

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Preschool Screening and registration for the fall on May 23

Huntington – A free, developmental screening for young children will be held at Littleville Elementary School on May 23 from 8 – 11 a.m. Screenings are by appointment only and will take approximately one hour. Screenings are required for any child attending a Gateway integrated preschool program at Chester or Littleville elementary schools, whether or not a parent has a developmental concern.

Preschool screenings are given to identify any concerns that parents might have about their child's development. Additionally, whether there are concerns or not, screening is a requirement for registration in a Gateway preschool program. Screenings include a brief check of skills in the following areas: cognitive/thinking skills, speech and language skills, fine and gross motor skills, social/emotional skills and preschool readiness skills. In addition, parents are asked to fill out a questionnaire; no additional paperwork is needed at the screening. Parents will be notified in writing about the screening results by mid-June, and any next steps will be recommended.

Any child age three (by May 23, 2017) to five who will not be entering Kindergarten in September, may attend. The screening is for children who live in the Gateway hilltowns (Blandford, Chester, Huntington, Middlefield, Montgomery and Russell). Children must live in the district; school choice does not apply to preschool.

Lottery applications for the 2017-18 peer partner preschool slots at Chester and Littleville Elementary Schools will also be available at the Preschool Screenings. Parents will be notified by mid-June if their child is accepted for enrollment. A screening is required whether or not parents have a developmental concern.

Parents wishing to make an appointment for this one-hour screening may contact Karen Malinowski by May 18 at 413-685-1017 or by email at kmalinowski@grsd.org .

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