



Smithtown Central School District
Mills Pond Elementary School
246 Moriches Road, St. James, NY 11780

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March 6, 2023

Dear Parents,

Everyone at Mills Pond Elementary is excited to welcome you and your children to our School Family. Kindergarten serves as a part of the foundation of your child's education and a place for the wonderful school memories to begin. With that in mind, we plan to make your child's transition to kindergarten an exciting, happy memory.

In partnership with our PTA, we begin this journey by offering a Pre-Kindergarten Orientation Program for all children entering kindergarten in the fall of 2023. The program will consist of two sessions plus a bus ride. Session 1 will be held on Tuesday, April 18 and Tuesday, April 25. Session 2 will be held on Friday, April 21 and Friday, April 28. Children should wear **RED** on the first day (**April 18 or 21**) and **BLUE** on the second day (**April 25 or 28**). Each session will run from 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. Parents will have an opportunity to sign up for the session that best fits their child's schedule. Additionally, the children will have the opportunity to ride the bus and participate in a physical education class on Friday, May 5 from 10:15-11:30 a.m. For the bus ride on May 5, all children should wear **YELLOW**.

Sometime in May you will also be receiving information to register your child for a Kindergarten Screening appointment which will take place on June 5, 6, or 7. The screening process is a multi-step one in which your child will be asked to complete a series of tasks and activities as a means to assess readiness for kindergarten. This screening is important as it enables us to plan a quality educational program for your child.

Once again, we are excited that your family will be joining our school family on this educational journey, and we look forward to meeting you during our Pre-K Orientation Program.

Sincerely,

Ireen Westrack
Principal

Mills Pond PTA

Kindergarten Orientation Program



Mills Pond Elementary PTA is happy to announce that we will be offering a Pre-Kindergarten Orientation Program for all children entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2023. As stated in Mrs. Westrack's letter, The program will consist of two sessions plus a bus ride. Session 1 will be held on Tuesday, April 18 and Tuesday, April 25. Session 2 will be held on Friday, April 21 and Friday, April 28. Children should wear **RED** on the first day (**April 18 or 21**) and **BLUE** on the second day (**April 25 or 28**). Each session will run from 10:15 to 11:30. Parents will have an opportunity to sign up for the session that best fits their child's schedule. Additionally, the children will have the opportunity to ride the bus and participate in a physical education class on Friday, May 5 from 10:15-11:30. On May 5 ALL children should wear **YELLOW**.

This program is designed to help your child become acquainted with their new school and to help prepare them to enter Kindergarten. Each week your child will stay for one hour and 15 minutes (10:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.) visiting different areas of the school. Through classroom activities and socialization, we hope to make their arrival in September a positive and happy experience for all.

Enclosed in this packet you will find a registration form which you can drop off or mail to Mills Pond Elementary:

Mills Pond Elementary
246 Moriches Road
Saint James, NY 11780
Attn: Kindergarten Orientation

This program is for all children entering Kindergarten in September 2023. **If you have not registered your child for Kindergarten yet, please contact the Smithtown Central Registration Office at 631-382-2024 BEFORE registering for this orientation program.**

We look forward to meeting you. If you have any questions please feel free to contact one of us.

PTA Pre-K Coordinators:

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Kindergarten Orientation
Mills Pond Elementary PTA Pre-K Registration Form

Please mark your choice in order of preferred dates (Session 1 or Session 2)
and we will do our best to accommodate your schedule:

- _____ **Session 1; Tuesday, 4/18 & 4/25; 10:15-11:30 a.m.**
Children should wear RED on the 18th and BLUE on the 25th.
- _____ **Session 2; Friday, 4/21 & 4/28; 10:00-11:30 a.m.**
Children should wear RED on the 21st and BLUE on the 28th.

Please note that **ALL** students and at least one parent should attend on
Friday, May 5 from 10:15-11:30 a.m. (bus ride & parent workshop)
All children should wear YELLOW on May 5th.

Child's Name: _____ Child's Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Father's Name: _____

Email address: _____

Allergies: _____

Doctor's Name: _____ Doctor's Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Names and Phone Numbers

(the following persons have my permission to pick up my child):

Please list any special concerns you think we should be aware of:

RSVP BY FRIDAY, March 31, 2023

Please mail to: Mills Pond Elementary, 246 Moriches Road, Saint James, NY 11780

Attn: Kindergarten Orientation

Or drop off at Mills Pond Elementary School, Attention, Kindergarten Orientation