

February 3, 2011

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 28, 2011 through March 4, 2011. Parents should register their children at the elementary school they are zoned to attend next year. Students attending the new elementary school on Airport Road should register at Palmer-Stone Elementary School and those attending Fairview Elementary School in 2011-2012 should register at Ficquett Elementary School.

Times for registration are as follows:

February 28, March 1, March 2, and March 4	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Thursday, March 3	9:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Newton County School System has 540 Pre-Kindergarten slots available for the 2011-2012 school year and ***children will not be placed on the roster for possible selection until all required documents are submitted.*** Only custodial 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. Once all slots are filled, the remaining names will be placed on a waiting list in the order they were drawn during the lottery process, and called if and when spaces become available.

Children must be four (4) years old on or before September 1, 2011 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 mortgage statement 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 does not have a proof of address in his/her name, a Statement of Legal Residence/Affidavit of Parent/Guardian is needed. Bring the affidavit completed, signed and notarized, along with the two proofs of residence in the name of the person who owns the property.**

An affidavit can be obtained from any elementary school and the Newton County Board Office. A notary will be available at registration. If you choose to have your paperwork notarized using the free notary at registration, the person who owns the property must be present with the two proofs of residence outlined above.

In addition to the birth certificate and proofs of residence, parents must also bring the child's social security card; the Eye, Ear, Dental (EED) Screening Form #3300 (if the child has reached age 4); and Immunization Record Form #3231. Both forms may be obtained from a doctor or the Newton County Health Department. 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.
