

Welcome to the Transitional Kindergarten & Kindergarten Information Night

January 9, 2025



Slides from this evening



- Tonight's slide deck will be placed on the [Millbraeschooldistrict.org](https://www.millbraeschooldistrict.org) site under the tab:

Families → Student Registration → Transitional Kindergarten

Welcome/Introductions



Presenters/Panel:

Lisa Hickey: Superintendent

Linda Whipple: Executive Assistant/ Registration Specialist

Catherine Waslif: Director of Educational Services

Rachel Gekas: Director of Child Nutrition Services

Kerry Dees: Principal at Green Hills

Janeen Malatesta: Principal at Lomita Park

Julie DiMaio: Multi-tiered System of Support Coordinator

Rachel Reed: Kinder Teacher at Meadows

Jacqueline Garduno: TK Teacher at Green Hills

Agenda



- District Overview
- What to Expect in TK and Kindergarten
- Enrollment & Registration Procedures
- Additional Information
- Time for Questions

MESD Vision



- Nurture Emotional Intelligence
- Promote a Passion for Learning
- Foster an Innovative Learning Environment
- Connect Self and Learning to the World



District Overview



- **4 Elementary Schools: Green Hills, Lomita Park, Meadows, Spring Valley**
- **1 Middle School: Taylor**
- **TK-8 District**
- **Approximately 2,100 students**
- **Outstanding programs and staff at all school sites**
- **Currently TK classes at all schools**

What to expect in Transitional Kindergarten (TK)



Sample TK Daily Schedule



8:15 Line up & Pledge - outdoors
8:20 Unpack and sanitize or wash hands
8:25 Morning Message & Meeting
8:55 Language Arts
9:25 SEL/Yoga
9:35 Ready for recess - sanitize/wash
9:40 Recess/snack
10:00 Math
10:50 Brain Break/Movement
11:00 Sanitize or wash hands
11:00 Centers (Language Arts/Math/
Science/Social Studies/Art)
11:35 Clean up get ready for lunch;
wash/sanitize hands

11:45 Walk to lunch room
11:50 - 12:15 Lunch
12:15 - 12:30 Lunch recess
12:35 Sanitize/wash hands
12:40 PALS
1:30 Clean up and get ready to go home.
1:35 Story Time
1:45 Dismissal
1:55 Extended Day (small group)
2:30 Dismiss extended day students

***Tuesday Legarza (PE) 8:30 - 9:30

** Thursday Music 10:40 -11:10

TK Learners in Action



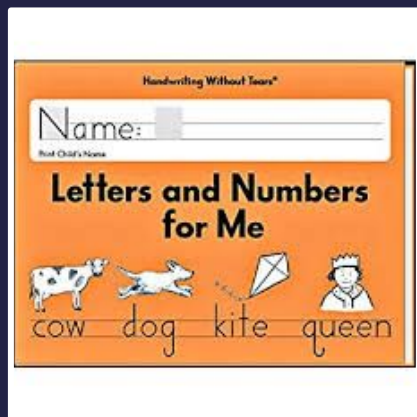
Listening Centers



Play rooted in SEL



**STEAM Experiences
with CAM**



Click each graphic to learn more about learning TK

What to expect in Kindergarten



Sample Kinder Daily Schedule

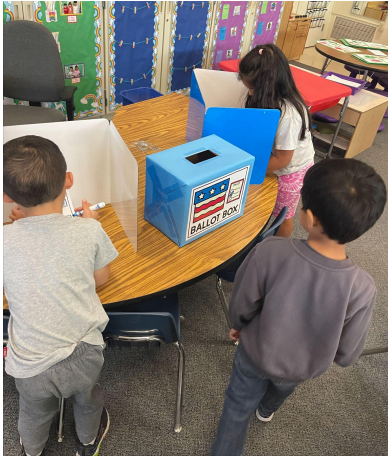


8:15 Line up & Pledge - outdoors
8:20 Unpack and sanitize or wash hands
8:25 Morning Activity & Calendar
8:40 Language Arts - Read Aloud/Discussion
8:50 Language Arts - Phonics/Grammar
9:10 Ready for recess - sanitize/wash
9:15 Recess/snack
9:35 Read Aloud & Writer's Workshop
10:00 Language Arts Stations/Centers
10:30 Math / Math Stations
11:00 Science/Social Studies
11:25 Clean up get ready for lunch; wash/sanitize hands

11:30 Lunch
11:45 - 12:00 Lunch recess
12:00 Sanitize/wash hands
12:05 Read Aloud - SEL/Activity
12:30 Poetry/Art
1:00 Read Aloud
1:10 Exploration/Free Choice
1:35 Clean up/get ready to go home
1:45 Dismissal
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Kindergarteners in Action



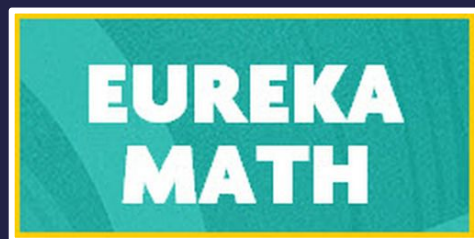
**Connecting
Real-Life
experiences to
learning**



**Hands On Field
Trips**



**STEAM Experiences
with CAM**



Click on the graphics to learn more about learning in Kindergarten ⁴

Preparing for the First Day Of School!

Click on the graphic for information and activities to help you prepare your child for school.

Get Ready to Read Activities!



A to Z Kindergarten Readiness Skills



Countdown to School Activities



A few suggestions



**Get
ready
for the
journey!**

- Label all clothing, backpacks, water bottles & lunch boxes.
- Develop healthy night time routines and bedtimes that allow for plenty of rest.
- Pack a small, healthy snack and remind your child not to share food.
- Child Nutrition Services food available to all.
- Have a special place at home for homework, school communications etc.
- Know the health & safety protocols shared by your school.
- Maintain positive, respectful communication with all staff, students and parents.
- Ask for help when you need it.

Enrollment & Registration



Registration Process

Yellow: Lomita Park
Orange Green Hills
Purple Spring valley
Blue: Meadows



Reminder about Residence Eligibility:
Elementary school assignments are based on MESD school boundaries.

The registration forms are available at www.millbraeschooldistrict18.org/registration or at the school office.

1. Compile the necessary forms and documents.
2. Contact the school Site Administrative Assistant to make a registration appointment.



Grade Placement/Birthdates



Transitional Kindergarten (TK)

All children who turn 4 by
September 1, 2025 are eligible

Kindergarten

Students must be 5 years old,
on or before September 1, 2025.

Final Registration Steps



- Turn in ALL registration documents to the school site.
- Once complete, you will receive an email to complete the registration process in our online registration portal. Complete the online process as soon as possible.
- You will receive an email confirming the registration process is complete.

Keep your login information. It is your access to your ParentVue portal, where you can update/change your emergency contact information and view your child's attendance information, report cards, etc.

*All students will be assigned to their resident school based on their home address and classroom space availability. If there is a lack of classroom space, your student will be placed on a waiting list for your resident school and will be assigned to another school within the Millbrae Elementary School District with the available classroom space.



Enrollment & Registration Procedures

Step 1: Gather documents

Collect the necessary forms and documents.

Contact the school Site Administrative Assistant to schedule an appointment.

Step 2: Registration at the School Site

Once completed, you will receive the online registration link via email.

Step 3: Online Registration completed

Once your Online Registration is reviewed and is accepted, you will receive an email stating your child's enrollment is complete. This could take some time.

Step 4: Watch for information from the principal

Details about the start of school will be coming your way over the summer.

Attend the First Day of School on Thursday, August 14, 2025.

New Student Enrollment Checklist



Please bring the following items to the registration appointment:

- Student Data Sheet
- Housing Questionnaire
- Student birth certificate or passport
- Parent Identification: Driver's license or passport (copy)
- Immunization records from Doctor (copy)
- TB test results or TB Risk Assessment questionnaire signed by Doctor
- Residency Verification: Detailed in the next column
- Oral Health Assessment
- If applicable, please bring the current copy of your child's IEP or 504 plan

Proof of Residency Documents accepted include:

Two (2) residency documents are required both must have Parent/Guardian name and address listed on both:

1. Current Property Tax Bill, Grant Deed, or original Rental or Lease Agreement
2. Current PG&E, Water or Garbage bill (or Confirmation of Utility Service Notice)

Parent Opportunities



- PTA/O
- Millbrae Education Foundation (MEF)
- School Site Council
- English Language Advisory Committee
- Field Trip/Classroom Volunteers & Yard Supervisors*
- District Level Advisory Committees

*Volunteer clearance required.

Happy Hall Before & After School Program



Happy Hall programs prioritize a nurturing, inclusive community where children feel valued, supported, and inspired to learn.

- Available at all sites
- Separate registration process
- Details available at each school site

New Families & Admissions
call or text: (650) 583-7370
email: info@happyhall.com



Special Education



If your incoming TK child has an IEP (Individualized Education Plan), please be aware that we will be holding meetings in the Spring to help support a smooth transition.

**Contact the Special Education Office if you have any questions about services.
(650) 697-6865 ex 020**

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Stay Informed with Parent Square



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Available on the
App Store



ANDROID APP ON
Google play

<https://www.parentsquare.com/signin>

Child Nutrition Services



HEROES



**Dedicated team of 12 preparing
~2,150 meals/day**



Mei, Jennifer & Nicole



Flora & Bren



Seven & Sandra



Myrth & Yolanda



Nicole, Terri & Juan

Child Nutrition Services



Site Operations



Green Hills, Meadows & Spring Valley:

- Serves FREE breakfast & lunch daily to ALL students
- Families are requested to complete Free & Reduced Meal Applications each year

Lomita Park:



- Serves FREE breakfast & lunch daily to ALL students
- Serves FREE supper & snack to students enrolled in afterschool program
- Families are requested to complete an Education Benefit Form

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Schools are now
the single
healthiest place
Americans are
eating.

Tufts University (2021)



Courtesy of @LunchAssist

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

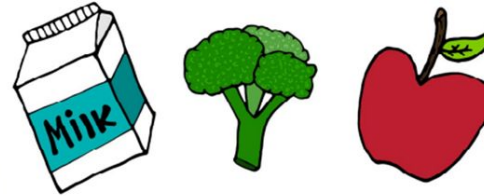
Child Nutrition Services



Meal Requirements

Pack a lunch?

All you have to do is **pick** three,
With 1 being a fruit **or** veggie.



Nutritious we think you'd agree,
The best part is... it's **free!**

Courtesy of @LunchAssist

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

5 food groups
offered daily!

- All meals served must meet USDA & CDE requirements
- Students **MUST** take 3 components (1/2c fruit or vegetable **required**)
- Students may **NOT** take single items (ex: a milk or a piece of fruit from our fresh garden bars)



Millbrae Elementary School District

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Nutrition & Food Services



Visit our website for more Child Nutrition information :

<https://mesdk8childnutrition.org/>

Thank you!



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Questions?