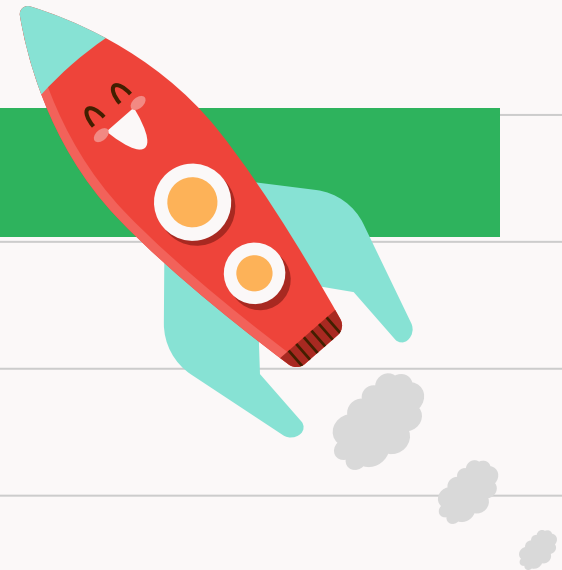




# TK Round-Up Presentation




January 23, 2023





# Today's Agenda



- Transitional Kindergarten Background
  - Who is Eligible for TK?
  - A Closer Look at TK: Our TK Philosophy, How TK Compares to PK and Kindergarten, What Our Students are Learning in TK and More!
  - First Day of School and How to Prepare
  - Enrollment Process
    - Required Registration and Enrollment Paperwork
    - Required Immunizations for TK/Medications at school
  - YMCA
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# What is Transitional Kindergarten (TK)?



## History of TK:

- Transitional Kindergarten (TK) was introduced via The Kindergarten Readiness Act of the 2010 Senate Bill 1381
- Originally introduced when age requirements for
- ★ Kindergarten changed, and included children who turned 5 years old on or between September 2 and December 2 (just missing the Kindergarten cutoff)
- Is considered the first year of a two-year Kindergarten program






## What is Universal Transitional Kindergarten (UTK)?

In July 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 131, which adopts Universal TK by 2025-26. The purpose of changing TK was to ensure that all 4 year-olds would have a free year of school the year prior to Kindergarten. AB 131 changed the eligibility for TK over a 4-year period:

- 2022-23: 5th birthday on or between September 2 - February 2
- 2023-24: 5th birthday on or between September 2 – April 2
- 2024-25: 5th birthday on or between September 2 – June 2
- 2025-26: 4th birthday by September 1st (UTK in place)

TK is considered to be “the bridge between preschool and Kindergarten!”





## Who is Eligible for TK in 2024-25?



- For the 2024-25 school year: **Any child who turns 5 on or between September 2nd and June 2 is eligible for TK**
  - *Children who turn 5 years old on or after June 2nd are eligible for preschool*
  - ***\*The District does not implement early admittance into TK, and will not accept any child who is younger than the TK eligibility dates.***
- Children who turn 5 years old on or before September 1st are eligible for Kindergarten
  - Children who turn 5 years old between June 1 and September 1st **can apply** for TK instead of Kindergarten, but *admittance will be dependent on space in the program*
  - Obligation to place all TK-eligible students first; Kinder-eligible students will be placed in late May/early June\* (\*Timelines subject to change)

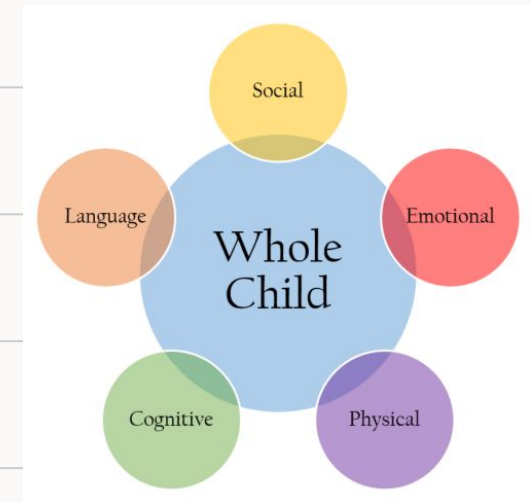


# A Closer Look at TK...



## Philosophy and Priorities of TK:

- Whole Child Approach to Learning
- Play-based Learning
  - Supporting development and skill acquisition through play
- Emphasis on school readiness skills
  - Teaching academic concepts in a developmental way
- Connection between school and home: Creating partnerships to support learning
- Implementation of the CA Preschool Learning Foundations
  - Areas of Learning include: Social-Emotional Development, Language & Literacy, English-Language Development, Mathematics, Visual & Performing Arts, Physical Development, Health, History-Social Science, Science



# What's the Difference Between PK, TK, and Kindergarten?



Preschool	Transitional Kindergarten	Kindergarten
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 hours long (*Half-day program)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 hours long</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6 hours long</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mostly 3 and 4 year-olds; some 5 year-olds (mixed age groups)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least 4 years 3 months old at entrance; turning 5 on or between Sept 2 and June 2</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least 5 years old at entrance</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16 students per class</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>24 students per class</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>24-32 students per class</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:8 adult to child ratio</li> <li>One classroom teacher, one paraprofessional</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:12 adult to child ratio</li> <li>One classroom teacher, one part time paraprofessional</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No ratios in place</li> <li>One classroom teacher</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whole child approach</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whole child approach</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Academics (Teaching and Learning), Social-Emotional (Student Well Being), and Positive Behavior</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CA Preschool Learning Foundations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CA Preschool Learning Foundations and some exposure to Common Core and Content Standards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Common Core State Standards</li> </ul>

*\*For the 2024-25 school year*

# What Will My Child Be Learning About in TK?



TK focuses on school readiness skills! In TK, students will be learning:

- **Social-Emotional Skills**
  - How to identify feelings and engage in self-regulation
  - How to make friendships, play cooperatively, take turns, play creatively, etc.
- **Math Skills**
  - Number sense and counting
  - Shape and pattern work
- **Language and Literacy Skills**
  - Phonemic awareness and learning letter sounds and names
  - How to use words to express wants, needs, ideas, and to dialogue
  - Understanding components from stories
- **Science**
  - Exploration of their world around them
- **Physical Development**
  - Fine motor: Pre-writing and drawing skills, cutting, manipulating small objects
  - Gross motor: Body coordination and movement
- **“Ready to Learn” Skills**
  - How to participate in daily routines, follow directions, listen attentively








## About our TK Classrooms



### Structure:

- Class is approximately 4 hours a day
  - Early Bird/Late Owl model (about 2 hours of overlap)
  - Taught by a certificated teacher with 24 ECE units
  - Includes one part-time paraprofessional
  - Class breakdown:
    - 24 students max per class, 12 per session
    - 1:12 adult to student ratio
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## TK Daily Routines



All of our TK Classrooms include the following components:

- Circle Time
- Free Play/Free Choice
- Small group instruction (Centers)
- Whole group instruction
  - Phonemic Awareness, Language and Literacy, Math Instruction, Social-Emotional Development
- Music & Movement
- Snack
- Recess/Outdoor Play





## Bell Schedule

### Transitional Kindergarten

Early Bird: 8:00-11:53

Late Owl: 9:30-1:23

Early Bird & Late Owl

Recess: 10:05 - 10:35

Early Bird & Late Owl


Tuesday Dismissal:

8:00-11:53





## Snack and Lunch Information

- TK students participate in a daily “snack and recess” opportunity
  - About 15 minutes for snack, 15 minutes for recess
- TK students have the opportunity to participate in the free Universal Meals 






























# Food & Nutrition Services

- Breakfast and lunch are available to all students at CUSD for **FREE**.
  - Depending on the time of recess, TK students have access to free breakfast or free lunch.
  
- Breakfast and lunch follow regulations from the **Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act** and include:
  - Whole grains
  - Protein
  - Fruit
  - Vegetables
  - ★ ○ Milk



FREE for ALL Students		DECEMBER 2023 Elementary Lunch					BRRRR-ITOS! 
Offered Daily	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
Garlic Mozzarella Grilled Cheese 	Vegetarian  Vegan 	GF Gluten Free  Contains Pork 	CA Produced  Locally Baked Sadie Rose Baking Co. 			1 Mandarin Orange Chicken w/ Chow Mein	
GF Yogurt* w/ GF Granola  <small>*made from cows not treated with rBST</small>	4 Macaroni & Cheese 	5 Chicken Fajita Rice Bowl 	6 Loaded Cheeseburger Sliders 	7 Grass Fed Regenerative Beef Hot Dog on Pretzel Bun 	8 House-made Bolognese Pasta 		
Galaxy Cheese Pizza 	11 Kickin' Nuggets w/ Roll 	12 Crispy Chicken* & Cheese Tacos  <small>*no antibiotics ever</small>	13 Hamburger on Potato Brioche Bun 	14 Crispy Chicken Drumstick* w/ Waffles  <small>*no antibiotics ever</small>	15 Beef Bulgogi w/ White Rice  <small>CONTAINS SESAME</small>		
Loco Burrito 	18 Mozzarella Crunchers 	19 GF Green Chila Chicken Tamale 	20 Roasted Mary's Chicken Drumstick* w/ Gravy & Roll  <small>*no antibiotics ever</small>	21 Chef's Special 	22 No school		


**Fruits, Veggies & Milk with Meal**  
 Fruits & Veggies May Include: Apple, Pear, Orange, Banana, Fruit Cup, Seasonal Fruit, Baby Carrots, Cooked Corn, Edamame, Tater Tots, Broccoli, Celery, Salad  
 1% Milk\* & Nonfat Chocolate Milk\*  
\*made from cows not treated with rBST

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## Food & Nutrition Services – FAQ

- **My student has a food allergy - what do I do?**
  - Submit a Medical Statement to Request Special Meals. Must be signed by physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner.
    - Available at [capistrano.healtheliving.net](http://capistrano.healtheliving.net)
- **We are a vegetarian family - what do I do?**
  - Vegetarian options are available daily and are indicated on the menu. 
- **Our family does not eat pork - what do I do?**
  - Few items contain pork and are indicated on the menu.

**Food &  
Nutrition  
Contact  
Information:**



949-234-9509



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# The First Day of School!

**Tuesday, August 20, 2024**

Parents: Plan on attending the first day of school with your child

Early Bird- from 8:00 to 9:13



Late Owl - from 9:30 to 10:43

This will be a shortened day where you and your child will meet the teacher and learn more about the classroom and procedures.





## How to Prepare for the First Day of TK



Have your child practice the following at home:

- Being completely independent in bathroom (i.e. pull down/pull up clothing, wipe independently, etc.)
- Opening and closing backpack, lunch box, and water bottle
- Carrying their own backpack, lunchbox or any personal belongings
- Putting on and taking off their shoes
- Practicing good hygiene skills- hand washing, covering mouth/nose, and using a tissue
- Asking for help when it's needed
- Listening to stories by reading to your child daily
- Separating from you/saying goodbye

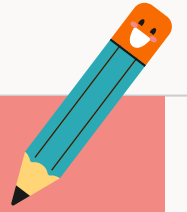
Tips for Getting Your Child Ready for School!







## How to Prepare for the First Day of TK - cont'd



We kindly ask that you please make sure:

- All of your child's items are labeled with their first and last name
- Your child wears appropriate shoes for running and the playground (closed toe shoes).
- Recommended items for school:
  - Normal-sized backpack
  - Lunchbox
  - Water bottle
  - Extra clothes in case of an accident/emergency







# TK Enrollment Process



Registration opens January 29th- March 1st

How Do I Enroll My Child in TK?

- Fill out new student in AIR 
  - Make appointment with Virginia Scherer to bring in completed paperwork
  - Appointments begin January 30
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## “TK Priority Enrollment” January 29-March 1

- Priority students will be placed
  - One of the parents/guardians is a CUSD employee.
  - There is a sibling already attending the school and will remain for the next school year.
- Lottery for remaining students who do not qualify under priority criteria above who register between Jan. 29 - March 1, 2024
- After determining initial placements, sites will create a roster of TK students and keep a wait list of the remaining students
  - Students may have to be placed at a nearby location, but this won't be determined until later






## Required Registration and Enrollment Paperwork:



The following documentation is required to finalize enrollment:

- AIR online confirmation page
  - Verification of residency (2)
  - Mortgage verification/rental agreement and current utility bill
  - Proof of age
  - Child's immunization record
  - Copy of parent/guardian ID
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## Required Immunizations for TK



- 4 Polio, 5 DTaP, 3 HepB, 2MMR, 2 Varicella required before the first day of school
  - According to the CA Department of Public Health, even four-year-old children need their kindergarten immunizations prior to the first day of transitional kindergarten (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/School/tk-12-transitional-k.aspx>)
- For students who are 3 years old at the time of admission/registration, students must meet the pre-kindergarten immunization requirements:
  - 3 Polio, 4 DTaP, 3 Hep B, 1 Varicella, 1 Hib4\*, 1 MMR\* (\*On or after the 1st birthday)
- Once the child turns 4 years old, they should meet the TK/K immunization requirements (and are required before the first day of TK)
- Students may be admitted if there is medical exemption





# YMCA Before and After School Care



## TK Program at YMCA

- Weekly theme
- Academic based (crafts, activities)
- Snacks

Before & After School

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[www.YMCAOC.org](http://www.YMCAOC.org)

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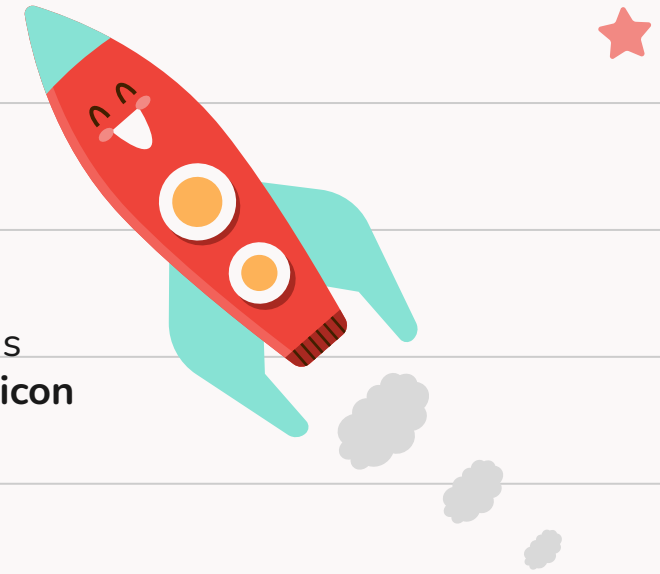
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