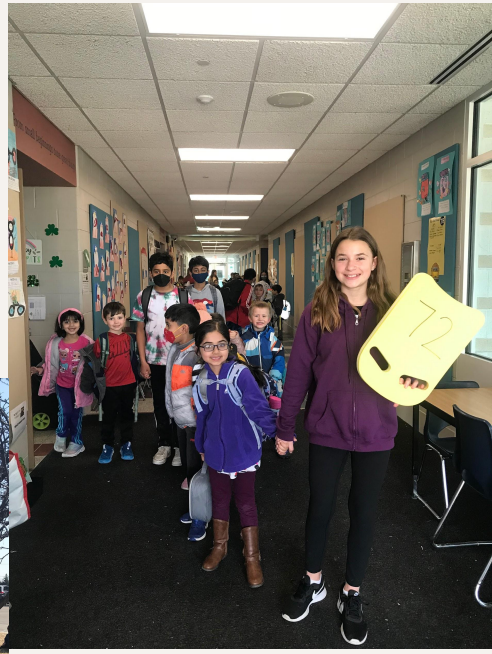
Kindergarten Daily Routines

Dismissal

Begins early–especially at the beginning of the year around 3:05pm

Students line up based on how they are getting home daily

- Bus
- Parent pick-up (car loop or walking)
- SAC
- Special events or BASES classes





Rochester Community Schools Educational Programs At-A-Glance

RCS Preschool Programs

RCS Pre-K

- 3 year old program: 3 days a week, 8:45 - 11:45
- 4 year old program: 4 days a week, 8:30 - 1:00
- Full-day program: 5 days a week, 7:00 - 6:30
- Blended Program - Sp. Ed & Gen. Ed
- Tuition based
- Parent participation

GSRP

- Must turn 4 on or before September 1
- State funded - tuition free
- Eligibility requirements
- High/Scope curriculum
- All day M - Th, 8:30 - 3:30
- Breakfast & lunch provided

Early Childhood Special Education Programs

- Ages 2 ½ -5 years old
- 4 days a week, M-Th, 8:45 - 11:45 or 12:45-3:45
- Diverse & inclusive enriched programs
- Provides speech, social work, occupational & physical therapy through IEPs

Caring Steps

- Serves children ages 6 weeks - 5 years
- Year-round, extended-hour childcare options
- 6:00 AM - 6:30 PM care
- Fully licensed, secure facility
- High/Scope curriculum & Reggio Emilia inspired approach
- Flexible scheduling with 2, 3, 4, & 5 day options

Transitional Kindergarten

Emphasis on:

- Child's social growth
- Child's emotional growth
- Relationship driven environments
- Emergent academic skills

Curriculum:

- High/Scope curriculum & Reggio Emilia inspired approach that promotes active learning through children's interests
- Observations, documentation of development

Play:

- Primary vehicle for all growth & learning woven throughout the day
- 60 minutes of outdoor play

School: (tuition free)

- Turns 5 years old between June 1 - Dec 1
- All day M-F, follows District Calendar
- Attends specials: music, media, gym, art
- Attends lunch & recess with peers
- 2-year commitment – following school year attend Kindergarten
- School-Age Care Available

Classroom:

- Elementary Education Certified Teacher
- Full-time Paraprofessional
- General education classroom
- Students with IEPs receive services
- Qualified students receive ELL support

Kindergarten

Emphasis on:

- Phonics, reading, writing & math skills
- Child's social growth
- Child's emotional growth
- Independent learning

Curriculum:

- Common Core State Standards for academics
- Academic & life skill assessments

Play:

- 40 minutes of scheduled indoor play
- 30 minutes of outdoor play

School:

- Turns 5 years old by September 1
- All day M-F, follows District Calendar
- Attends specials: music, media, gym, art
- Attends lunch & recess with peers
- Following school year attend 1st grade
- School-Age Care Available

Classroom:

- Elementary Education Certified Teacher
- General education classroom
- Students with IEPs receive services
- Qualified students receive ELL support

Transitional Kindergarten

For students who turn 5 years old between June 1st and December 1st of 2026

What is the difference between TK and K?

	Transitional Kindergarten	Kindergarten
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Transitional Kindergarten Information

Mission: Transitional Kindergarten honors a child's learning and well-being through play in an encouraging environment that fosters curiosity, discovery, and creative thinking. Independence and friendships flourish.



- For children who turn 5 between June 1 to December 1 of current school year
- Full day, 5 days per week program
- Follows the RCS district calendar
- TK attends specials (Art, Physical Education, Library, Music)
- Eligible children receive Special Education and/or ML services
- TK children attend Kindergarten the following year
- Taught by a certified teacher with paraprofessional support



KINDERGARTEN READINESS





K

Academics

Recognizes letters
Recognizes letter sounds
Recognizes shapes
Recognizes colours
Counts 10 objects
Engages with books
Writes own first name
Can recognize rhyming words

Self-Regulation

Comforts self
Pays attention, listens
Controls impulses
Follows directions
Negotiates solutions
Plays cooperatively
Participates in circle time
Handles frustration well
Obeys commands (“no, stop”)
Understands boundaries, rules, “no”

Social Expression

Expresses empathy
Relates well to adults
Has expressive abilities
Curious and eager to learn
Expresses needs and wants
Engages in symbolic play

Self-Care and Motor Skills

Use of small manipulatives (use of fork, spoon)
Has general coordination
Performs basic self-help / self-care tasks (bathroom, hand wash, nose care)





(WTK 2014)

Is TK a good fit for my child?

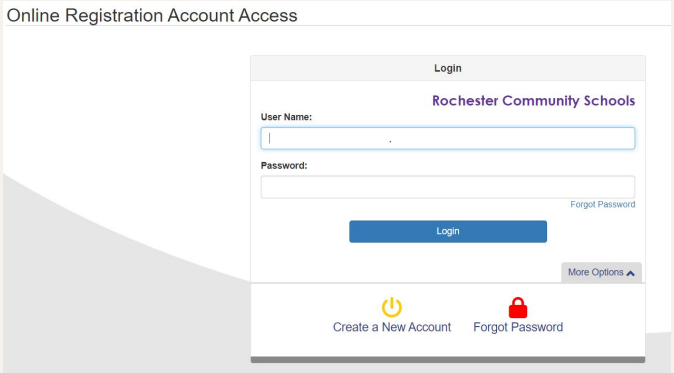
- ❑ Does your child turn 5 between June 1 & December 1?
- ❑ Has your child had previous schooling?
- ❑ Would your child learn best at their own pace?

Could your child benefit from growth in the areas below?

- ❑ **Self-awareness**: Recognizing and managing one's emotions
- ❑ **Relationship skills**: Forming positive relationships with others
- ❑ **Responsible decision-making**: Making appropriate decisions and resisting negative social pressure
- ❑ **Self-management**: Identifying and regulating one's emotions and behavior
- ❑ **Following directions**: Listening and following directions
- ❑ **Conflict resolution**: Thinking of appropriate solutions to conflict
- ❑ **Cooperative play**: Engaging in social conversation and cooperative play
- ❑ **Building confidence**: Feeling good about oneself and others

TK & Kindergarten Enrollment

All enrollment is completed online



2 steps-

1. ParentVue
2. TK & Kindergarten Info. Survey
   - Please complete for your child entering TK or Kindergarten
   - Survey will also be emailed in the spring and summer to enrolled families–***you only have to complete it once***
   - Any questions? There is a spot at the end of the survey to ask questions that you may have.




Delta Kelly Kindergarten Information Survey 2026-2027

On behalf of all of us at Delta Kelly, we are so excited to welcome you to the Cardinal family!

Please complete the following information for each child you will be registering for Kindergarten. This form will be used during the placement process to help us create balanced classrooms.

You will notice some questions on the form that are designed to create an experience that is tailored to each individual child. If there is something you cannot or choose not to answer, that is okay. We understand that this form is a little lengthy but all of the information you provide will be helpful.

Please note that this is NOT the Rochester Community Schools registration process. You must still register your child through the District, if you have not done so already. You can access this process here: https://www.rochester.k12.mi.us/about-us/departments/dept-enrollment/online-registration

Please note that this document may take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete.

Link to registration and information survey is on our school website.

Kindergarten Supplies

*Backpack
-Large enough to fit library book, lunch box, and folder/binder.
-No Wheels

*Water Bottle
-Flip top straw is the best.
-Please no plastic twist top bottles

*Snacks
-Healthy- No Nut Products
-Packed separately from lunch.

*Lunch
-Lunch box with a drink
-Students may purchase lunch or bring from home.

*Label
-Put your child's first and last name on <u>everything</u> you send to school.

*Things to Practice
-Opening and closing all lunch and snack containers.


Delta Kelly Kindergarten
Supply List 2026-2027

If you can provide any of the items below, please send them to school with your child. If you purchased a DK Kindergarten supply kit, that will have all of these supplies. If you are having trouble obtaining any of the items below, please let your child's teacher know. Thank you so much for your support of our kindergarteners!

(Specific name brands have been suggested because of their quality and durability. However, any brand purchased is greatly appreciated)

Your child will need **a backpack** large enough to fit a folder & their work. It is helpful to write your child's name on their backpack as well as their bus # if they will be riding a bus. ••They will bring this to & from school each day••

- **4**– 24 ct. Crayola Crayons
- **1**– 10 ct. Crayola washable Markers– broad line
- **1**– 24 ct. Crayola pre-sharpened colored pencils
- **1**– 12 ct. Ticonderoga #2 pencils– **pre-sharpened**
- **1**– Black Paper Mate Flair Felt Tip Pen
- **3**- Black Expo Dry Erase Markers– Chisel Tip
- **3**- Black Sharpie Fine tip markers
- **1**– red paper folder (with or without prongs)
- **5**– Elmer's Washable Glue Sticks
- **3**– Elmer's 4 oz. Washable school glue (liquid glue)
- **1**– Crayola watercolor paint set
- Gallon size storage bags **15 ct. or greater**

Other items we use frequently in the classroom
-Quart size storage bags
-Chisel tip highlighters
-Facial tissues/Kleenex
-Clorox disinfecting wipes

Supply list is linked on our school website

SAC-

School Age Care







SCHOOL-AGE CARE

Childcare before and after school offered at all elementary schools from 6:45am to the start of school and from the end of school to 6:00pm. Activities include games, crafts, outdoor play, quiet area, gym time, clubs, and special activities.

TEAMS

Teens Empowered After Middle School offers after-school activities for middle school students from the end of school to 6:00pm in a safe, supervised environment. Activities include socialization, games, homework time, crafts and participation in after-school activities. *(Possible suspension of this program 2022-23)*

SUMMER DAY-CAMP

Summer Day-Camp is available to all residents of the Rochester Community Schools district. Camp is open from 6:45am - 6:00pm. The 2022 Summer Day-Camp will be located at Brooklands Elementary School and will accommodate students in K-8th grade (by fall of 2022). Children participate in crafts, themes of the week, fitness, outdoor play, field trips, enrichment activities, music, and weekly special events. An optional hot lunch program is also available for purchase. Space is limited.

MINI DAY-CAMPS

Full-day childcare, 6:45am - 6:00pm, is offered at a select location on most Professional Development days (as well as some 1/2 day specials at each individual school). A full range of exciting activities fill the day. Available to all currently active SAC and TEAMS children in grades K-8. Separate registration is required for these days.



OFFICE INFORMATION

The School-Age Care office is located within the Caring Steps Children's Center.

School-Age Care
Caring Steps Children's Center
3838 N. Rochester Rd.
Oakland Twp., MI 48306



Office hours:
8:00am - 4:00pm
Monday - Friday
all school days.

Summer hours:
8:00am - 4:00pm
Monday-Thursday.

Phone: 248-726-3023
Fax: 248-726-4805

Email:
sac@rochester.k12.mi.us

OFFICE STAFF

Michael Cardimen, SAC Supervisor
Kelly Herring, SAC Coordinator
Sunday Revard, SAC Secretary



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

All registrations are completed online through the Rochester Community Schools website:

www.rochester.k12.mi.us,

About Us>Departments>School-Age Care

Click on the green **REGISTRATION** button.

PTA

Delta Kelly PTA

PTA = Parent-Teacher Association

The mission of Delta Kelly's PTA is to develop a partnership between family and school in order to provide our children with the highest advantages in academic, social, and physical education.

- A strong PTA has the support of all parents, teachers, school staff, as well as other family members and community members.
- Your support helps fund various activities and enrichment events for Delta Kelly. It also provides funding for vital advocacy both at the district and the state level.
- There will be many opportunities to get involved, and the PTA will never turn anybody away who wants to volunteer! However, you are not required to volunteer your time in order to join. The PTA appreciates everyone's membership, whether or not you volunteer.

Anyone who cares about children belongs in the PTA!
If you choose to volunteer, you decide how much of a time commitment you want to make!

Michigan PTA
everychild.onevoice.

PTA & School Events/Communication

-**Kindergarten Playdate**-A **TK & Kindergarten Playdate** event will be scheduled in mid-August. Enrolled families will receive information about the event in early August.
-**World of Welcome**: **World of Welcome,** a meet the teacher/staff school-wide event, is typically scheduled the week before school begins. During the event, you can meet your teacher, meet new parents and learn more about the PTA. Details will be sent via email to enrolled families/caregivers in mid-August.
-**Color Run**: The **Color Run** is our main fundraising event to be held in the fall shortly after school starts
-**School Kits**: **School Kits** will go on sale soon. We will make sure the link is sent to ***enrolled families*** if you would like to buy one.
-The **Welcome Committee:** if you are interested in connecting with a current Delta Kelly family please contact Tahlia Campbell, PTA President.
-Please join **Cardinal Central**, our PTA page.
-**School Newsletter:** Once enrolled, you will start receiving the *Cardinal Connection*, our school newsletter, every Friday.
***If you have any questions pertaining to any PTA events, membership, or fundraisers please contact Tahlia Campbell, PTA President, at **deltakellyptapresident@gmail.com**

Please Join Us!



Ice Cream Social and Open House

Thursday, May 14, 2026 at Delta Kelly

6-7 PM

World of Welcome

Date TBD- Typically the week

before school starts

