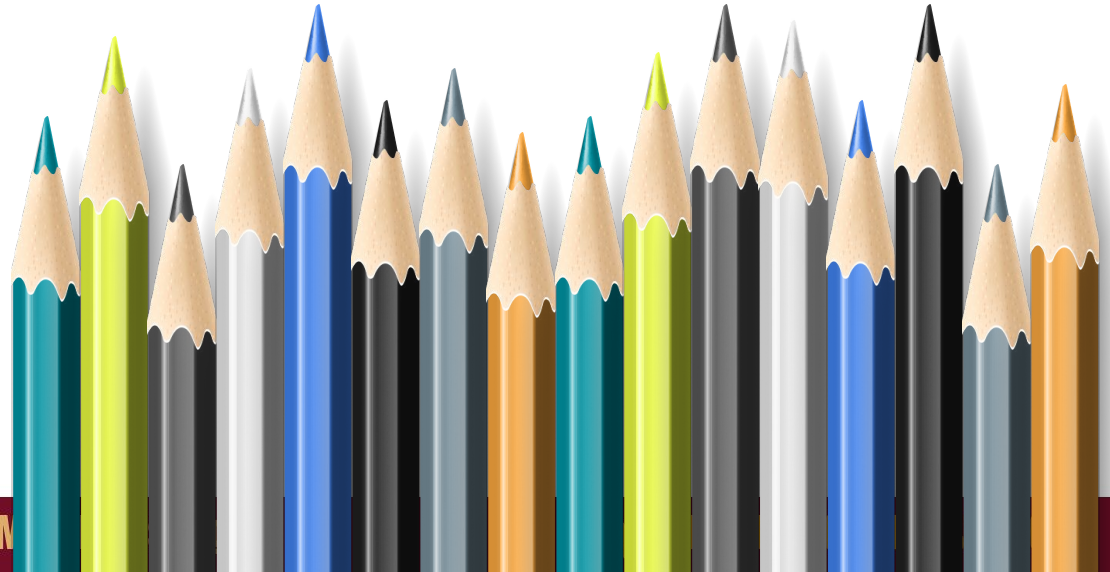




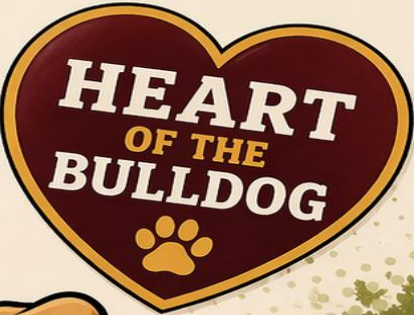
Kindergarten Information Night

April 21, 2026



WELCOME

to KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT!



We're so glad 

YOU'RE HERE!

-  MEET OUR AMAZING STAFF
-  DISCOVER OUR SCHOOLS
-  LEARN ABOUT KINDERGARTEN
-  BUILDING BRIGHT FUTURES TOGETHER



*Dr. Felisha Gould
Superintendent*

TOGETHER, WE LEARN. | TOGETHER, WE GROW. | TOGETHER, WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

⇒ Welcome to the SMF Bulldog Family! ⇐





Briana DeLong,
Highland

Megan Postak,
Riverview

Beth Van Horne,
Echo Hills





Our Schools



Echo Hills

Principal: Kate Hamilton
Secretary: Kathy Ritchie

Fishcreek

Principal: Catrina Burwell
Secretary: Maura Hartzell

Highland

Principal: Nick Kish
Secretary: Elizabeth Drabinski

Indian Trail

Principal: Nicole Marconi
Secretary: Kelly Dentici

Riverview

Principal: Traci Kosmach
Secretary: Crystal Zivny

Woodland

Principal: Christopher Keating
Secretary: Belinda McClain

Each school has a dedicated kindergarten team ready to support your child!

Roadmap to Kindergarten



Kindergarten
Information Night -
April 21

1

Register & schedule
screening
(Central Office)

3

Kindergarten
Open House -
August 24

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Sign up for a registration
date at smfschools.org.
Registration is now open.

4

Kindergarten
Screening -
August 18-21

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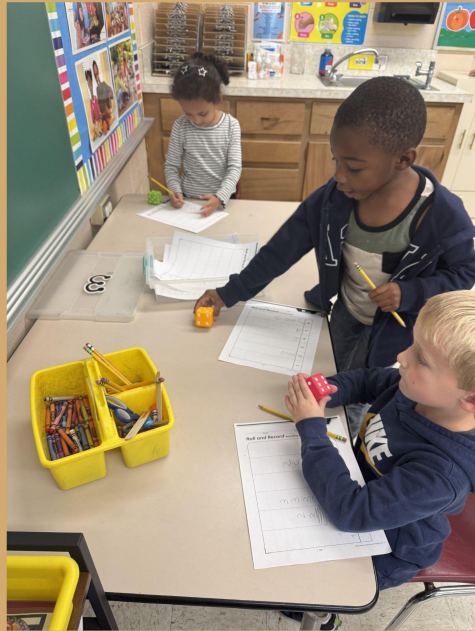
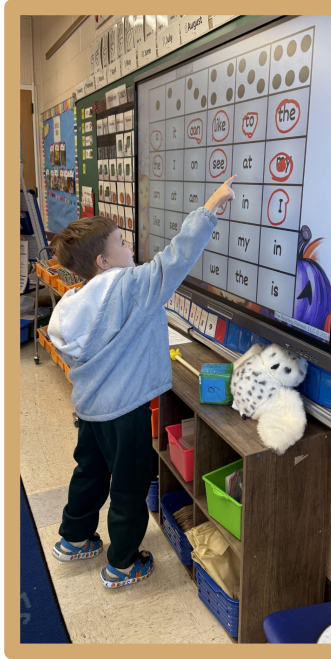
First day of
Kindergarten -
August 25

What to Expect in Kindergarten



- A balance of learning and play
- Hands-on, engaging learning experiences
- Building independence and daily routines
- Support for social and emotional growth

Playing with Purpose



Kindergarten Curriculum



- HMH Reading and Writing
- Foundations Phonics & Heggerty
- Investigations Mathematics
- Science and Social Studies
- Encores: Art, Music, Library, Guidance, PE

A Peek Inside Our Classrooms



A Day in Kindergarten

Morning:

- Morning Meeting
- Literacy & Centers
- Bulldog Flex

Afternoon:

- Lunch & Recess
- Math & Centers
- Science/Social Studies
- Encores



Preparing Your Child



Learning Habits

- Read together daily
- Practice listening and following directions
- Build fine motor skills

Independence

- Follow simple routines
- Manage personal needs
- Solve simple problems

Social & Emotional Skills

- Take turns and share
- Use words to solve problems
- Build friendships and work with others

Mindset

- Talk positively about school
- Encourage trying new things and not giving up

Kindergarten Screening



- Takes place in August
- Sign up for a time though Sign Up Genius a link will be sent to your email on file
- About 1-1.5 hours in length
- Small group, play-based activities
- Early academic tasks
- KRA (Kindergarten Readiness Assessment)



Up Next

Our principals will share information about:

- School meals
- Transportation
- Communication
- District resources

After the Presentation

- Kindergarten teachers will be available for questions
- Visit informational tables
- Begin the registration process

Welcome to
SMEF!



Nicole Marconi,
Indian Trail

Christopher, Keating,
Woodland



Attendance & School Hours



- School starts at 9:05 AM and ends at 3:35 PM
- Consistent attendance matters
- Call the office to report absences
- Complete a vacation form for extended absences

Communication



School Communication



ParentSquare

Community Information



peachjar | flyers

Communication



- Parent Square (District Communication)
- PeachJar flyers (Community Information)
- District Website: smfschools.org
- Social Media (Facebook, Instagram, X)

Final Forms & Registration



- Must be 5 years old by August 25, 2026
- Complete registration through FinalForms
- Schedule an in-person registration appointment
- Bring required documents
- Watch for screening information in May

Transportation



- Register through FinalForms
- Access MyRide K-12 app
- Walker & car rider info shared at home school



Breakfast & Lunch



- Breakfast and lunch served daily
- Menus and nutrition info online
- PaySchools Central for payments
- Free & reduced meal applications
- Bulldog Bags, Inc.

Health & School Nurses



- School Medical Assistants provided through Akron Children's Hospital
- Health information completed in FinalForms
- Medications must go through the school nurse
- Health forms and information on district website

Our P.A.W.S. Program



- PBIS framework
- Clear expectations
- Consistent routines and positive reinforcement
- Encouraging “PAWSitive” behavior



Special Services & Student Support



- Support for a wide range of student needs
- Services may include:
 - IEPs & 504 Plans
 - Speech, occupational & physical therapy
 - English Learner (EL) services
 - Gifted services
- Staff available tonight for questions

District Links



- [Clever](#) - A secure website that allows students to sign in once to access all their school learning apps.
- [MyRide K-12](#) - Bus assignments are available exclusively on the MyRide K-12 app. Additionally, the app allow for real time tracking of your student's bus and provides important district updates. Follow the instructions below to register for an account and learn how to access the app on your personal device: [MyRide K-12 Instructions \(PDF\)](#).
- [My School Menus](#) - Find what is being served at your student's school along with nutritional information, allergens, and more!
- [ParentSquare](#) - a unified communications platform connecting districts, schools, teachers, students, and families through a single hub for messages, announcements, and engagement tools
- [PaySchoolsCentral](#) - Pay school fees, manage student meal accounts, apply for free and reduced meal application, and more.

Facility Taskforce



- You are invited to join the facility taskforce. Our aim:
 - Transparent communication of long and short range facilities plan
 - Opportunity for input and feedback from our stakeholders.
 - Assist in the continuous review and capital improvement of current school facilities.

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School Website



2025-2026 School Dashboard

Visit

 smfschools.org

We are excited to kick off the 2025-2026 school year and welcome all of our students, staff, and families back into our buildings. A new school year means new opportunities to learn and grow - in the classroom and beyond!

Get your back-to-school information here in our [2025-2026 School Dashboard!](#) We will once again use the following staggered start to help students ease into the year and transition smoothly:

- **Tuesday, August 19:** Students in Grades 1-5, 7, & 9 only
- **Wednesday, August 20:** All students in Grades 1-12
- **Tuesday, August 26:** Kindergarten begins
- **Wednesday, August 27:** Preschool begins

To help start the year strong, we've gathered key resources you may need throughout the school year:

KINDERGARTEN

Thank You
FOR COMING!

We can't wait to see
you in
AUGUST!

