

Sweet Home Announces Full-Day Universal Pre-Kindergarten for 2022-23

The Sweet Home Central School District is excited to announce that our Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) program will be expanding from a half-day to a full-day program for our eligible four-year-olds for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year.

We anticipate creating at least eight (8) UPK classrooms as we make this transition. We will maintain our relationship with Four Seasons Child Care & Preschool, the community-based early childhood provider who has overseen our half-day UPK program for over 25 years. They will continue to provide four (4) UPK classrooms at their St. Leo's campus.

Sweet Home will create four (4) additional UPK rooms, with at least one classroom housed at Glendale Elementary, Heritage Heights Elementary, and Willow Ridge Elementary. Due to spacing constraints, during the 2022-23 school year, students from the Maplemere Elementary neighborhood will attend class at St. Leo's.

- **Note: While we will make every attempt to place students in their neighborhood elementary school, due to space issues and enrollment projections, we can make no promises to families that their child will be placed in a classroom in their home elementary school.**

If you are a parent of a child who is eligible for full-day UPK for the 2022-23 school year, please contact Sweet Home Central Registration at **716-250-1600** by **Friday, May 27**. You DO NOT need to call if you have ALREADY informed us of your interest in having your child attend UPK next year (even if you thought it was for a half-day). We will send you a registration packet.

Registration packets will be sent from the District Office on Tuesday, May 31. Registration will occur **by appointment only** between **Monday, June 13, and Friday, June 24** at the Sweet Home Central Registration Office within the Family Support Center at 1901 Sweet Home Road. Any child registered after June 24 will be placed on a waiting list. If you are interested in enrolling your child in our full-day program, please call Central Registration today.

We will be having a virtual informational meeting for interested families on Tuesday, May 31, at 7:00 pm. The link for the meeting is below:

Click this Zoom Link:

<https://sweethomeschools-org.zoom.us/j/97836425019?pwd=Qmx1MEcyKy9JMIBSYUVteG0zRnVUUT09>

Meeting ID: 978 3642 5019

Passcode: 147280

In the meantime, here are some quick facts about our full-day UPK program.

- Any child who will be 4-years old before **December 1, 2022**, is eligible for the program.
- The child's birth certificate, immunization record, and parent proof of residency will be required at the time of registration to ensure a spot in the program.

- We will provide a 6-hour, full-day early childhood experience for children that will, in most cases, follow the current elementary school schedule from 8:30-2:40 pm. Specific school and classroom information will be provided to families during the summer. Information will include the time and location of the UPK orientation meeting that will take place during the last week of August.
- Some options will be available for families that need extended daycare for their children. Students placed at one of our elementary school sites can contact [Just for Kids](#), our school-based after-school care provider. They have limited spots for pre-school students. Children attending the St. Leo's site would be able to make care arrangements directly with [Four Seasons](#).
- All 4-year-old children will be provided with bus transportation to and from the program. Note: Eligible children three years of age will need to be transported to and from school by the family. Transportation will be provided once the child turns four.
- All families do have the option of transporting their child to and from the program each day.

Again, please plan on attending our informational session on Tuesday, May 31, at 7:00 pm.

Call our Central Registration office at **716-250-1600** if you have any additional questions.