

## Thank you for your interest in Pirate Preschool VPK Palm Bay Magnet High School!



Pirate Preschool has been operating at PBMHS for well over 30 years and became a Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten in 2005 when the state of Florida offered funding for all 4 year olds to attend Pre-Kindergarten.

Children have plenty of opportunities throughout the day to learn in a variety of hands-on activities that cover learning in math, literacy, science, fine-motor, gross motor, art, sensory, music and story time. There is lots of outside play time and free choice time, as well. Our children are well-prepared for kindergarten following their year at VPK!

### **Here are the answers to a few commonly asked questions about Pirate Preschool:**

- VPK children work directly with the high school students. Interested high school students are enrolled in an Early Childhood Education Course. They are receiving career training in teaching developmentally appropriate lessons that follow the state-approved teaching objectives. They are supervised, trained and coached by Mrs. Kiley Pelchat, VPK teacher, and Ms. Kristen Todd, VPK assistant.

-Bell changes do occur throughout the day and the high school student-teachers change for each class period. Rarely, this is a cause of over stimulation for some children and should be a point of consideration.

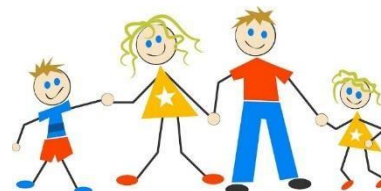
-Pirate Preschool operates Tuesdays through Thursdays from 8:50 am to 2:30 pm. Friday is Early Release day at 1:30. Hours may vary by 5 – 10 minutes, depending on the schedule for high school students.

-Pirate Preschool begins September 8, 2020 (the day after Labor Day) and follows a modified Brevard Public Schools schedule. Any day that BPS students are out of school, the VPK children will be out as well. In addition, VPK children do not attend during pre-exam and exam weeks in December and May.

-Pirate Preschool is unable to provide bus or van transportation and we cannot provide before or after care.

-Pirate Preschool is a lab school and must be able to function as a safe learning environment for all of the children, as well as the high school students. Children that exhibit disruptive, violent or unsafe behaviors in a way that prevents the safety and learning of other children and student-teachers will have their enrollment reevaluated for best placement.

Contact us with any questions at [pelchat.kiley@brevardschools.org](mailto:pelchat.kiley@brevardschools.org)



## Pirate Preschool - Medical and Emergency Information

Child's full name \_\_\_\_\_ Male\_\_\_\_ Female\_\_\_\_

Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Place of employment \_\_\_\_\_ Business # \_\_\_\_\_

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Does your child have any allergy, medical or other conditions that should be known to the teacher? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Please describe:

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Does your child have any health problems that could interfere with the ability to learn or take part in all school activities, including regular Physical Education?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Please describe:

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## Emergency Contacts and Pick Up Authorization

Who will be the primary person(s) picking up your child?

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Please list the names and numbers of additional persons to contact in an emergency and authorized to pick up your child, in addition to the persons listed above. **Individuals must have proper ID each time.**

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

4. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

5. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Please let us know if any of this information should change.



## Pirate Preschool - Family Information Sheet

Child's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Who does the child live with (please list names and relationships)

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What other places has the family/child lived (out of state, new to area etc)?

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Does your family speak a language other than English at home?

Yes     No    If yes, what language(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

What does your child like to do? What kinds of outings does he/she enjoy? What toys or play materials does he/she enjoy?

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What are some ways that your family celebrates special events and holidays? What holidays does your family celebrate and are there any you do NOT celebrate that we should be aware of?

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Is there anything special to your family that you are willing to share with the class? (For example, Grandma's potato cake, Mom's rock collection, Dad's conga drum, etc)

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What else would you like us to know about your child and family?

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## Pirate Preschool - Communication Notice



Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. Communication

At Pirate Preschool, we use four means of communication.

- Email: Please feel free to email Mrs. Pelchat at any time for questions or concerns at [pelchat.kiley@brevardschools.org](mailto:pelchat.kiley@brevardschools.org).
- Phone: Pirate Preschool's phone number is 321-952-5900 ext 4007.
- Contact Book: Children will be given Contact Books. Use Contact Books for any changes in transportation or pick-up, as these MUST be hand written. We are not able to take changes in transportation or pick-up over the phone. We also use the Contact Books for daily communication about your child's day, and encourage you to do the same and tell us about their night when needed.
- Text: Pirate Preschool has a Google Voice text message number. This will be used to share photos of your child and general reminders throughout the week. The number will be available after your child enrolls and we begin messaging families. Text messages should not be the primary means of communication for discussing your child's progress, nor can the messaging be used for changes in transportation.

What phone number would you like text messages sent to?

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Preschool Phone Book

Preschool is a wonderful time for children to begin developing worthwhile friendships. It is also a great time for families to share ideas with each other. In order to encourage this, we would like to make a Pirate Preschool Phone Book so that you can begin communicating with other families for information, help, and play dates.

Would you like your information included in the Pirate Preschool Phone Book?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_\_ No, thank you

*If yes, please list the contact information to be shared:*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Newsletter

Families will receive a weekly newsletter from Pirate Preschool. We can work together to save trees! Please provide your email below to receive newsletters and communication electronically:

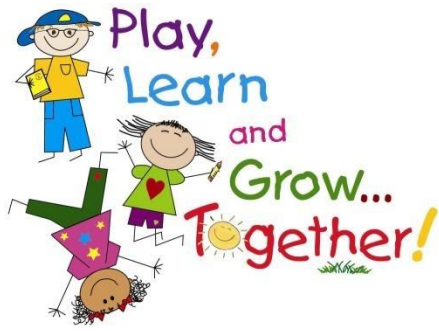
*We will provide paper copies of newsletters, but if you are willing to have them sent electronically (and be sure to check them weekly!) please let us know.*

Yes, please send electronically \_\_\_\_\_

I would like a paper copy \_\_\_\_\_

My email is: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*All communication information is available for you in the Pirate Preschool handbook.*



## Pirate Preschool Observation and Assessment Parent Information Sheet

Pirate Preschool will utilize the state required Florida VPK Assessment, and the district required GOLD observation portfolios in order to learn about your child's educational strengths and areas for growth. The Florida VPK Assessment is a state-wide assessment given three times per year that assesses a child's performance in Print Knowledge, Phonological Awareness, Mathematics and Oral Language. The Teaching Strategies GOLD observation portfolio draws upon classroom observations of children's skills based on GOLD benchmarks for four-year-olds.

In addition to these required assessments, Pirate Preschool will compile information about children's progress using screening instruments such as the Batelle Developmental Inventory, classroom observations, portfolios of student work and teacher-created instruments.

Pirate Preschool will be sharing the results of the Florida VPK Assessment, GOLD portfolio benchmarks and all classroom observations with you and will be happy to answer any questions that you may have about your child's results.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_