

MINISINK VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

May 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians of Minisink Valley's Four-Year Olds:

In anticipation of receiving the Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) Grant from the State Education Department for the 2019-2020 school year, we welcome your family to apply for this program. It is likely that the Grant will be at the same level of funding as this current year- \$331,118 and will cover tuition for 104 students.

Selected students will be placed at one of the following four preschools of your choice:

Little Munchkins Preschool - Village of Otisville

Field of Dreams Preschool - Guinea Hill Rd, Slate Hill

Little Learners Preschool- Rte 284 & County Rte 62, Minisink

The Kid's Place at Slate Hill - Route 6, Slate Hill (formerly known as Slate Hill Pre-School)

These preschools are all located within our school district. The program runs five days/week (half day - morning or afternoon). Parents are responsible for transportation. There is no cost for families, since this program is fully funded by the grant.

Everyone is invited to apply. **Selection will be on a lottery basis.** This procedure conforms to New York State guidelines/regulations for UPK.

If you would like your child to participate in this program, please fill out the enclosed application and return to our district registrar, Mrs. Diane Super, by Friday, June 7, 2019, no later than 3:00 pm. Along with your completed application, please submit proof that you are a district resident, and a copy of your child's birth certificate. Acceptable proof of residency is a copy of a recent utility, telephone, oil, garbage or cable bill. Please indicate the preschool you would like your child to attend.

The **UPK Lottery will take place on Wednesday, June 12, 2019.** You will be notified by mail (if you are selected or not, and your place on the waiting list if applicable). I intend to get the letters out as soon as possible. **If your child is selected, please ensure that your child attends the selected preschool on a regular basis to fully prepare for kindergarten. Poor attendance will be subject to review and may result in a loss of your Universal Pre Kindergarten spot.**

Once you have selected the preschool of choice for your child(ren) on the UPK application and the lottery is held by the school district, no UPK spots may be moved to another preschool. Parents are encouraged to gather all necessary information and make sure the chosen preschool meets their needs.

Please feel free to contact me (355-5850) with any additional questions you may have regarding Minisink's Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program. Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

Vincent F. Biele
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Universal Pre Kindergarten Coordinator