

January 26, 2010

Newton County Schools Announce Pre-K Registration Dates

Newton County School System will hold registration for the district's Georgia lottery funded pre-kindergarten program on February 22, 2010 through March 1, 2010 from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The school system has 540 slots for the 2010-2011. Pre-K program—40 at each of the district's 13 elementary schools, excluding the theme school.

In a departure from the traditional centralized registration, this year, each school will host its own Pre-K registration on a selected time and day. Dates and times are as follows:

<u>LOCATIONS</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>TIMES</u>
East Newton, Oak Hill, & *West Newton	Monday, February 22	3:30 PM-6:30 PM
Livingston, Palmer-Stone, & Mansfield	Tuesday, February 23	3:30 PM-6:30 PM
Porterdale, *Ficquett, & *South Salem	Wednesday, February 24	3:30 PM-6:30 PM
Heard-Mixon & *Live Oak	Thursday, February 25	3:30 PM-6:30 PM
Rocky Plains & *Middle Ridge	Monday, March 1	3:30 PM-6:30 PM

*Translator Provided

Space in the Pre-K Program is limited to 540 slots for our thirteen elementary schools and ***children will not be placed on the roster for possible selection until all required documents are submitted.*** Only parents and legal guardians may register a child for Pre-K. **Please note that registration does not guarantee children a slot in the Pre-K program.**

Once registration has concluded, students with all documents submitted will have their names placed in a lottery drawing for their school zone for possible selection. Only students with completed registration packets will be eligible for participation in the school system's lottery selection process. Pre-K enrollment is determined by school attendance zones; therefore, the first 40 student names drawn from each school's attendance zone will be enrolled in the 2010-2011 Newton County School System Pre-K Program. The remaining names will be placed on a waiting list in the order the names are drawn, and called if and when spaces become available.

Children must be four (4) years old on or before September 1, 2010 to qualify for enrollment. To register a child for the Newton County Pre-K program, parents should bring a certified birth certificate and two proofs of residence/address—one from each of the two categories below:

Category 1: Electric, gas, garbage, or water bill in the name of the person enrolling the child.

AND

Category 2: Current lease, rental agreement, or Warranty Deed from the purchase of a home.

Telephone bills, mortgage payment books, post office addresses, car licenses, credit cards, and Medicaid cards will not be accepted as proof of residence. If the child does not live with one or both parents, guardianship or custody documents must be presented. Should the child and parent/guardians live with

someone else and as a result not have a proof of address in his/her name, a Statement of Legal Residence/Affidavit of Parent Guardian is needed. The affidavit must be completed, signed and notarized. In addition to the affidavit, two proofs of residence in the name of the person who owns the property must be produced. Affidavits can be obtained from elementary schools and the Newton County Board of Education. A notary will be available at registration; however, to use the free notary at registration, the person who owns the property must be present and provide two proofs of residence.

In addition to the birth certificate and proofs of residence, parents must also bring the child's social security card or sign a waiver; the Eye, Ear, Dental (EED) Screening Form #3300 (if the child has reached age 4); and Immunization Record Form #3231. If there is no social security card, a waiver may be signed at the time of registration. Please check with your doctor or the local health department for new immunization requirements.

Applications and other required documents may be downloaded from the [Pre-K Department Page](#) on Newton County School System website. For more information on the Newton County School System Pre-K program, call 770-787-1330 ext. 1262.
