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Remember

Jan. 1st-5<sup>th</sup>: Tuition is due!!

Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>: Preschool registration begins for returning families.

Choice Enrollment Round 1 and Kindergarten enrollment begins at elementary schools.

Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>: Students return to school

Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>: Librarian visits

Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>: MLK Jr. Day. Preschool office is closed

Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>: Preschool registration begins for families **new** to Patterson Preschool

## Positive and Healthy New Year's Resolutions for Kids

(courtesy of MetroParents.com)

- I'll pick up my toys and put stuff away where it belongs.
- I'll brush my teeth twice every day.
- I will wear my seatbelt and sit nicely in a car seat or booster seat
- I'll drink milk and water and limit soda and fruit drinks.
- I'll wear a helmet when I'm on my bike, scooter or skateboard.
- I'll be nice to other kids and friendly to kids who are shy, different or new at school.

## Preschool Registration Begins January 9<sup>th</sup>!!

It's hard to believe that it is already time to start thinking about enrollment for the 2018/2019 school year! If your preschooler is returning to Patterson in the Fall, or if your student has a sibling joining us, enrollment will begin Monday, January 8, 2018. *Enrollment packets will be available in the preschool office on January 8th.* Registration fees are \$60 per child, \$85 for families. Students must be 3 years old on or before October 1, 2018 to be eligible for preschool.

Registration for families that are *new* to the Patterson community will begin January 16<sup>th</sup>.

### Attendance is important...even in Preschool!

We understand that there are days when getting to school on-time or even getting to school at all is next to impossible, especially when sickness or car troubles arise.

However, according to a recent study, *"preschool is the ideal time to introduce children and families to the importance of consistent on-time attendance and to encourage strong attendance habits. It turns out that attendance matters as early as preschool in high quality programs. Research shows that preschoolers who miss 10 percent or more of the school year – in excused or unexcused absences – arrive at kindergarten with lower levels of school readiness,"* (attendanceworks.org).

If you have difficulty getting your child to preschool on a regular basis or on-time, please notify your classroom teachers or the preschool office. We may be able to brainstorm a solution. 😊



### Community Services

The Action Center provides basic human needs and pathways to self-sufficiency for Jefferson County residents and the homeless. Programs include school supply donations, Thanksgiving food boxes, and Santa Shop. Photo ID and proof of Jefferson County residency are required.

For more information, call 303.237.7704 or visit [www.theactioncenterco.org](http://www.theactioncenterco.org)

“Every child is an artist” ~ Picasso

## Snow Days

The district makes every effort to decide and announce decisions to close schools before 6 a.m. The planning and review process actually begins the night before. Once a decision is made, a **message will be sent to Jeffco families** via [SchoolMessenger](#) and local media will be notified. The district's telephone hotline at 303-982-6600, and the school system [Web page](#) are also updated. There is a link to this information from the district's home page.

## “Golden Rule of Health”

Please remember that a child who is too sick to take part in outside activities would be more comfortable at home. For the protection of your child and his/her schoolmates, it is advised that children be kept at home if the following symptoms are present: Skin rash or sores, diarrhea, stomach ache or nausea, ear ache, vomiting, coughing, flushed face, fever of 100° or more, inflamed eyes, heavy nasal discharge, chills, or taking an antibiotic for less than 24 hours.

  
Bring on  
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NEW YEAR!

**\*\*\*Tardiness\*\*\*** We know that “life happens” in preschool. If you are running late, please give the office a courtesy call 303-985-0205. A late pick up fee will be issued to parents/guardians picking up children after the session has ended. This fee is assessed at a rate of \$1.00 per minute and is strictly enforced.

## Would you like to volunteer??

Are you curious about what your child is doing in the classroom? Would you like to join them for a special day? Perhaps you just want to lend a hand in the classroom? We LOVE parent volunteers and involvement in the classroom! Please look for a monthly Sign-Up Genius invitation (sent via email and posted on the preschool [website](#)) to sign-up for a day convenient for you!!

## Bits and Pieces

\*As the weather begins to get colder, please ensure that your child has proper clothing to go outside during recess (boots, heavier jackets, long pants/leggings under dresses). It is also helpful to label any gloves and hats sent to school.

\*Please help keep your students file updated by informing us of any changes in address, phone numbers, or people allowed to pick up. We also appreciate all updates to immunizations. An updated Statement of Good Health is required annually.

**\*Encourage your child to be independent by letting them walk in to hang up their coats and backpacks, wash their hands, and answer the Mystery Question by themselves! ☺**