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MNPS will begin Pre-K and Kindergarten registration

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (April 17, 2009) –This spring, MNPS will hold Pre-K and kindergarten registration April 27 - May 1. To be eligible for kindergarten, children must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 30. It is important to note that state law requires all children to attend kindergarten before being able to enroll in 1st grade. To qualify for Pre-K, children must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 30.

The first five years for a child are a time of enormous social-emotional, physical and cognitive growth. Research shows that prekindergarten has a solid impact on a child's success both in school and in life. The goal of every Tennessee Pre-K classroom is to provide 4 year old children with the learning experiences they need to succeed in kindergarten. Early learning in Pre-K keeps children attentive, focused, and fosters the ability to follow directions. Quality early childhood education develops better language and social skills, while helping decrease behavioral problems once children enter kindergarten. Children who attend Pre-K also tend to score higher on school-readiness tests and are less likely to be held back. MNPS proudly offers more than 100 Pre-K classrooms. For more information on Early Childhood Education visit www.mnps.org.

To assist parents in the registration process, a list of materials needed to register their child is listed below.

MNPS Early Childhood Education Registration Materials:

- Birth certificate or other acceptable proof of age;
- Complete medical examination forms within six months of start of school;
- Tennessee Certificate of Immunization -- each child must have the following to begin kindergarten:
DTP/DtaP/DT, Polio (OPV/IPV), Varicella, MMR, Hepatitis B
- Proof of residence (current utility bill, lease, etc.)

- Proof of income (1040 form on which child name is listed, Family First Case Number, Food Stamp Number, etc.)
- Assessment (scheduled by the school)

To register your child, call the MNPS Customer Service Center at (615) 259-INFO to find out what school your child will attend. Pre-K registration is from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Both Pre-K and kindergarten registration is held at the school during regular school hours.

Metro Nashville Public Schools provide a range of educational opportunities to more than 75,000 students in Nashville and Davidson County. The governing body for MNPS is the Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County Board of Public Education, a nine-member group elected by residents of Metropolitan Nashville. For more information, please visit www.mnps.org.

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