

GURNEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Gurney Elementary School, as your child will be a member of our 2011-2012 Kindergarten Class! The entire staff at Gurney looks forward to sharing with your family what is often one of the most memorable years of school.

Next Steps: We have taken great care in creating appropriate steps to aide you and your child in this transition to our school-age program. First, completing all components of registration is critical. This is the information that we need in order to place your child on our enrollment list. Second, we invite you to attend a **“Kindergarten Kick-Off Night” on April 7th, 6:00 p.m.** in the Gurney Gymnasium. This evening will enable you (parents only, please) to meet staff members, learn about our programs, explore a kindergarten classroom, and sign up for a Kindergarten Screening appointment. Kindergarten Screening is the next step we are providing. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code, we will be conducting a **Kindergarten Screening on May 5th and 6th**, which will consist of assessments in the areas of vision, hearing, speech/communication, preacademics and fine motor skills. These assessments will not be extensive but they will serve the purpose of providing information for us to build heterogeneous classes, focus our instruction specifically at the levels of our incoming classes, and identify students who may need initial support. Results of this screening CAN NOT be used to exclude any student from kindergarten who is 5 years of age on or before September 30, 2011.

Full Day Kdg: We have received the final word from our state government that we may offer a tuition-based, full day kindergarten program. Our full day kindergarten tuition is \$2500 for the year. This needs to be paid in the form of a \$200 deposit due by May 6th (kindergarten screening) and then the balance paid by August 31st (checks made payable to Chagrin Falls Exempted Village Schools). Descriptions of both the full day and half day programs were given out at registration. Additionally, you have the ability to listen to a detailed description from a kindergarten teacher in the kindergarten classroom on Kick-Off Night.

Those of you who have already decided to have your child participate in our full day program probably completed a blue, full day form at registration. This holds your child’s spot in a full day classroom until May 6th. By May 6th you will need to **send a \$200 deposit to our Treasurer’s Office** to secure that spot. The full day registration form will be available at Kick-Off Night and at Kindergarten Screening on May 5th and 6th for anyone still interested in securing a spot for their child. After May 6th, if you have not completed a blue, full day registration form and submitted your \$200 deposit, we cannot guarantee a spot will be available for your child in a full day kindergarten classroom.

Questions: You are welcome to call the Gurney office (440-247-5500 x4102) if you have further questions related to our kindergarten programming or any upcoming events. You are also welcome to call our Pupil Services office (440-247-5500 x4016) if you have questions regarding your registration and/or tuition.

We truly look forward to meeting you and your child very soon!

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