

Dear Parents of 2023-2024 Kindergarten Children:

It is time to begin thinking about kindergarten and enrolling your child in Hawley Elementary's School Readiness sessions. The Hawley Elementary kindergarten teachers will be the School Readiness teachers and the sessions are held in the kindergarten classrooms. It is an exciting time and we are looking forward to having your child in kindergarten.

The emphasis of this program is on readiness skills and social skills necessary to function in a kindergarten classroom. There is no charge for this program, but we are asking each participant to donate 1 large glue stick to use during our sessions. The program is funded as a categorical program by the Minnesota Department of Education. Simply stated, that means the funds cannot be used for anything other than the School Readiness program in our school.

Here is what you need to know about the School Readiness Program:

- Hawley Elementary will need all updated immunization records in order to participate in this program.
- The program consists of 4 Tuesday night sessions. The session dates are April 11th, 18th, 25th, and May 2nd.
- Each Tuesday we will have 2 session options. Each week your child will come at the same time. The times are 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. or 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. (Please do not come before 3:15, as staff will need the time to transition from kindergarten classes to School Readiness classes.
- You will be required to attend a parent meeting on April 4 at 6:00. The parent meeting will be held in the elementary media center. The parent meeting is a requirement to provide you with the necessary information to make the transition to kindergarten successful.
- Your child will participate in a full-day kindergarten experience on May 8 or May 9. This session is from 9:00-2:30. Our current kindergarten students won't have school these days, and the School Readiness children will get to experience a full day, including lunch, recess, physical education, music and so much more. There will not be transportation provided by the school on the full experience day..

**A google form link is attached for you to sign-up for these sessions.**

<https://forms.gle/Dj3iwsU5xBSVQsbC7>

If your child will not be attending kindergarten this fall, please call or email Tara in the Elementary office.

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Sincerely,

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