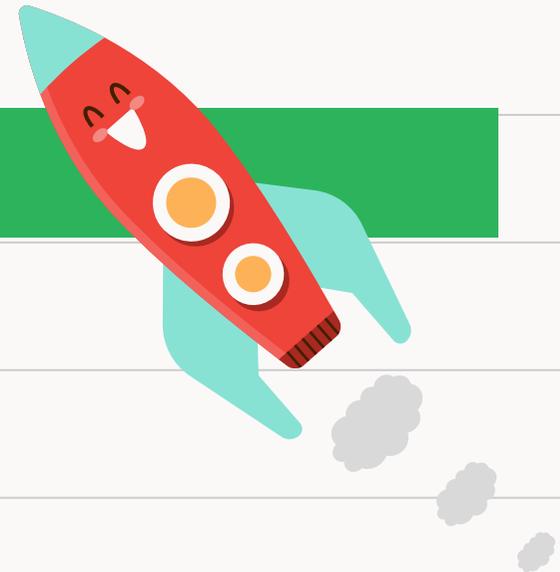




TK Round-Up Presentation



January 17, 2024





Today's Agenda



- Welcome and Introductions
 - Transitional Kindergarten Background
 - Who is Eligible for TK?
 - A Closer Look at TK: Our TK Philosophy, How TK Compares to PK and Kindergarten, What Our Students are Learning in TK and More!
 - First Day of School and How to Prepare
 - Enrollment Process
 - Required Registration and Enrollment Paperwork (**Elem Clerk**)
 - Required Immunizations for TK/Medications at school (**School Nurse**)
 - PTA and Volunteer Opportunities
 - YMCA
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Welcome!



- New People in Your Child's Life
 - TK Teacher - Maryann Mackey
 - Principal - Holly Wiseman
 - Asst. Principals
 - Debbie Haxton - Iway
 - Karen Parker
 - Sage Newman
 - Office Manager - Kelley Thomas
 - Clerk - Bonnie McKenzie
 - District Nurse - Heather Poore
 - School Nurse - Elizabeth
 - PTA President - Tina Swift
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What is Transitional Kindergarten (TK)?



History of TK:

- Transitional Kindergarten (TK) was introduced via The Kindergarten Readiness Act of the 2010 Senate Bill 1381
- Originally introduced when age requirements for
- ★ Kindergarten changed, and included children who turned 5 years old on or between September 2 and December 2 (just missing the Kindergarten cutoff)
- Is considered the first year of a two-year Kindergarten program





What is Universal Transitional Kindergarten (UTK)?

In July 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 131, which adopts Universal TK by 2025-26. The purpose of changing TK was to ensure that all 4 year-olds would have a free year of school the year prior to Kindergarten. AB 131 changed the eligibility for TK over a 4-year period:

- 2022-23: 5th birthday on or between September 2 - February 2
- 2023-24: 5th birthday on or between September 2 – April 2
- 2024-25: 5th birthday on or between September 2 – June 2
- 2025-26: 4th birthday by September 1st (UTK in place)

TK is considered to be “the bridge between preschool and Kindergarten!”





Who is Eligible for TK in 2024-25?



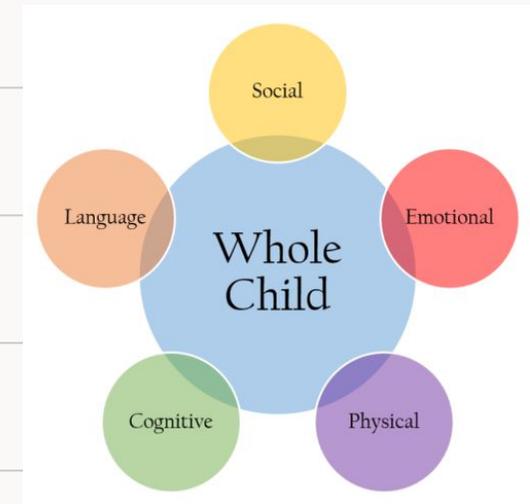
- For the 2024-25 school year: **Any child who turns 5 on or between September 2nd and June 2 is eligible for TK**
 - *Children who turn 5 years old on or after June 2nd are eligible for preschool*
 - ****The District does not implement early admittance into TK, and will not accept any child who is younger than the TK eligibility dates.***
- Children who turn 5 years old on or before September 1st are eligible for Kindergarten
 - Children who turn 5 years old between June 1 and September 1st **can apply** for TK instead of Kindergarten, but *admittance will be dependent on space in the program*
 - Obligation to place all TK-eligible students first; Kinder-eligible students will be placed in late May/early June* (*Timelines subject to change)



A Closer Look at TK...

Philosophy and Priorities of TK:

- Whole Child Approach to Learning
- Play-based Learning
 - Supporting development and skill acquisition through play
- Emphasis on school readiness skills
 - Teaching academic concepts in a developmental way
- Connection between school and home: Creating partnerships to support learning
- Implementation of the CA Preschool Learning Foundations
 - Areas of Learning include: Social-Emotional Development, Language & Literacy, English-Language Development, Mathematics, Visual & Performing Arts, Physical Development, Health, History-Social Science, Science



What's the Difference Between PK, TK, and Kindergarten?



Preschool	Transitional Kindergarten	Kindergarten
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 hours long (*Half-day program) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 hours long 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 hours long
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mostly 3 and 4 year-olds; some 5 year-olds (mixed age groups) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 4 years 3 months old at entrance; turning 5 on or between Sept 2 and June 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 5 years old at entrance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16 students per class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24 students per class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24-32 students per class
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:8 adult to child ratio One classroom teacher, one paraprofessional 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:12 adult to child ratio One classroom teacher, one part time paraprofessional 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No ratios in place One classroom teacher
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whole child approach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whole child approach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academics (Teaching and Learning), Social-Emotional (Student Well Being), and Positive Behavior
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CA Preschool Learning Foundations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CA Preschool Learning Foundations and some exposure to Common Core and Content Standards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Common Core State Standards

**For the 2024-25 school year*

What Will My Child Be Learning About in TK?



TK focuses on school readiness skills! In TK, students will be learning:

- **Social-Emotional Skills**
 - How to identify feelings and engage in self-regulation
 - How to make friendships, play cooperatively, take turns, play creatively, etc.
- **Math Skills**
 - Number sense and counting
 - Shape and pattern work
- **Language and Literacy Skills**
 - Phonemic awareness and learning letter sounds and names
 - How to use words to express wants, needs, ideas, and to dialogue
 - Understanding components from stories
- **Science**
 - Exploration of their world around them
- **Physical Development**
 - Fine motor: Pre-writing and drawing skills, cutting, manipulating small objects
 - Gross motor: Body coordination and movement
- **“Ready to Learn” Skills**
 - How to participate in daily routines, follow directions, listen attentively





About our TK Classrooms



Structure:

- Class is approximately 4 hours a day
- Early Bird/Late Owl model (about 2 hours of overlap) We call it Early Cub/Later Gator
- Taught by a certificated teacher with 24 ECE units 
- Includes one part-time paraprofessional
- Class breakdown:
 - 24 students max per class, 12 per session
 - 1:12 adult to student ratio





TK Daily Routines



All of our TK Classrooms include the following components:

- Circle Time
- Free Play/Free Choice
- Small group instruction (Centers)
- Whole group instruction
 - Phonemic Awareness, Language and Literacy, Math Instruction, Social-Emotional Development
- Music & Movement
- Snack
- Recess/Outdoor Play





Example of Daily Schedule-Wednesday



- 8:10-8:30 Art/ oral expression
- 8:30-8:50 Math
- 8:50-8:55-Bathroom and water break
- 8:55-9:20- Small group/ tasks/ content areas
- 9:20-9:35- Breakfast or Build
- 9:35-9:50- Music and Movement
- 9:50-10:10- Circle Time/Morning Meeting/SEL
- 10:10-10:50- Developmental Free Play
- 10:50-11:20- Snack/Recess
- 11:20-11:30- Bathroom/wash hands/Pack Up
- 11:30-12:03-ELA
- ★ 12:03 Dismissal for all TK students





Snack and Lunch Information

- TK students participate in a daily “snack and recess” opportunity
 - About 15 minutes for snack, 15 minutes for recess
- TK students have the opportunity to participate in the free Universal Meals 
- Practice 7 digit code for cafeteria





Food & Nutrition Services

- Breakfast and lunch are available to all students at CUSD for **FREE**.
 - Depending on the time of recess, TK students have access to free breakfast or free lunch.

- Breakfast and lunch follow regulations from the **Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act** and include:
 - Whole grains
 - Protein
 - Fruit
 - Vegetables
 - ★ ○ Milk



Offered Daily	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Garlic Mozzarella Grilled Cheese	Vegetarian Vegan	GF Gluten Free Contains Pork	CA Produced Locally Baked Sadie Rose Baking Co.		1 Mandarin Orange Chicken w/ Chow Mein
GF Yogurt* w/ GF Granola <small>*made from cows not treated with rBST</small>	4 Macaroni & Cheese	5 Chicken Fajita Rice Bowl	6 Loaded Cheeseburger Sliders	7 Grass Fed Regenerative Beef Hot Dog on Pretzel Bun	8 House-made Bolognese Pasta
Galaxy Cheese Pizza	11 Kickin' Nuggets w/ Roll	12 Crispy Chicken* & Cheese Tacos <small>*no antibiotics ever</small>	13 Hamburger on Potato Brioche Bun	14 Crispy Chicken Drumstick* w/ Waffles <small>*no antibiotics ever</small>	15 Beef Bulgogi w/ White Rice <small>CONTAINS SESAME</small>
Loco Burrito	18 Mozzarella Crunchers	19 GF Green Chila Chicken Tamale	20 Roasted Mary's Chicken Drumstick* w/ Gravy & Roll <small>*no antibiotics ever</small>	21 Chef's Special	22 No School

FREE for ALL Students

DECEMBER 2023 Elementary Lunch

BRRRR-ITOS!

Fruits, Veggies & Milk with Meal
 *Fruits & Veggies May Include: Apple, Pear, Orange, Banana, Fruit Cup, Seasonal Fruit, Baby Carrots, Cooked Corn, Edamame, Tater Tots, Broccoli, Celery, Salad
 †1% Milk* & Nonfat Chocolate Milk*
*made from cows not treated with rBST

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Education Benefit Form

- Submit an Education Benefit Form to see if your family qualifies for benefits.
- Submit yearly between August & September.
- Questions? Contact Food & Nutrition: 949-234-9509.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR YOUR FAMILY & YOUR SCHOOL!

THE EDUCATION BENEFIT FORM: BENEFITS YOUR FAMILY



- Free Chromebook coverage
- Discounted bus passes
- Discounted before & after school enrichment programs
- Discounts and fee waivers for college applications and admission tests
- Discounts and fee waivers for Advanced Placement (AP) tests
- Discounts on internet, electric, gas, and cell phone services

BENEFITS YOUR SCHOOL



- Provide increased funding through the Local Control Funding Formula
- Fund support staff
- Fund computers & technology
- Fund career tech programs
- Discounted internet costs to district
- Provide grants to improve school meal quality

APPLY TODAY!

Complete an Education Benefit Form EVERY School Year for Continued Benefits!

- ✓ Fill out one form per family
- ✓ Have your student's 7 digit ID #
- ✓ Apply online for 24 hour turnaround www.LunchApplication.com
- ✓ Paper forms available upon request & process in 10 business days





Food & Nutrition Services – FAQ

- **My student has a food allergy - what do I do?**
 - Submit a Medical Statement to Request Special Meals. Must be signed by physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner.
 - Available at capistrano.healtheliving.net
- **We are a vegetarian family - what do I do?**
 - Vegetarian options are available daily and are indicated on the menu. 
- **Our family does not eat pork - what do I do?**
 - Few items contain pork and are indicated on the menu.

**Food &
Nutrition
Contact
Information:**



949-234-9509



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The First Day of School!

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Parents: Plan on attending the first day of school with your child from 8:10 to 9:23 or 9:45 to 10:58.



This will be a shortened day where you and your child will meet the teacher and learn more about the classroom and procedures.





How to Prepare for the First Day of TK



Have your child practice the following at home:

- Being completely independent in bathroom (i.e. pull down/pull up clothing, wipe independently, etc.)
- Opening and closing backpack, lunch box, and water bottle
- Carrying their own full-sized backpack, lunchbox or any personal belongings
- Putting on and taking off their shoes
- Practicing good hygiene skills- hand washing, covering mouth/nose, and using a tissue
- Asking for help when it's needed
- Listening to stories by reading to your child daily
- Separating from you/saying goodbye

Tips for Getting Your Child Ready for School!





How to Prepare for the First Day of TK - cont'd



We kindly ask that you please make sure:

- All of your child's items are labeled with their first and last name
- Your child wears appropriate shoes for running and the playground (i.e. sneakers, no crocs or sandals).
- Recommended items for school:
 - Normal-sized backpack
 - Lunchbox
 - Water bottle
 - Extra clothes in case of an accident/emergency





TK Enrollment Process



How Do I Enroll My Child in TK?

- January 29 - March 1 - TK priority enrollment begins and parents enroll students in AIR
 - LFK8 is your home school
 - There is a sibling already attending the school and will remain next year 
 - One of the parents/guardians is CUSD employee

Students enrolling after March 1 will be placed on first come/first serve basis depending on capacity





Required Registration and Enrollment Paperwork:



The following documentation is required to finalize enrollment:

- AIR online confirmation page
 - Verification of residency (2)
 - Mortgage verification/rental agreement and current utility bill
 - Proof of age
 - Child's immunization record
 - Copy of parent/guardian ID
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Nurse Heather





Required Immunizations for TK



- 4 Polio, 5 DTaP, 3 HepB, 2MMR, 2 Varicella required before the first day of school
 - According to the CA Department of Public Health, even four-year-old children need their kindergarten immunizations prior to the first day of transitional kindergarten (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/School/tk-12-transitional-k.aspx>)
- For students who are 3 years old at the time of admission/registration, students must meet the pre-kindergarten immunization requirements:
 - 3 Polio, 4 DTaP, 3 Hep B, 1 Varicella, 1 Hib4*, 1 MMR* (*On or after the 1st birthday)
- Once the child turns 4 years old, they should meet the TK/K immunization requirements (and are required before the first day of TK)
- Students may be admitted if there is medical exemption





PTA and Other Volunteering Opportunities

There will be opportunities to volunteer in the classroom. Check out the sign-up sheet at Back to School Night in August.





YMCA Before and After School Care

Hours of Care

- Before school: 6:45 - 8:15
- After school: School dismissal - 6:00

Care plans

- 5, 3, or 2 days per week

Age Requirements

- 4 years and 9 months
- Must be potty trained

For more information: Abby Sichley - Director
(949) 766 - 2831 asichley@ymcaoc.org



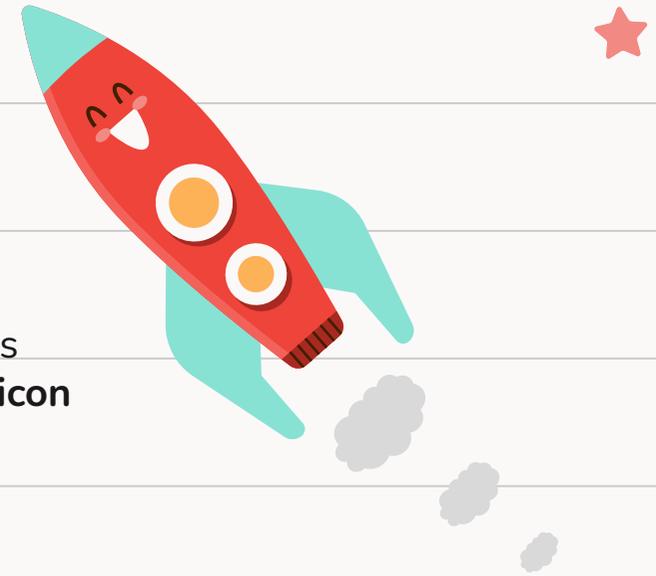


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