

In Session with the “Oriole” Superintendent

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Kindergarten Enrollment is Underway for 2017-18

Charlotte Public School’s kindergarten enrollment process is underway for the 2017-18 school year. Both Parkview and Washington Elementary held their first of two enrollment nights on March 20th and 23rd. Washington will host their second open house on Tuesday, April 18th, 2017, from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. and Parkview will host their second open house on Thursday, April 20th, 2017, also from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. At the open houses, parents can fill out the necessary registration paperwork to enroll now for the start of the new school year which begins on Monday, August 21, 2017. Parents also have the opportunity to tour the entire building including classrooms, cafeteria/gym, media center, main office, and even the playground. Kindergarten teachers are present to meet and available to answer questions.

Enrollment information is also available on our district website at www.charlottenet.org or by contacting our District Registrar, Mrs. Erin Burcham at (517) 541-5742. The enrollment process is much easier and less stressful when parents and guardians fill out the necessary enrollment paperwork well in advance of the school year.

For the 2017-2018 school year, a child may be enrolled in kindergarten if the child is at least 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2017. If a child is not 5 years of age on or before September 1, but will be 5 no later than December 1, 2017, the parent or legal guardian of that child may enroll the child in kindergarten for that school year if the parent or legal guardian notifies the school district in writing. Parents are encouraged to discuss this possibility with the school district as soon as possible. A school district that receives this written notification may make a recommendation to the parent or legal guardian of a child described above, that the child is not ready to enroll in kindergarten due to the child's age or other factors. However, regardless of this recommendation, the parent or legal guardian retains the sole discretion to determine whether or not to enroll the child in kindergarten under this new revised school code.

For the first time this school year (2016-17), a Developmental Kindergarten (DK) program was offered for our youngest, “not quite ready” for kindergarten, children. The DK program was housed at Parkview Elementary as we started with just one classroom for the first year. We would like to have enough students to have a DK program at both Parkview and Washington for the 2017-18 school year. However, to do this we will need to have known enrollments identified and ready. Parents and guardians are strongly encouraged to make contact with the Registrar or the elementary school building and complete the enrollment process now if you are interested in your child being part of the Developmental Kindergarten classroom.

It is hard to believe, but the 2017-18 Developmental Kindergarten students will be the graduating class of 2031 and the 2017-18 Kindergarten students will be the graduating class of 2030. We look forward to helping your child start out on their educational journey. Please be sure to attend an Open House and begin the enrollment process and see what Charlotte Public Schools has to offer.

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