

February 29, 2024

Dear Parents of New Incoming Kindergarten students,

We are excited to welcome your child to school! As we prepare for next school year, there are many documents we ask you to gather in compliance with state regulations. The purpose of this letter is to ensure a smooth transition into kindergarten by helping you understand and gather the necessary forms.

On Monday, April 8 at 6:00 p.m., we will have a Parents Only Meeting to discuss your child's kindergarten experience. This meeting is for parents only and we ask that no children attend. A session for the students will be provided at a later date so that your child will have the opportunity to meet school staff and future classmates.

All enrollments for kindergarten will be taken online. You can submit your enrollment on the schools website at www.wahooschools.org. Search for the online enrollment for Kindergarten and follow the prompts.

State Law #43-2011-Article 20 - states that upon enrollment of a student for the first time in a public school district or private school system, the school of enrollment shall notify in writing the person enrolling the student that within thirty days he or she must provide either (a) a certified copy of the student's birth certificate or (b) other reliable proof of the student's identity and age accompanied by an affidavit explaining the inability to produce a copy of the birth certificate. Birth Certificates will be submitted online as well.

This means that the school must have a certified copy of the birth certificate from Vital Records, PO Box 95065, Lincoln NE 68509-5065. Or contact the office online at; www.dhhs.ne.gov. A hospital certificate is not an official birth certificate. This certificate should be obtained and submitted as soon as possible before school starts.

Also needed is an Immunization Record, which must be submitted via the Parent Portal before school starts. Students entering kindergarten will be required to be immunized with 3 doses DTaP, One given on or after the 4th birthday, 3 doses polio, 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) given on or after 12 months of age OR a documented proof of the chickenpox disease, 2 doses of MMR vaccine given on or after 12 months of age, and 3 doses Hepatitis B vaccine.

Exemptions shall be granted for: (1) Medical exceptions for health reasons substantiated by a signed statement from a physician, (2) Religions conflict substantiated by a

signed affidavit from the student or students legal guardian, if the student is a minor. These waiver forms are available in our office.

The physical exam form must be submitted online prior to the first day of school. The exam must be completed within 6 months prior to school entrance or a refusal of such in writing will be accepted.

The optional dental form can be submitted online at any time.

A professional vision examination is also required or a refusal of such in writing will be accepted.

All these forms can be filled out or submitted online once you have your Parent Portal setup in PowerSchool.

Thank you for your cooperation and we are looking forward to meeting you on **Monday, April 8 at 6:00.**

- In addition -- If your child has any medical needs, please call our office to set up a time to meet with Nurse Trutna. He can be reached at 402-443-4250.

Sincerely,

Ben Kreifels,
Elementary Principal

Important Forms Necessary Prior to the start of school

- Official Birth Certificate
- Immunization form due before the first day of school or ASAP
- Physical exam form Due ASAP and a must by the 1st day of school
- Dental Exam Form
- After School Plan form - due before the first day of school
- Vision Evaluation - with physical exam form
- Health Care Needs form (if needed for your child)
- *Students with medical needs - call to meet with Nurse Trutna ASAP 443-4250