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Dear Parents/Guardians,

A Parent Orientation Meeting for the parents of all children eligible to enter Kindergarten has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 30th at 6:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria of Center School. All parents of children eligible to attend Kindergarten are asked to attend this special informational meeting. This meeting will be for parents only. Any child born on or before August 31st, 2014 is eligible for enrollment in Kindergarten for the 2019-2020 school year. At this meeting, our Kindergarten teachers will be present and we will highlight our Kindergarten program and curriculum, discuss our Kindergarten Orientation Program during the first week of school and share other information regarding your child's transition to Center School. In addition, school Registration Packets will be available for you to take home to complete. Mattapoissett offers a free full day Kindergarten program. Any questions you may have will be addressed at this meeting.

Kindergarten registration dates are **Wednesday, February 6th from 3:00 - 5:30 p.m. and on Thursday, February 7th from 8:45- 11:00 a.m.** in the Cafeteria at Center School. Registration is for parents only. On these dates parents will meet individually with the school secretary, nurse and principal. In order to have the registration process proceed in a timely manner, we are asking parents to bring completed registration packets with them when they attend registration. In the event of inclement weather, registration will be held the following week, Wednesday, February 13th and Thursday, February 14th, during the same scheduled times.

The Old Rochester Regional School District's policy states that children must turn 5 years old on or before August 31st of the year they enroll in Kindergarten. Parents should bring a birth certificate or a notarized memorandum of birth with them on registration day.

A doctor's memorandum showing the following immunizations is required by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health for school entrance into Kindergarten:

- 3 doses of Hep B
- 5 doses of DTaP/DTP



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- 4 doses of Polio
- 2 doses of MMR
- 2 doses of Varicella
- Lead Testing must be done at the discretion of the child's pediatrician prior to the entrance into kindergarten.

All required immunizations must be completed prior to the start of school. A physical examination is required for entrance to school and must be completed by December 31, 2019. Vision and hearing screenings for all children entering Kindergarten will be conducted during the school year.

In addition, we request that if you have an outstanding court order or decree regarding the legal custody of your child, that you furnish us with a copy of this at registration time. This is necessary in order to assist us in the release of educational records and information, as well as the dismissal of children, to the appropriate parent/adult.

If you have a child who was born on or before August 31, 2014 and is eligible to enter Kindergarten, but will not be entering Kindergarten and/or will be attending a private Kindergarten, please call the office at Center School (508-758-2521) to notify us of your decision not to enter your child in Center School for the 2019-2020 school year. This will enable us to keep an accurate count of the number of students who will be entering Center School. If you know of a child who is eligible to enter Kindergarten and they did not receive this information about our orientation/registration in the mail, please have them contact Center School so that a registration packet can be forwarded to them.

We look forward to seeing you on **Wednesday, January 30th** and welcoming you to the Center School community!

Sincerely,
Rosemary T. Bowman