



For Immediate Release

Urbandale Schools Announce Kindergarten Parent Information Night: February 18, 2014

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URBANDALE, Iowa – January 29, 2014 – The [Urbandale Community School District](#) invites families to attend the upcoming Kindergarten Parent Information Night on Tuesday, February 18, 2014. Families within the Urbandale district, or those considering open enrollment, with kindergarten-age students for the 2014-2015 school year are welcome to attend. There are three elementary schools within the Urbandale district that provide full-day kindergarten programs: Olmsted Elementary, Rolling Green Elementary and Webster Elementary. As Olmsted Elementary provides a Kindergarten Center, families living in the Olmsted, Jensen, Karen Acres and Valerius Elementary neighborhoods should attend the meeting at Olmsted at 6:30 p.m. Families choosing the alternative calendar offered at Rolling Green should attend the meeting at Rolling Green at 5:30 p.m. Families living in the Webster neighborhood should attend the meeting at Webster at 6:30 p.m.

“Kindergarten Parent Information Night is an exciting time in our district as we have the opportunity to welcome families and focus the spotlight on our exceptional kindergarten programs at Rolling Green, Olmsted and Webster,” said Julia Taylor, Rolling Green Elementary Principal. “Kindergarten students are so eager to learn and absorb information so quickly; it is a joy to welcome them each year.”

Elementary principals and teachers will welcome families and share specifics about the full-day kindergarten program during a one-hour informational meeting. For greater convenience of Urbandale families, the district is moving toward online student registration this spring. Information regarding online registration, the school calendar, transportation, health and guidance services and the P.T.O. will also be presented. The meeting will be an excellent opportunity for parents to learn more about kindergarten, but may not hold the attention of younger children, thus parents are encouraged to make child-care arrangements if possible during this time.



Webster Elementary Kindergarten Students



Olmsted Elementary Kindergarten Students

If parents would like to pre-register, they will need to bring proof-of-residency (utility bill, mortgage statement, lease agreement, etc.) and their child's birth certificate to the meeting. To be eligible for kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old by September 15, 2014. Immunizations required to begin kindergarten include 5-DTaP, 4-IPV, 2-MMR, 3-HEP B and 2-Varicella. Screenings required to begin kindergarten include blood lead testing, dental and vision. If parents have questions prior to the meeting, please contact the building secretary at Olmsted, Rolling Green or Webster.

As numerous education studies indicate a consistent and steady decline in student enthusiasm and enjoyment, the Urbandale Community School District is dedicated to reversing this global trend by designing learning environments that are more purposeful, relevant and meaningful for all participants. To learn more about how Urbandale is transforming education, download the [district brochure](#) and visit <http://showcase.urbandaleschools.com/>

About Urbandale Community School District

The Urbandale Community School District includes portions of Des Moines and Urbandale, Iowa. The district serves over 3,900 students in six elementary schools, one middle school and one comprehensive high school. The Urbandale district supports an increasingly diverse student population where 50 languages are spoken. Building on the existing foundation of excellence in education, Urbandale is transforming education throughout the district. By implementing innovative [Quality/Continual Improvement](#) strategies that create learning environments that more fully engage, challenge and motivate students, Urbandale is taking transformation from theory into practice. Urbandale prepares students for becoming lifelong learners and is a school district that brings learning to life for everyone. To learn more, visit: www.urbandaleschools.com

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