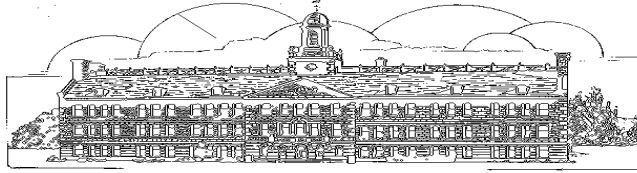


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## IT'S KINDERGARTEN SCREENING TIME!

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

On behalf of the faculty and staff, I want to welcome you and your child to the Montgomery C. Smith Elementary School (MCSES). The early years of a child's education contribute not only to their future successes in life but are the first steps on the pathway to becoming lifelong learners. It is in these formative years that students develop a love of learning and we strive to create and maintain a caring, nurturing, and secure learning environment for all of our students. It is what drives us to establish excellent educational programming and curricula, which are taught and supported by MCSES staff who take pride in who their students are now while helping to shape them into the young adults they will become.

We are excited to announce that we will have **two programs** to offer incoming Kindergarten children this year. Based on their immediate academic and social needs, **incoming Kindergarten students will be placed into one of the following programs:** Traditional 1-Year Kindergarten (1YK) for students testing ready for Kindergarten, or the new 2-Year Kindergarten (2YK) for students who are not quite ready for the traditional curriculum. The 1YK program is the traditional Kindergarten curriculum while the 2YK program will allow students who would benefit from extra support and the gift of time to learn at their own pace. The 2YK curriculum is delivered over a two-year span that allows students time to gain mastery of the curriculum and expectations before entering first grade. Additional information about the new 2YK program will be forthcoming over the next few months.

All incoming Kindergarten students will first participate in our annual **Kindergarten Screening**. The Kindergarten Screening uses a standardized test to measure five key areas and determine if your child is meeting established developmental milestones. We use the DIAL Test (Developmental Indicators for the Assessment of Learning) to measure your child's progress.

### Areas 1-3 are part of the DIAL Test:

- **MOTOR:** Catching, jumping, hopping, skipping, building, thumb and finger motor skills, cutting, copying and name writing, balance & coordination, small muscles skills.
- **CONCEPTS:** Identification of body parts, colors, rapid color naming, counting, positions, little/big comparisons, shapes.
- **LANGUAGE:** Personal data, articulation, objects and actions, letters and sounds, rhyming, and intelligibility. "I spy"- problem-solving,

### Areas 4 & 5 are part of the Parent Questionnaire you will fill out:

- **SELF-HELP:** Parents are asked about everyday skills that children learn. For example: dressing and feeding themselves, etc.
- **SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT:** Parents are asked to describe how their child interacts with other children and how their child feels about themselves.

