



Muskegon Heights Public Schools

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MHPS Offers Strong Early Childhood/Kindergarten

It is easy to overlook a pride and joy of the Muskegon Heights Public Schools (MHPS), perhaps because it involves its littlest students.

The Muskegon Heights district has made a serious investment in early childhood education through a popular and successful academy and full day kindergarten program.

The Glendale Early Childhood Academy, 3001 Jefferson St., is attracting families, both from within and outside the school district. It provides a highly qualified staff and has earned recognition as an exceptional learning environment. The academy is fully licensed through the Michigan Department of Human Services.

Muskegon Heights also offers “all day” kindergarten to students at all four of its elementary schools.

“We have worked hard to provide the best early childhood programs possible for our families,” says Dana M. Bryant, superintendent of the Muskegon Heights Public Schools. “Parents want all day kindergarten because it makes a real difference in a child’s education. Research supports the importance of strong early childhood programs.”

Bryant believes that the investment in early education programs will “help our young children become mentally, emotionally and physically ready to start school, achieve academic excellence and become lifelong learners.”

“Our goal is to graduate all of our students and insure that they can compete for good colleges and good careers,” says the superintendent. “Investing in the early years will pay off through students who will successfully graduate from the Muskegon Heights Public Schools.”

The Muskegon Heights Public Schools is currently in the process of registering students for preschool and kindergarten programs that will begin this fall. Families with children who will be either three or four years old on or before December 1, 2007 are invited to tour the **Glendale Early Childhood Academy**. Parents should call Principal Celeste Parker at (213) 830-3300 to schedule a visit.

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Parents of future kindergarteners – children who will be five years old on or before December 1, 2007 – are encouraged to contact their neighborhood Muskegon Heights elementary school:

Edgewood Elementary School, 3028 Howden St.
Principal: Edward Causey, (231) 830-3250

Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School, 600 East Barney Ave.
Principal: Marvin Nash, (231) 830-3450

Ellen Grace Loftis Elementary School, 2301 Sixth St.
Principal Rosie Holmes, (231) 830-3400

Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School, 525 West Summit Ave.
Principal: Dr. Leo Cloman, (231) 830-3500

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