

Welcome to Kindergarten  
Information Night  
Class of 2034



# Introductions

Mr. Robert Scott - Superintendent

Dr. Jack Dibee - Assistant Superintendent

Ms. Autumn Reed - Treasurer

Mr. Dave Schindler - Director of Pupil Services

Mrs. Theresa Martin - District Registrar

Mrs. Andrea Sokolow - Food Services

Mrs. Sue Cole - Transportation Director

Mrs. Corrie Taips - School Nurse

Mrs. Ashley Vicarel - AL Early Childhood PTA

Elementary Building Principals:

- Mr. Jamie Franko - Eastview
- Mrs. Isaly-Johns - Erieview
- Mrs. Lindsey Holeman - Redwood
- Mr. Nick Moore - Westview

# Admission to Kindergarten:

Kindergarten is mandatory in Ohio. Any child who will be five years of age on or before August 1 is eligible for admission to kindergarten.

Early Entrance Process: Make an appointment with your neighborhood building principal for an application. Deadline for submission of application is April 14, 2021.

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# How Do I Register for Kindergarten?

Registration process starts online at [www.avonlakecityschools.org](http://www.avonlakecityschools.org)

All [Required Documentation](#) can be uploaded during the online process (preferred). Once all documents are received, your child will be registered. You also have the option of sending documents via email, USPS or fax.

If your child is currently enrolled in our LEAPS Preschool Program, and continuing on to kindergarten, you do not have to follow the steps above. Your child is already registered with us.

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)



# Back-to-School Forms

Information provided during the registration process will be pre-populated in your student's back-to-school forms.

Forms are completed online through your PowerSchool Parent Account.



- Your PowerSchool Parent Account will be set up for you. Information is requested via the online registration portal.
- If you already have students enrolled with us, your kindergarten student will be added to your account.

The completion of these forms should take roughly 5 minutes! An email will be sent to you over the summer months with the link provided to complete your forms.



# Full-Day Kindergarten / Half-Day Kindergarten

Full-Day: 8:50 am - 3:20 pm

Half-Day (morning): 8:50 am - 11:35 am



## Kindergarten Tuition for Full-Day \$2,400

- **Payment in Full:** Tuition will be reduced from \$2,400 to \$2,160 if payment in full is received by August 15, 2021.
- **Payment Plan:** 10 monthly payments of \$240 due the 15th of each of the following months; August 2021-May 2022

You will receive a letter in the mail with your kindergartner's student ID number along with detailed information for tuition payment around the end of July, early August of 2021.

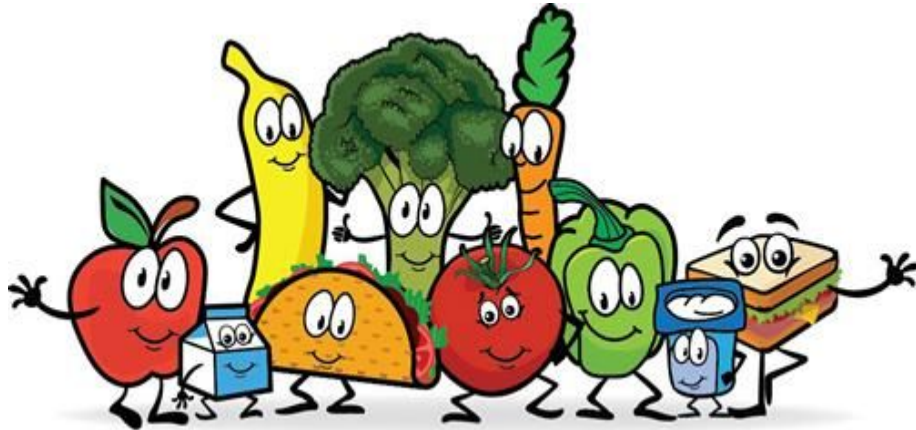
**Kindergarten Fees:** Kindergarten Fees are Board approved in May of 2021

You have the option to pay by check or via the PayForIt.net portal located on our website to pay either your tuition and/or fees.



# Food Services

Andrea Sokolow - Food Services Supervisor  
Email: [andrea.sokolow@avonlakecityschools.org](mailto:andrea.sokolow@avonlakecityschools.org)  
Phone: 440-930-8215



## ❖ Lunch:

- Students can choose hot lunch, or pack a lunch.
- Lunch costs: \$2.75
- You can pay for lunch using [myschoolaccount.com](https://myschoolaccount.com) or send a check made payable to Avon Lake City Schools with your child to school.

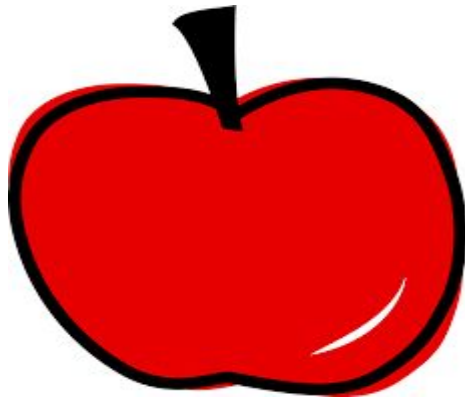
## ❖ Breakfast:

- Breakfast is not currently available

The lunch menu is available online under the “Parents & Students” tab and Lunch Menus

<https://www.avonlakecityschools.org/nutritional-services/lunch-menus>

# Free and Reduced Meal/Fee Waiver Application



Our free and reduced meal/fee waiver application is available via our website.

The applications for the 2021-2022 school year will need to be completed after August 1, 2021.

Please contact Andrea Sokolow for help or for questions with completing the application.

<https://www.avonlakecityschools.org/nutritional-services/lunch-menus>



# Transportation

Sue Cole, Transportation Supervisor - [sue.cole@avonlakecityschools.org](mailto:sue.cole@avonlakecityschools.org) - Phone: 440-933-9802

- ❖ Routes will be posted on the district website about one week prior to school starting. Kindergarten students do not necessarily get a bus stop at their home address.
- ❖ Kindergarten students must have an adult at the bus stop.
- ❖ Students should be at the bus stop 5 minutes prior to scheduled pick-up time (on resident side of the street). Driver will assign a “Place of Safety” for students.
- ❖ There are times when students must cross the street. Drivers will teach students to cross and how to watch for their hand signals. Parents should let driver teach students. Parents may cross with students but must follow bus driver’s rules.
- ❖ Kindergarten students are seated at the front of the bus.
- ❖ Grades K-4 can only have one bus stop in the afternoon, i.e.; student is bussed to a commercial daycare Monday and Tuesday – Parent must pick-up at the daycare or at the student’s school on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday afternoons. Personal daycares must be within the student’s school enrollment bussing area to be eligible for bussing to that personal daycare.



# Health and Wellness Information

Mrs. Corrie Taips - Head Nurse - [corrine.taips@avonlakecityschools.org](mailto:corrine.taips@avonlakecityschools.org)

Phone: 440-933-6283 ext 3209 or you may contact the nurse at your child's designated school.

## Immunization Requirements

- Kindergarten students are required to be vaccinated against the following: Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus, Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Hepatitis B and Chickenpox
- A waiver is required for any incomplete vaccinations
- Records must be provided by the 14th day of school or may be subject to exclusion

## Physical and Dental Forms

- Exams must be completed within one year of school starting

## When to keep your child home from school

## Allergy/Medication questions, please see me after

All of the information above, school forms and more can be found on our website:

<https://www.avonlakecityschools.org/health/>



# Attendance Policy

- ❖ All school-age children are expected to be in school on-time unless one of the following occurs:
  - Personal Illness
  - Illness in the family
  - Quarantine of the home by the Health Department
  - Death in the family
  - Religious observance or holiday
  - Medical appointment
  - Calamity situation
  - Other, as approved by the Principal



If your child will be absent, please call your school's 24 hour Attendance Line

- ❖ Please provide school with a doctor's note when possible.

# Important Dates

Mid-July: **Back-to-School Forms**. Watch for your email notification.

Mid-August: **Class Rosters** posted on doors of every building (*back-to-school forms must be completed to be included on posting*). Letter is also mailed to the family.

August 24 and August 25 (tentative):

- Students/Parents **Welcome/Orientation**. Schools will send a notification as to which day family will attend.

August 26 (tentative): **First Day of School**



# Assessments

**Screening** - takes place in May by appointment (scheduled via registration)

Internal screening helps with classroom placement

**KRA** - Takes place by September 30

ODE Mandated Assessment - Kindergarten Readiness Assessment

Academic measure as well as social and emotional

**MAP** - Takes place during the school day

Measures growth over time (used in the District K-10th grade)

Three benchmarks a year in Math and ELA (Sept., Dec. and April)



# Kindergarten Screening

- ❖ Appointment sign-up links will be emailed out in the spring.
- ❖ Appointments will take place the first two weeks in May.
- ❖ Kindergarten screening takes about 45 minutes. We will assess your child's vision, speech, fine motor and basic kindergarten readiness skills.
- ❖ All students must be screened before admission to kindergarten. The screening process is a team approach, involving teachers, the school nurse, the school psychologist and a speech and language pathologist.
- ❖ Kindergarten screening gives us valuable information to create balanced classrooms.
- ❖ Results are mailed home in early June.



# Kindergarten Readiness Skills

Working on these skills between now and the start of kindergarten will be helpful to your child:

- Bathroom and personal hygiene skills
- Listening skills
- Ability to write their name
- Ability to hold a pencil correctly
- Ability to identify letters
- Ability to navigate with a mouse when using a computer
- Follow directions of adults
- Listens attentively for a ten minute period of time
- Recognizes and names the letter of his/her name
- Knows colors including gray, pink, and white
- Recognizes circle, square, triangle, and rectangle
- Identify numbers to 10
- Recognizes most letters of the alphabet and produces sound when given a letter
- Writes name
- Counts to 20
- Counts 10 objects
- Basic understanding of rules and procedure in a class setting, active listening, follows two step directions



# Specials

All students will have each special per week:

- ❖ Physical Education (must wear tennis shoes)
- ❖ Art
- ❖ Music
- ❖ Media





# How to Keep Informed

## ❖ District Website

➤ [www.avonlakecityschools.org](http://www.avonlakecityschools.org)

## ❖ Twitter -

➤ @avonlakeschools

## ❖ School Messenger

➤ Sent via email from schools

## ❖ eNews

➤ Go to the District's web page and subscribe

## ❖ Google Calendar

➤ <https://www.avonlakecityschools.org/calendar/>

❖ **Code Red:** Home and Cell numbers provided on your back-to-school forms will be used for our Code Red Notification



# Avon Lake Early Childhood PTA



Do you have at least one child age 6 or under? If so, the Avon Lake Early Childhood PTA is the group for you!

- Over 200 events a year held 7 days a week at varying times to accommodate all schedules.
- Events include outings, playgroups, community service projects and parent events.
- Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Avon Lake Public Library.

Membership is open *throughout* the school year.

[www.alecpta.com](http://www.alecpta.com)

# Elementary PTA Highlights

## Eastview PTA

- Ice Cream Social
- Conquer the Course and Spring Carnival

## Erievew PTA

- Two back to school playground dates and a Back to School Ice Cream Social
- Two family nights and a mother/son dance

## Redwood PTA

- Come see who your teacher is and say hi to your friends
- Pumpkin Festival and Glow Night

## Westview PTA

- Ice Cream Social/Open House
- Color Run and Fun Fair Carnival



# PTA Information

Being active in your PTA helps to build strong working relationships among parents, teachers and schools in support of students.

All of our PTA web pages can be accessed on the Avon Lake City schools website: <https://alcsptacouncil.weebly.com/>



Send your questions through the Zoom  
“Chat function” to Jack Dibee

