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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:

APRIL 9, 2018, TO JUNE 22, 2018

AT DESERT SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Desert Sands Unified School District elementary schools are accepting kindergarten registrations for the 2018-2019 school year. Parents or guardians of children who will be 5 years old on or before **September 1, 2018**, are to register their children for kindergarten at the school their child will be attending. Senate Bill 1381, **Kindergarten Readiness Act**, established a 2-year kindergarten program known as **Transitional Kindergarten**. Parents or guardians of children whose 5th birthday occurs on or between **September 2 and December 2, 2018**, will be allowed to register, for **Transitional Kindergarten at the school site their child will be attending**.

Parents are to call the school their child will be attending for registration times. The following are the district's elementary schools and phone numbers.

Carrillo Ranch	238-9700	Kennedy	775-3840
Carter	862-4370	Lincoln	862-4340
Dr. Carreon Academy	863-1544	Jackson	775-3830
Earhart	200-3720	Madison	775-3850
Ford	772-4120	Monroe	772-4130
Franklin	238-9424	Reagan	772-0456
Hoover	775-3820	Roosevelt	775-3860
Horizon	238-9720	Truman	777-4240
Johnson	863-3680	Van Buren	775-3870

Registrations for **Oliphant Elementary School will be at the Child Welfare and Attendance office in the DEC North, please call (760) 771-8612 for more information.

The following documents are required for a completed registration:

1. Proof of Residency – one of the following is required:
 - current utility bill (gas or electric) – with physical address – P.O. Box is not acceptable
 - **or**, lease or rental agreement on letterhead, listing name of the parent/guardian
 - **or**, escrow papers listing the name of the parent/guardian; closing date must be within 4 weeks of the start of the school term
 - **or**, Affidavit of Residency from person with whom the guardian and student are residing with, and a current utility bill (gas or electric) of that resident, and a copy of both parties' driver licenses.
2. Proof of Birth – one of the following is required: **(NO PHOTOCOPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED)**
 - Birth Certificate
 - Hospital Certificate
 - Notarized Affidavit
 - Immigration Document
 - Baptismal Record/Church Certificate

- Physician's Certificate
- Other; Adoption Papers, Court Decree, Passport

For admission to **Kindergarten**, child will have had their 5th birthday on or before September 1st of that school year. **Transitional Kindergarten** child will have their 5th birthday between September 2nd and December 2nd of that school year.

- ___ 3. Proof of Guardianship, if student does not live with parents – one of the following is required:
- Legal Guardianship – Court Ordered (Foster Care, etc.)
 - Affidavit of Parental Responsibility (signature must be witnessed by school district official)
Definition: Any person with whom the minor is residing, and with whom the parent/guardian is in agreement, and who is willing to complete the form.
 - Caregiver's Authorization Affidavit (signature must be witnessed by school district official)
Definition: a "qualified relative" of the minor child and with whom the minor child resides, and the parents are not accessible to give consent. (F.C. Div 11, Sect. 6550).
"Qualified relative," means a spouse, parent, stepparent, brother, sister, stepbrother, half-brother, uncle, aunt, niece, nephew, first cousin, or any person denoted by the prefix, "grand" or "great," or the spouse of any of the persons specified in this definition, even after the marriage has been terminated by death or dissolution.
- ___ 4. Transcripts and withdrawal grades
- ___ 5. **Approved** Transfer is necessary, if student lives outside the school boundaries:
- **Intra-District Transfer**
If student is transferring from within the boundaries of Desert Sands Unified School District.
(Transfer is initiated at the office of Child Welfare & Attendance, located at 47-950 Dune Palms Road, La Quinta, CA 92253, (760) 771-8612.
 - **Inter-District Transfer**
If student lives outside the boundaries of Desert Sands Unified School District.
(Transfer is initiated at the school district of residence. The transfer can be denied by DSUSD if there is no space or if student has attendance, or discipline problems.)
- ___ 6. Immunization Record – one of the following is required:
- Stamped immunization booklet with dates and physician signature for all required immunizations
 - or, a copy of a school immunization card

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR KINDERGARTEN/TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN, GRADE 1 AND GRADE 7 STUDENTS:

- **Physical Examination - (form PM 171A)** - completed within 6 months of the date child is entering Kindergarten/Transitional Kindergarten, or within 18 months of entering grade 1. Note: if the child has a preschool exam under Medi-Cal or CHDP, he/she may not be eligible for another exam for 1-2 years. Parents must sign a wavier (form PM 171B).
- **MMR** - Kindergarten/Transitional Kindergarten and above grade 7 students require two (2) doses given on or after the first birthday.
- **Hepatitis B** – Kindergarten/Transitional Kindergarten above require 3 doses.
- **Polio** – Four (4) doses at any age, but three (3) doses meet the requirement for ages 4-6 if at least one (1) was given on or after the fourth birthday.
- **DTP/DTaP** – Five (5) doses, at any age, but four (4) doses meet requirements for ages 4-6, if at least one (1) was given on or after the fourth birthday.
- **Tdap or DTap or DTP** - One dose is given on or after the 7th birthday for ALL students promoting to 7th grade and all NEW students entering 7th-12th grade.
- **Varicella/Chickenpox Immunization** – verification/vaccine prior to enrolling in school. One (1) dose of the varicella vaccine is required for all children who have not had the disease. If the child has already had chickenpox, a physician or medical clinic must verify. **Out of State** students grades 1-12 one (1) dose for children under 13 years; two (2) doses are needed if immunized on or after 13th birthday, or physician/medical clinic verification of having had the disease.
- **Dental Exam** - oral health assessment completed by a licensed dental professional for children entering public school for the first time at Kindergarten/Transitional Kindergarten or first (1st) grade. The exam may be completed 12 months prior to school entry or by May 31st of the school year during which the child is enrolled.