



All-Day Kindergarten

FERNDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Getting Ready for Kindergarten 2012

Explore all Kindergarten options available from the Ferndale Schools:

Roosevelt Primary School

Grades K-3, Grade-Centered School

Brain-Based Learning

Enrollment open any time

Open Classroom Program*

Enrollment deadline February 28

John F. Kennedy School

Grades K-6, Magnet Programs

Multi-Age Program*

Enrollment deadline February 28

Open Classroom Program*

Enrollment deadline February 28

Kindergarten Tours Schedule a Tour, Meet the Principals!

Kennedy: Nov 2, 16, Dec 7, Jan 4, 18, Feb 1, 15, 29 (2 pm)

Call Kennedy at 248/547-0880

Roosevelt: Nov 9, 30, Dec 14, Jan 11, 25, Feb 8, 15 (2 pm), 29

Call Roosevelt at 248/548-1950

All tours at 9 am, unless otherwise noted

What to ask about when you tour for Kindergarten:

- Early Literacy programs
- Achievement records
- Brain-based learning
- School atmosphere
- Parent involvement
- School routines
- Project-based instruction
- Opportunities for advanced students
- Special Education programming & services
- Music, Art & Physical Education opportunities

*Lottery Based Magnet Programs

Enrollment in Open Classroom Programs at both Roosevelt and Kennedy, and the Multi-Age Program at Kennedy is by lottery only.

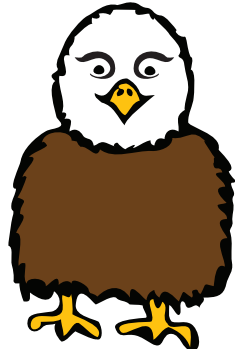
To participate in the magnet program lottery, student's families must be district residents or be enrolled in Kindergarten for one year through the Schools of Choice program, have attended building tours of both Roosevelt and Kennedy, and completed enrollment forms in the Enrollment Office by 4 pm on February 29, 2012. Notification of placement will be mailed after the March 2012 lottery.

Be sure to learn about all of the Ferndale Schools' Kindergarten options before making a decision about where your child should start a quality education.

Magnet Program Deadline
FEBRUARY 29, 2012

ENROLLMENT DEADLINE FOR MAGNET PROGRAMS - ALL FORMS MUST BE TURNED INTO THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE BY FEB 29 AT 4 PM.

Enrollment & Pupil Services Office | Harding Administration Center | 2920 Burdette | Ferndale
Questions? Call 248/586-8686 | Visit www.ferndaleschools.org/enrollment for enrollment forms



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Roosevelt Primary School | Grades K-3

As a school family, Roosevelt Primary is committed to providing an atmosphere conducive to early childhood learning, teaching predictable routines, providing clear classroom expectations, using developmentally appropriate instruction, teaching social skills through daily conflicts, and providing best practices in brain-based research to help all children succeed.

Each morning, the day begins the “Brain Smart” way with classical music playing from the first bell until the WBEE News is broadcast on the school-wide telecast. The WBEE news includes the Pledge of Allegiance, a stretch to open up the heart for a day of learning, and then concludes with the much-awaited Brain Tip of the Day from Principal Dina Rocheleau. Students enjoy exercising to get their blood moving, brain energized and muscles pumped for a day of learning.

Roosevelt’s Brain-Based Learning program is open to all, and has received National and Regional recognition for its Brain Smart Start. In 2011, Roosevelt was named a National School of Character. In 2007, the Character Education Partnership (CEP) selected Roosevelt Primary to receive a National Schools of Character Promising Practices Award and the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) selected Roosevelt Primary to receive an Education Excellence Award.

Roosevelt Primary has two choices for Kindergarten: Brain Based Learning and Open Classroom. In the Open Classroom program, students are taught individual student responsibility and instruction revolves around project-based learning and parent involvement is a requirement. Brain Based learning is based on current brain research, child development information and developmentally appropriate practices. The goal of the program is to help students learn based on their learning style, personality and individual need. The class is designed with the young child’s brain in mind with an emphasis on fostering a classroom family and knowing that love is the best motivator for learning and growth.



WHY CHOOSE FERNDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR KINDERGARTEN?

- **Outstanding Reputation** – State and national awards for the Brain-Smart Start, 30-years of outstanding project-based Open Classroom, and innovative leader in establishing the Multi-Age Program.
- **Focused Attention** – On the whole child – both emotional and intellectual intelligence.
- **A Strong Start!** Strong early academics lead to over \$1-million in college scholarships for graduating seniors each year. Ferndale Schools are known for the outstanding performing arts program that starts with daily instrumental music in elementary school and has led to six State Marching Band Championships. Athletics benefit from outstanding, recently renovated facilities, and celebrate the successes of our league, regional and state champions.

John F. Kennedy School | Grades K-6

Your child will be nurtured, tutored by peers, go to camp each year, participate in virtual “trips” abroad in 1st and 2nd grade, and learn through project-based instruction. At Kennedy, families have two Kindergarten magnet program options: Open Classroom and Multi-Age.

The vision of John F. Kennedy School is to ensure that all students are given the opportunity to learn at their level, and to be challenged to work to their maximum potential. The vision includes teaching differentiating learning to meet all student needs, including special education students and gifted students. The vision also includes teachers

working together to create a professional learning community with staff, students, and parents.

The *Open Classroom* Program has been in existence for 30 years and is based on a philosophy that fosters independence, promotes individual student responsibility, stresses self-motivation and self-confidence, and provides instruction in a project-based environment. This program reflects a combined partnership between school and family. A parent participation agreement is required upon entry and each family is asked to volunteer a minimum of 40 hours a year.

The *Multi-Age* Program provides flexibility of instruction to meet individual needs of each child, promotes responsibility for self and learning, stresses group skills and cooperation, and delivers instruction in a multi-age environment. Children in this program are grouped in math and reading by their developmental level as opposed to their chronological level. By regrouping students in varying ways, the program allows students to accelerate as they are ready, and helps them reach their maximum potential. Parent participation is strongly encouraged.

[Learn more about each program during building tours.](#)