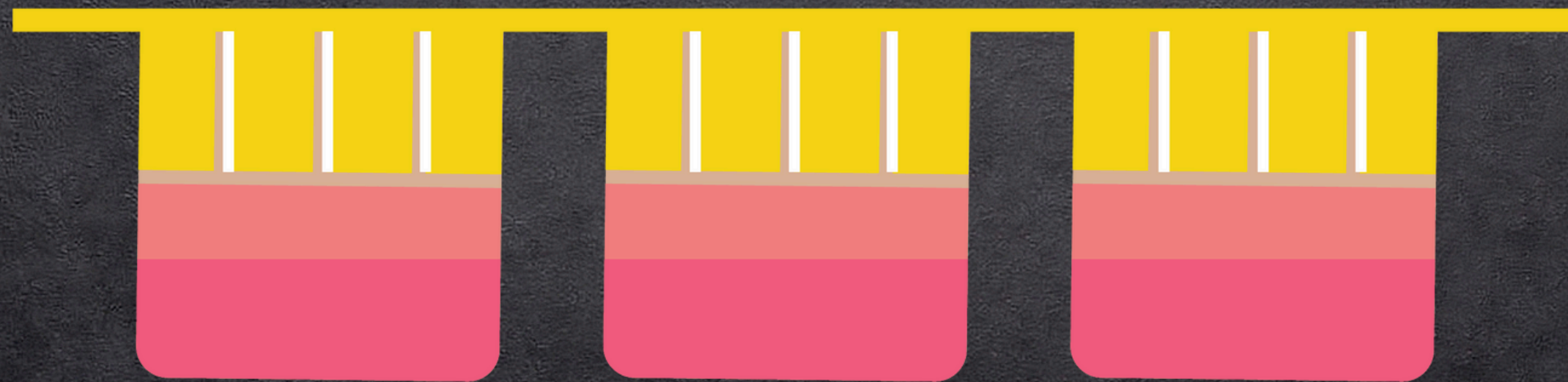
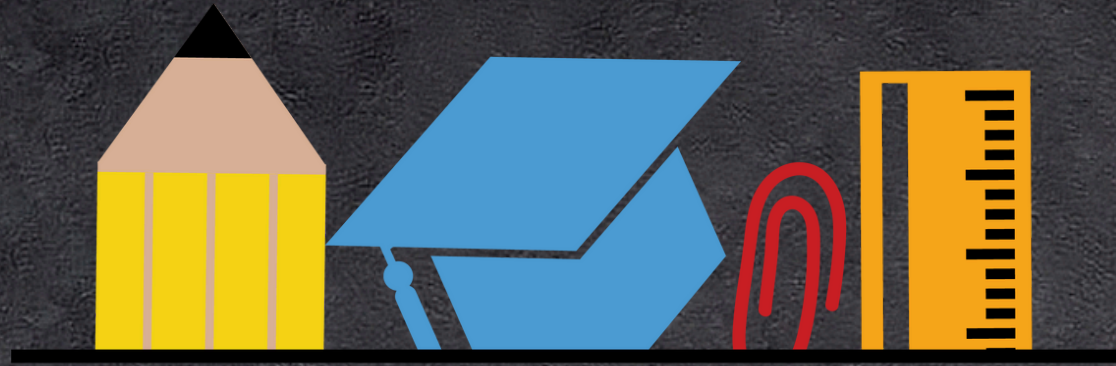


# Kindergarten Open House







The Rumson School District  
ignites the potential of its learners  
by growing, inspiring, and cultivating  
personal excellence academically,  
socially, and emotionally.







## ADMINISTRATION

Dr. John Bormann, Superintendent

Dr. Erin O'Connell, Principal

Mrs. Brittaneey Flynn-Berry, District Vice Principal

Mrs. Vera Ridoux, Supervisor of  
Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

Dr. Michael Snyder, Director of Student Services





# WELCOME TO DEANE-PORTER

Pre-Kindergarten – Grade 3

410 Students

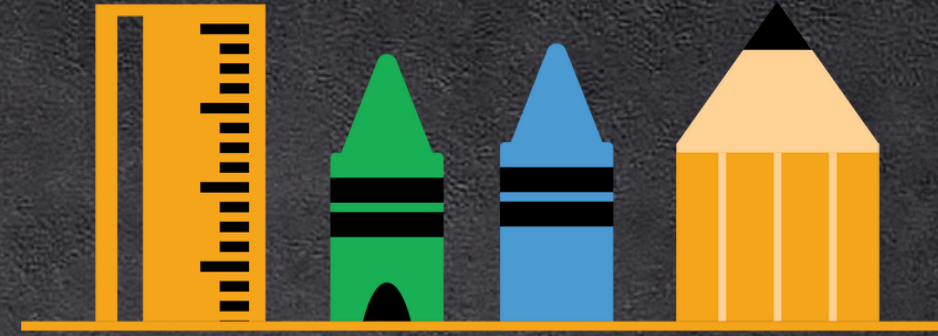
Five/Six sections of  
Kindergarten

(Dependent on early registration!  
Please register your Pup.)

School color is Purple

Home of the Pups





## SCHOOL HOURS

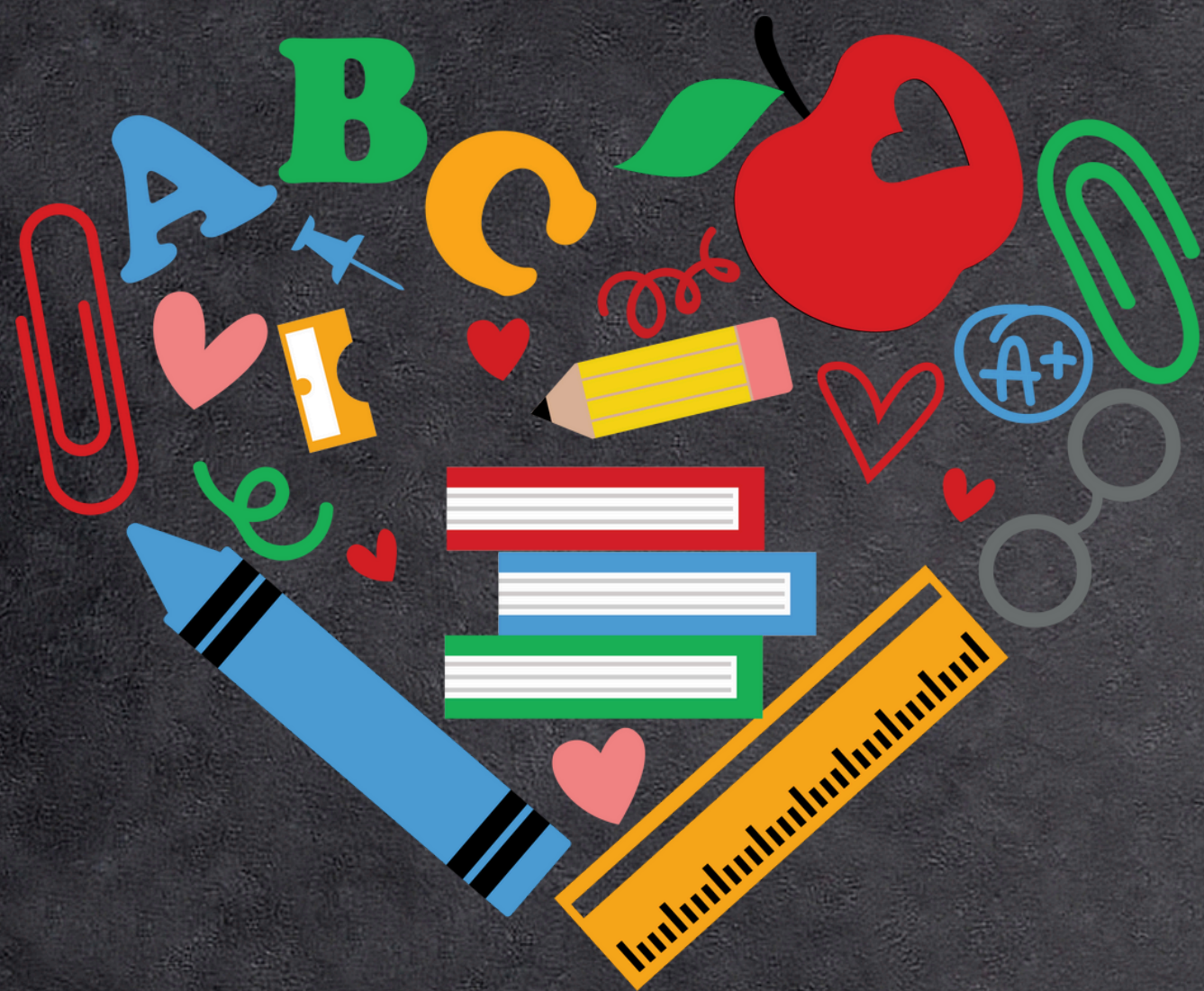
School opens at 8:25am

Homeroom begins at  
8:30am

Dismissal begins at 3:05pm





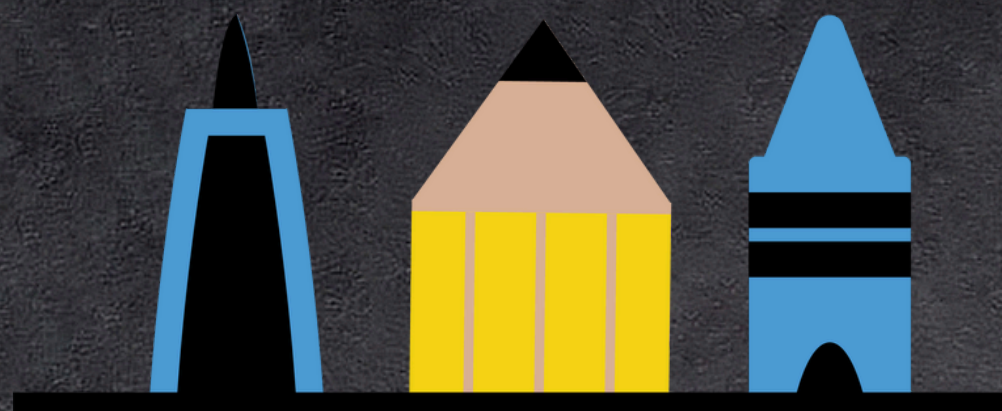


# SAFETY & SECURITY

Officers Kevin Lovgren &  
Dawn Shields,  
Class III Officers

Monthly fire and safety drills



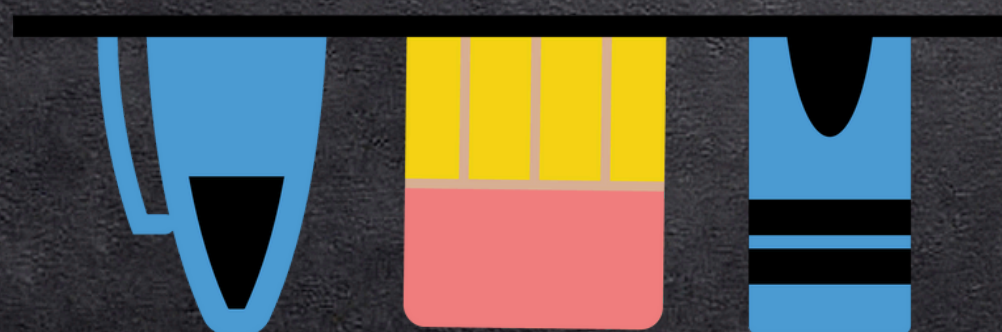


## D-P MAIN OFFICE

Paulette Barham, Administrative  
Assistant

[pbarham@drumsonschool.org](mailto:pbarham@drumsonschool.org)  
732-842-0330

Ms. Harwood & Mrs. Abarno,  
Receptionists







# OUR KINDERGARTEN TEAM

Mrs. Hayes

Mrs. Huff

Mrs. Kelly

Mrs. Lucci

Mrs. Newman

Mrs. Stanziola

Mrs. Strack







# TYPICAL DAILY SCHEDULE


D-P operates on a six-day cycle. You will find the monthly schedule in the Virtual Backpack.

 8:25 – Arrival

 8:30–8:57 – Homeroom & Morning Meeting

 8:57–11:07 – Integrated Language Arts

 11:10–11:40am – Special (Art, Music)

 11:45am–12:35pm – Lunch & Recess

 12:40–1:22pm – Math

 1:25–2:07 – Special (Library, Mindfulness, Physical Education, Science, Spanish, STEM)

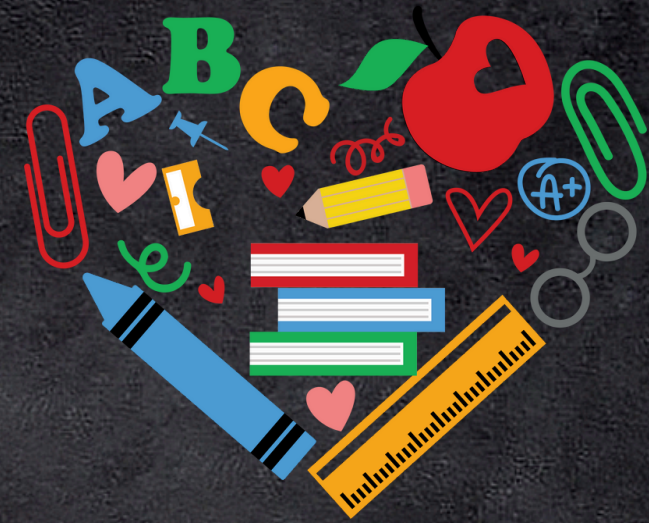
 2:10–2:52pm – Social Studies, Centers

 3:00–3:05 – Homeroom, Dismissal





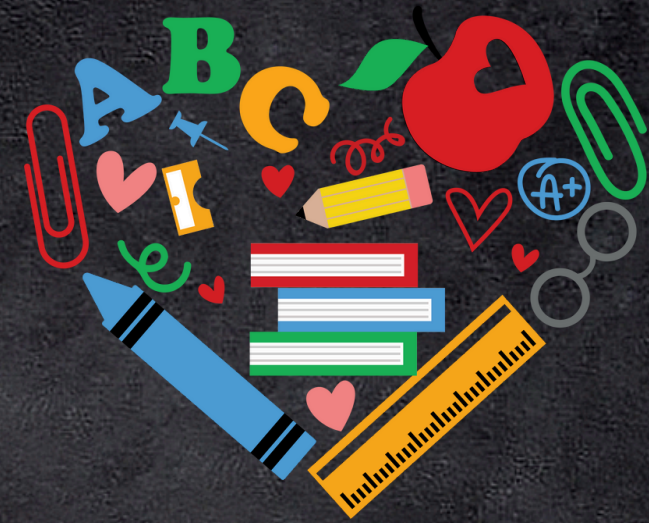
# KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM



- Responsive Classroom – Teachers create a calm and orderly environment where students develop a sense of community during morning meetings.
- Language Arts – Students develop phonemic awareness and learn phonics rules, engage with high interest, decodable readers, and write various pieces from planning to publication.



# KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM



- Math – Students count, classify & sort data, add, subtract, and identify & compare shapes.
- WIN – During WIN, teachers pull groups to ensure that students get individualized support.
- Centers – Students choose activities focused on fine motor movements, letter recognition, pattern-building, and enhancing social skills.



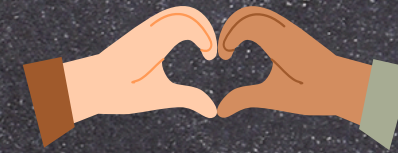
# SPECIALS



Art



Music



Character Education



Physical Education



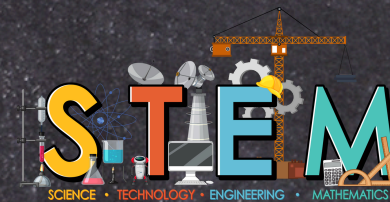
Science



Spanish



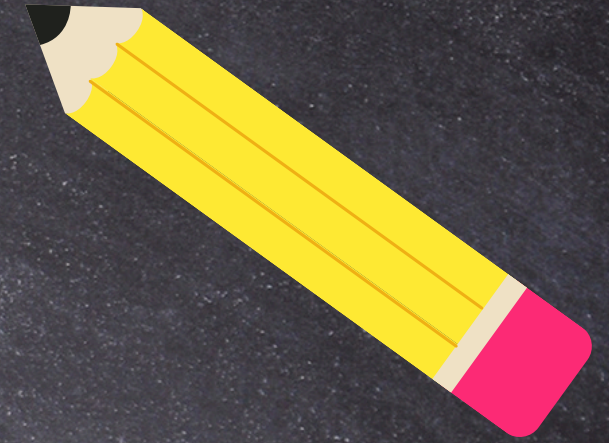
Mindfulness



STEM (Science,  
Technology,  
Engineering, Math)



# INTEGRATED PROGRAM



- Reading Specialist – An expert in the scientific approach to reading pushes into every Kindergarten classroom to co-teach.
- Occupational Therapy – A therapist supports all Kindergarten students in mastering handwriting strokes and coping skills.
- Speech/Language, Physical Therapy, ABA Therapist (Behaviorist) – These therapists provide classroom services for select students; however, all students benefit from the therapists' expertise and proactive strategies.





# FOSTERING INDEPENDENCE

Before your Pups enter Kindergarten,  
it is important that they exhibit self-help skills.

Please practice:

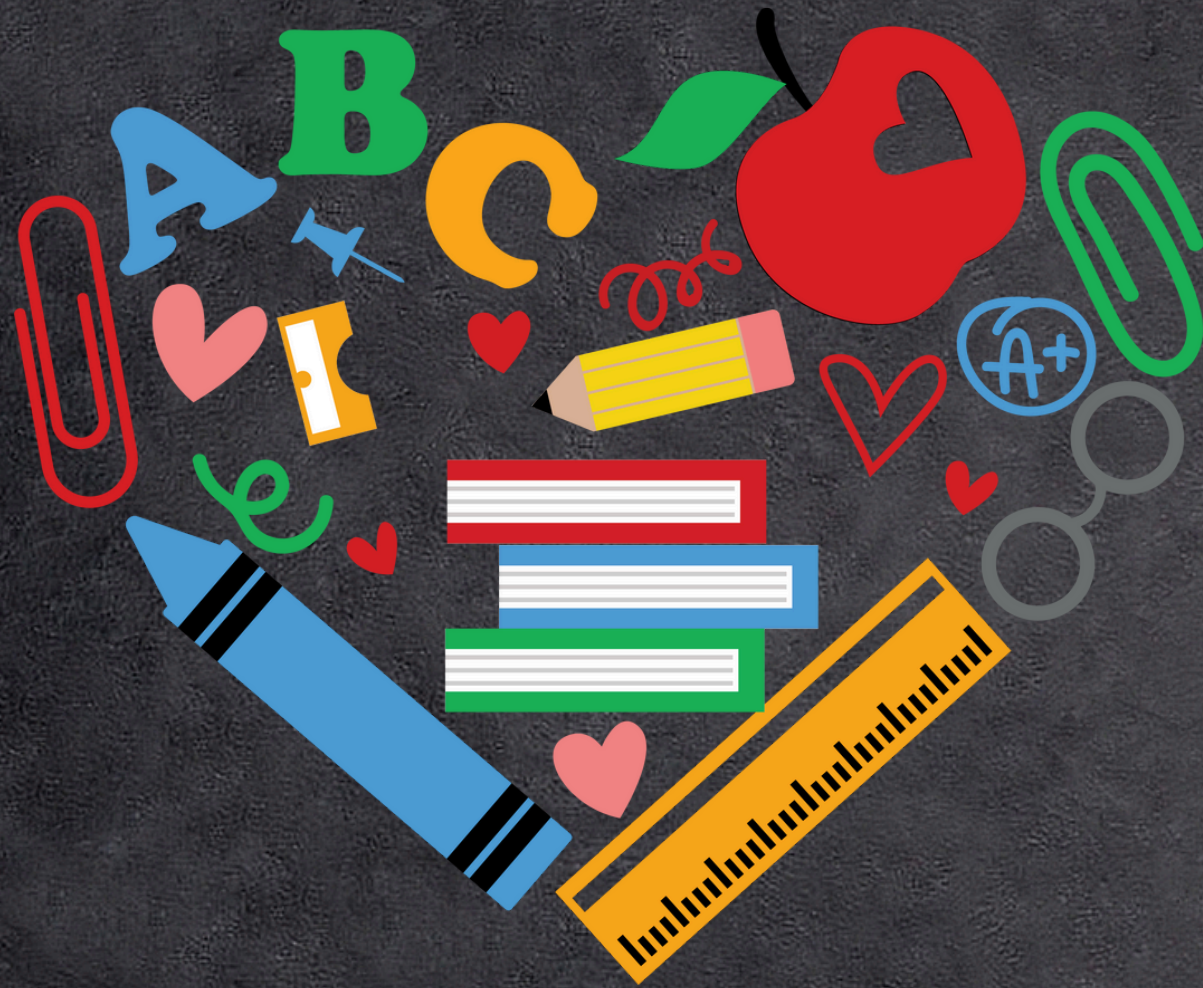
toileting,  
handwashing,  
zippers,  
buttons, and  
nose blowing.





# SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Mrs. Jessica Piernik, Ed.S., N.C.C., L.P.C.  
jpiernik@rumsonschool.org  
732-842-0330 x4409



- Helps students develop SEL competencies
- Provides individual & group counseling
- Chairs I&RS and 504 Committees
- Mediates conflict
- Assists students with their transition to middle school



# SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING & METACOGNITION

- Zones of Regulation is a program that helps students (and adults) understand emotions, self-regulation, and functional strategies for success.
- The Zones - Blue, Green, Yellow, Red - are based on feelings, not behaviors.
- We experience feelings in every zone and learn ways to regulate the way we respond.
- Zones of Regulation is taught in every grade at Deane-Porter and is an integral part of the SEL curriculum.
- “Thinking about thinking” - Metacognition is an awareness and understanding of our own thought processes.
- Metacognition includes self-reflection, problem solving, and SEL-f questioning strategies.
- Students become academically strong, socially & emotionally healthy, confident, flexible, adaptive, persistent & responsible critical thinkers, problem solvers, and decision makers.





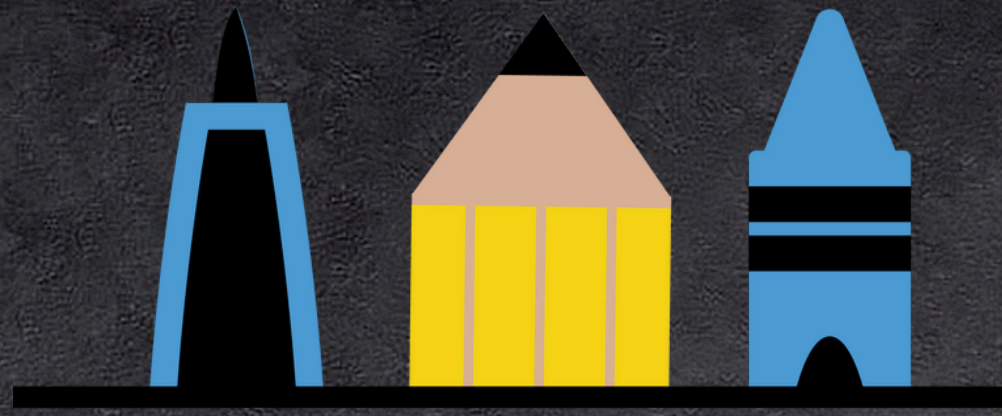


## REGISTRATION

1. Proof of age. Students entering Kindergarten must be 5 years old as of October 1, 2025.
2. Two (2) proofs of residency.
3. Appropriate immunizations and medical history.
4. Completed online registration. (Please read all directions and preview the links prior to registering.)
5. Register before February 21, 2025.







# HEALTH OFFICE

Nurse Krisanne Zajac, RN, MSN

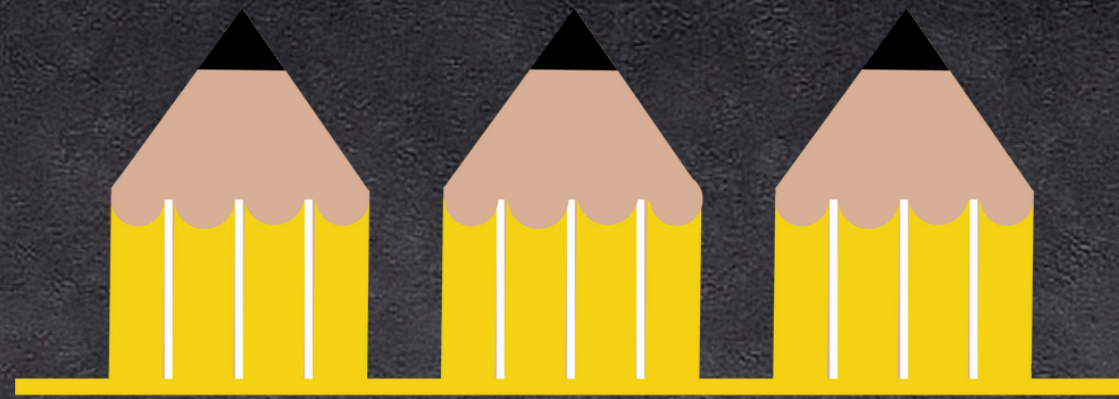
kzajac@rumsonschool.org

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- Current health examination form dated after 9/1/24
- Up to date immunization records from MD or a religious exemption form
  - PreK students must have the influenza vaccine given by 12/31/25
- Forms for food allergies, asthma diagnosis, or any other medical conditions requiring medications to be given at school must be updated annually. Forms and medication can be brought to school in September.







## KINDERGARTEN SCREENING

- The Developmental Indicators for Assessment of Learning
- (DIAL-IV) – Neither a readiness/intelligence test nor a diagnostic assessment, but one way to identify young learners who may be in need of support.
- Measures motor skills, general concepts (colors, counting), language, behaviors, and intelligibility
- RSD PreK – June 9 (during the regular school day)
- New registrants – June 9, 10, and 11 to be scheduled during registration





# KINDERGARTEN JUMP START

Based on their performance on the DIAL-IV, some Pups will be invited to participate in our free three week Kindergarten Jump Start Program.

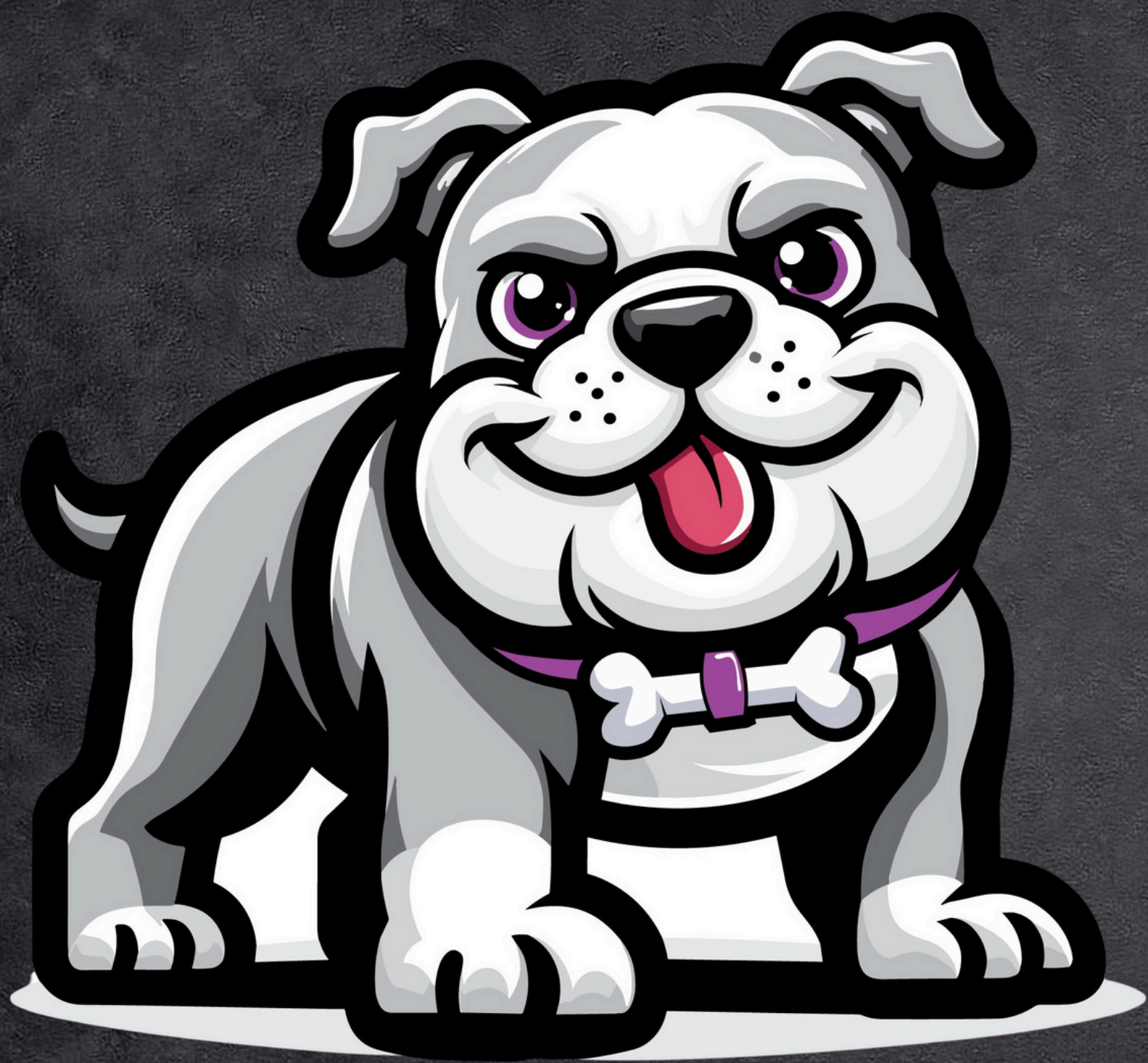
When? July 14th – August 7th, from 9:00am–12:00pm

Where? Deane-Porter School

What? Focuses on early literacy, early numeracy, gross motor development, social emotional learning, and mindfulness







SEE YOU SOON,  
PUPS!