

## Hadley-Luzerne CSD



The Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) program provides an educationally-based, high quality pre-kindergarten program free to all eligible children. UPK is a free pre-K program, funded by New York State and the school district, for children **who turn four (4) years old on or before December 1st each school year** (*child cannot be age-eligible for Kindergarten*) and reside in the Hadley-Luzerne CSD.

UPK provides developmentally appropriate activities to help children prepare for kindergarten. As the state's standards and expectations become more rigorous, making sure young children enter school with basic skills in place is critical for success. All UPK classes are taught by a New York State certified teacher and minimally one classroom teachers aide.

The UPK program is located at the Stuart M. Townsend Elementary School and runs for 2 hours, 45 minutes daily and follows the normal school year calendar. Depending on enrollment, program sessions may be offered in both the morning (8:00 AM to 10:45 AM) and afternoon (11:15 AM to 2:00 PM). If enrollment deems only one session, it will operate in the morning.

### Requirements:

- ✓ **Be four years old on or before December 1st of the year in which he or she is enrolled;** and
- ✓ **Live in the Hadley-Luzerne school district.**



### 3 Reasons Universal Preschool Is Valuable

- 1. Preschool helps children develop important social and self-regulation skills.**

Children need to interact with their same-aged peers to develop skills that will help them succeed at school. These skills include listening, sharing, waiting, taking turns, and even learning how to lose (for example, in a game). Children also need to learn school-related behaviors to help them thrive in the classroom, such as paying attention, following directions, and completing tasks.

- 2. Preschool lays the foundation for brain development and future learning.**

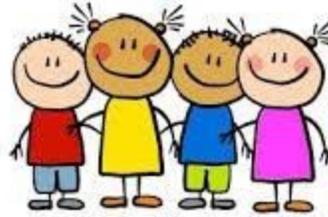
There is no other time in a child's life when there is more growth in the areas of the brain used for higher cognitive functions such as impulse control, attention, memory, and reasoning than during the first five years. These cognitive functions make it easier for children to interact with other children, engage in problem solving, remember and follow rules, and plan and manage their time.

- 3. Preschool benefits society as well as individual children.**

Many studies have also found that children who attend preschool are less likely to need special education services, repeat a grade, drop out of high school, and even be incarcerated as adults.



## Pre-K Registration



### Activities involved in the UPK program:

- ✓ Reading readiness and early literacy development;
- ✓ Exposure to literature, both fiction and non-fiction;
- ✓ Math skills;
- ✓ Science lessons and discovery;
- ✓ Social skills;
- ✓ Self-help skills;
- ✓ Fine and gross motor skills;
- ✓ Music, dance, library and art;
- ✓ Educational field trips;
- ✓ Christmas concert; and
- ✓ End-of-year graduation ceremony.

### How to register:

- ✓ Complete and return the Quick Interest form in this flyer. Upon receipt of the Quick Interest form, you will be mailed a full registration packet; or
- ✓ Call 518-696-2378 x1101 and request a registration packet to be mailed to you.

When registration materials are requested/sent, you will also get a call to schedule an appointment for UPK round-up which will be held on May 13 or 14, 2020.

**A parent/guardian must be present at the round-up appointment.**

## Hadley-Luzerne CSD Quick Interest Form for UPK

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this quick registration form to:

**Stuart M. Townsend Elementary School  
ATTN: UPK Round Up  
27 Hyland Drive  
Lake Luzerne, NY 12846**

For more information, please contact Mr. Jonathan Baker, Principal at 518-696-2378 x1101.