

# AYER SHIRLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## 2022-2023 SY PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION INFORMATION SESSION





# MEET THE PRESENTERS



# TEAM APPROACH in Preschool

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**(Front Row L-R) Mrs. Melissa Ducharme, Mrs. Kellie Peterson, Mrs. Sarah Greene-Carlson, Mrs. Leslie Rice, Mrs. Kerry Harris, Mrs. Mary Beth Hamel  
(Back Row) Mrs. Meghan Guthrie, Mrs. Kristen Ryan, Mrs. Melissa Martines, Mrs. Shannon Hurley, Mrs. Theresa Walker  
(not pictured- Mrs. Heather Arel, Ms. Gail Leombruno)**



# Preschool Staff...Continued

## ABA Specialists

Heather Arel and Sarah Greene

## Classroom Paraprofessionals

Theresa Walker, Melissa Martines, Shannon Hurley, Tricia Lizotte, Gail Leombruno

## Related Services

Lezli Whitehouse, Speech/Language Pathologist

Meg Saucier, Occupational Therapist

Deb Austin, Physical Therapist

Rachael Fusco, School Psychologist

## School Nurses

Rene Paine (Nurse Leader)

Tiffany Naughton

## Ayer Child Care

### Director (ACP)

Patricia Russell x1467

## Family and Community

### Partnership Director

Deanna Christie





### Session Tips:

1. Microphones are muted to limit interference
2. Type questions in the Chat- we will have time for Q & A at the end.
3. Presentation will be posted online.



# WELCOME PARENTS/GUARDIANS

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Little Panthers Integrated Preschool, Family Partnership, and ACP



# What are the beliefs and values of the Ayer Shirley Regional School District?

**Vision:** *Our vision is to connect, engage, and inspire all students in the Ayer Shirley Regional School District to reach academic excellence. We, the educators of the Ayer Shirley Regional School District, will instill habits of reflection and inquiry to challenge our students in setting ambitious academic and personal goals. Students will develop a strong voice to express thoughts and ideas in the community and the confidence to showcase their talents and successes in preparation for entry into college and the world of work.*

District website: [www.asrsd.org](http://www.asrsd.org)



# Registration Information Session Agenda: What Will We Learn Today?

- Curriculum Overview
- Special Events
- A Typical Day in...Preschool
- Health & Counseling Services
- Program Plan Options
- Registration Process
- Questions and Answers



# High Quality Early Childhood Education

- All of our preschool teachers are highly educated, qualified, licensed by the MA Department of Elementary & Secondary Education
- Our students are important members of the Preschool-5 elementary school population
- We love to play, learn, grow, explore, connect, communicate, collaborate, and celebrate!



# Preschool Curriculum Overview

## ★ PreK-12 MA Curriculum Frameworks for ELA, Math & STE

### Topics of Study:

- ★ English Language Arts-Literacy: Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing, Handwriting
- ★ Math: Numbers and number relationships, shapes, colors, addition & subtraction concepts (putting together, taking away)
- ★ Science/Social Studies: Living Things, Our Community, Cultures & Traditions, etc.
- ★ Social-Emotional Learning, Music & Movement and the Visual Arts integrated throughout the day





# Ayer Shirley Regional INTEGRATED PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

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# A Typical Day in Preschool

Arrival/table top activities

Literacy time (songs, stories, language development)

Bathrooms/handwashing

Snack

Learning Centers- academic and play based learning

Gross Motor activities/Outdoor Recess

Circle Time- Music & Movement

Getting Ready for Dismissal





# Literacy Instruction: Developing School Readiness skills

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Our curriculum uses read aloud books, picture books, songs, games and poems to teach listening, speaking and early reading and writing skills.



# Math Instruction: Developing Number Sense

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Math concepts are taught and reinforced through whole class instruction, guided practice, and independent work





# Science and Social Studies Instruction: Concepts are learned through teacher modeling, hands on engagement and exploration

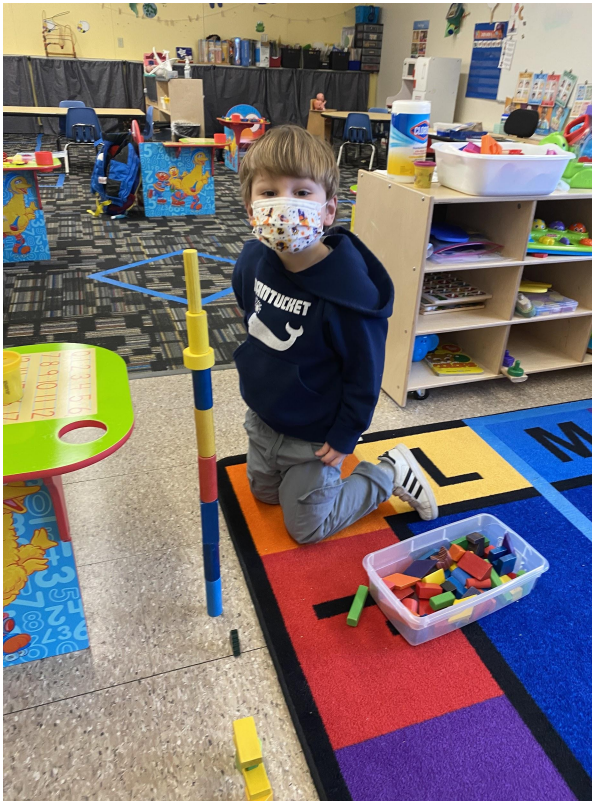
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# Learning Through Play: Block Center, Dramatic Play Center, Art Center, Technology Center, Listening Center

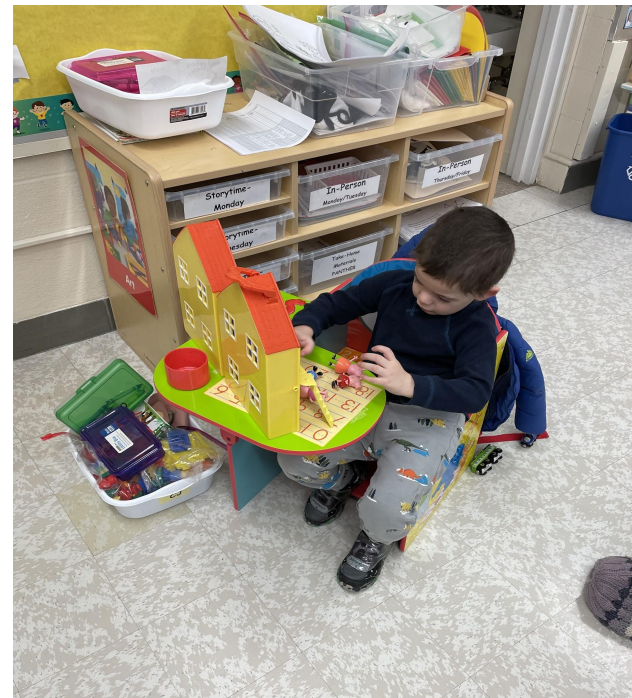
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# Social Emotional Learning is Integrated Throughout the Day

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## Skills and Concepts taught:

- Self-Awareness
- Self Management
- Social Awareness
- Responsible Decision Making
- Belonging



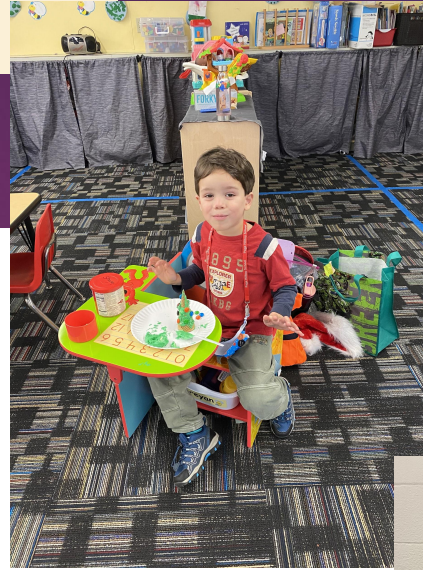


# Preschool hosts special events and guests such as ...



# Classroom Community Celebrations!

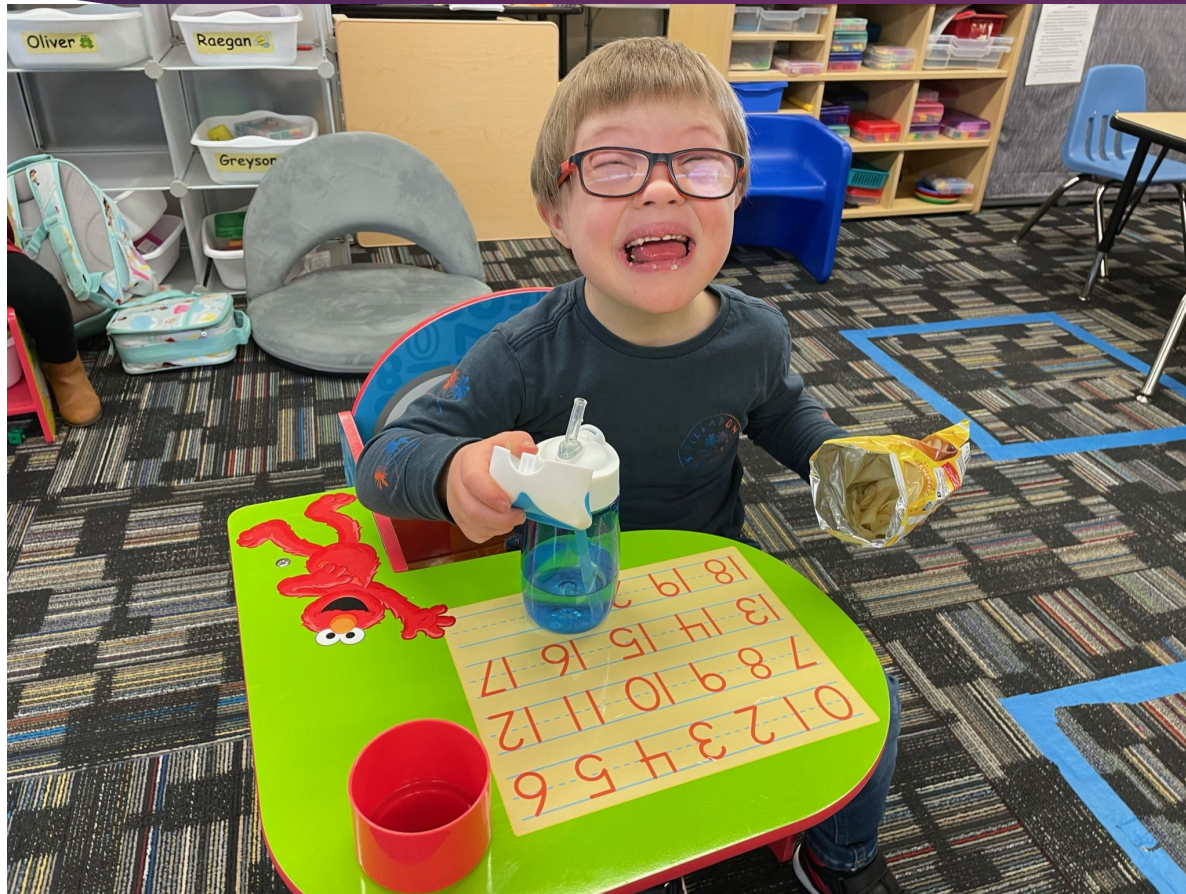
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**Snack time is a good time to practice social skills and independence.**

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**Please  
remember to  
send healthy  
snacks!**





# Outside Playtime is Important for our Growing Bodies

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Outdoor play is provided year round, weather permitting.



# Support Services Available for Preschool Students

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- All Preschool classrooms are inclusive
- Access to School Health services
- School Counselor support as needed
- District Curriculum Accommodation Plan



# 2022-2023 Integrated Preschool Program Plan

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## AM/PM Schedule

Monday-Friday, 5 days per week, follows district calendar

Morning session 8:30-11:00 am (2.5 hours per day)

or

Afternoon session 12:45-3:15 pm (2.5 hours per day)

- Location: Page Hilltop School
- 115 Washington Street, Ayer

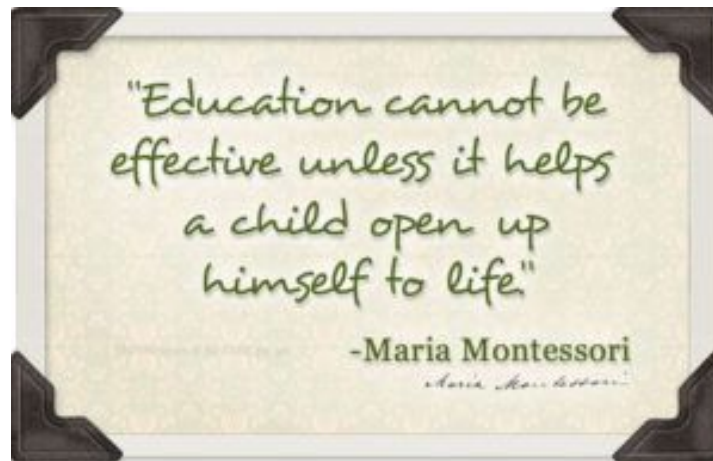
We are interested in your AM/PM session preference but this is not a guarantee. Our classrooms must be balanced!

# Tuition

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Preschool Program- Tuition based, monthly fee

Contact: Doreen Mahoney [dmahoney@asrsd.org](mailto:dmahoney@asrsd.org)





# Child Care Extended Day Option for Working Families

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A.C.P. @ Page Hilltop Elementary School

Childcare available  
Monday-Friday  
7- 5:30 pm

Fee- based;  
Registration for child care is required

Please contact  
Extended Day Childcare Director:  
Pat Russell  
978-772-8600 x 1467



# How To Register for Preschool

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**New Students:** Preschool registration is now open for new students. Registrations will be accepted on a rolling basis in the Page Hilltop School office. Visit <https://www.asrsd.org/programs/schedule/>

**Page Hilltop Elementary School, 115 Washington St., Ayer**

Contact: Mrs. Gail Januskiewicz

Contact: Mrs. Peggy Carlson 978-772-8600 x 1402

**Returning Preschool Students:** If your child currently attends our Integrated Preschool Program, the student is already registered as a member of the Page Hilltop School.

★ Required paperwork for returning to preschool 2022-2023 SY:

1. Intent to Return to Preschool Form
2. Parent Questionnaire
3. Student Health Form



# Preschool Screening Requirement

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New preschool students will be assessed for skills that are critical predictors of school success (physical development/motor, language, academic/cognitive, self-help, and social-emotional skills).

Appointments are required: August/September dates TBD

- ★ Parents will be notified of the screening appointment in writing

Screening Tool Components:

- ★ Student meets 1:1 with the teacher(s) conducting the screening for approximately 20 minutes
- ★ Parents complete Developmental History Questionnaire





# Timeline for Start to Preschool: Planning Ahead



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## January/February: Registration Information Sessions

- ▶ New- Return Registration Packet with required documents
- ▶ Current- Complete Intent to Return Form

By March: Register for a free [Footsteps to Brilliance](#) account

April/May/June: Sneak Peek at Preschool Special Event

July: Visit the Town Library to get a free library card

August: Welcome Note & Class Placements Information

September:

- ▶ Preschool Screening of new students Dates TBD
- ▶ Preschool Parent/Guardian/Child Orientation Visit Date TBD
- ▶ First day of Preschool Date TBD



# Website Information

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Visit [www.asrsd.org](http://www.asrsd.org) to access the school calendar, news and announcements. Check out Facebook links!

Visit [www.asrsd.org/programs/schedule/](http://www.asrsd.org/programs/schedule/) to learn more about Early Childhood news, links and resources



# Questions? Need Help?

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**Main Phone Line: 978-772-8600 Staff Directory is available**

Staff are available to provide assistance with Registration Forms, answer questions, and help create Footsteps to Brilliance home accounts

We are happy to help!



# For our ESL Families

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- Assistance with Registration Forms is available
- For translation support, please contact our ESL Coordinators
- Emily Babineau [ebabineau@asrsd.org](mailto:ebabineau@asrsd.org), EXT 1216 or Elizabeth Hoeske [ehoeske@asrsd.org](mailto:ehoeske@asrsd.org), EXT 1409



# Administrative Team

## Contacts: 978-772-8600

### District Administrators

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Tara Bozek, Director of Special Education, Ext 1407 [tbozek@asrsd.org](mailto:tbozek@asrsd.org)

### School Administrators

Fred Deppe, Principal Ext 1400, [fdeppe@asrsd.org](mailto:fdeppe@asrsd.org)

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### Administrative Assistants

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