

Greene Central Primary School



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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

The Greene Central School District is now accepting applications for the 2019-2020 Universal Prekindergarten program, which is located at the Greene Primary School. To be eligible for UPK, students must be four on or before December 1, 2019. The Greene UPK program consists of two classes, an am (7:45-10:30) and a pm (11:30-2:00). We will provide transportation for both classes but your child is required to be four years of age to ride the bus. If your child is not four years of age, you will need to transport them until their birthday. Students do not qualify for UPK if they are 5 on or before December 1, 2019 because they are eligible to enter Kindergarten.

If you are interested in having your child attend UPK, please complete the attached form and return it with a copy of your child's birth certificate and proof of residency. All paperwork for UPK should come directly to the Primary School Office by **Friday, March 15, 2019**. When we receive all required items, your child's name will be entered into the lottery. Names will be drawn the week after the March deadline.

Examples of valid proof of residency would be:

- A copy of your driver's license
- Utility statement
- Bank statement

*If your child does not reside with both parents, please include the court issued custody agreement.

Our office mailed applications to all eligible four year olds that we are aware of. If you know of any other four years who may be eligible for the program or if you have any further questions, please call the Primary School Office at 656-4161, ext. 681.

Sincerely,

January Pratt
Primary School Principal

Attendance

The beginning of the new school year is just around the corner. We are excited to welcome our new UPK students to the Primary School. This is a reminder of the importance of school attendance and arriving on time to school each day. Attendance is a critical part of your child's education

As students begin their school experience, new expectations are in place. The New York State Education Department has provided schools with Prekindergarten Learning Standards. These standards include guiding principles that emphasize; integrated learning opportunities, purposeful play, engaging parents, acknowledging diversity, providing accommodations and supports for all children. At Greene Primary School, we believe we have a strong program and provide our students with an excellent, well-rounded education.

While Greene Primary is doing our part to educate all of our students, it is also the family's responsibility as well. It is crucial that students are in attendance and on time to class each day. We believe students have the best opportunity when they arrive on time. Being on time also assists in developing good character traits.

The Greene Board of Education has adopted an attendance policy stating "Elementary students who miss more than 24 days of school, may not receive credit for the year and may be required to repeat the grade level. This means that a student may not be promoted due to lack of attendance in school. This includes all legal and illegal days." In addition to this, the policy further states, "Five tardies will equal one day of absence; ten tardies will equal two days of absence, and so on."

For our UPK students, this means that if your child misses more than 24 days of the program they will no longer be eligible to participate in the UPK class. If you feel that your child will not be able to meet these attendance requirements, notify the Primary Office immediately.

To help ensure your child's school success, it is our hope that parents will recognize the importance of regular student attendance during the upcoming school year. If you have, any questions please feel free to contact the Primary Office at 656-5174.