



Ken-Ton U.F.S.D. Announces

Free Universal Pre-Kindergarten for September



June 11, 2021

Dear Ken-Ton Community,

The Kenmore Town of Tonawanda Union Free School District and the Ken-Ton YMCA are excited to announce that a Half-Day and Full-Day Universal Preschool Program (UPK) will be offered for the 2021-2022 school year. UPK is a special program funded by the New York State Education Department to provide an early learning experience for the children of eligible families. The traditional classroom-based UPK framework is designed to introduce academics and enhance socialization, physical activity, communication, creative thinking, and prepare your child for kindergarten. Ken-Ton is expected to receive additional funding for children to attend this Full-Day educational program option, based on the number of students enrolled.

To be eligible for UPK during the 2021-22 school year which begins Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021, children must be 4 years of age on or before December 1, 2021 (a child cannot turn 5 years of age between December 2, 2020, through and including December 1, 2021 to be eligible for UPK).

<p>Locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hamilton Elementary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Full-Day classes ○ Half-Day classes to be added, if needed ● Holmes Elementary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1 Half-Day class (AM or PM option) ○ 1 Full-Day class ● Franklin Elementary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1 Half-Day class 	<p>Session Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Half-Day class: 2.5 hours long AM and PM Options ● Full-Day class: 6 hours long ● Start times will be staggered based on classroom placement
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**** Families will be responsible for Transportation to and from the UPK Program**

There is limited availability for the program based on grant funding. This funding allows us to enroll a limited number of students during the 2021-22 school year. If more children apply than there are available slots, the district will hold a random selection process in the form of a lottery.

Ken-Ton will continue to accept applications until July 23, 2021. This is not a first come, first serve process. If we receive more applications than our cap allows, the school district will conduct a virtual random lottery on Monday, July 26, at 1pm. All completed applications received by July 23, 2021 will be included in the lottery.

You must be a resident of the district by July 23, 2021 to be included in the lottery. Your child must be up-to-date with New York State vaccination requirements.

Registration can be completed through the Ken-Ton School District Central Registration Department, 1500 Colvin Blvd. For more information on registering for UPK, visit www.ktufsd.org/upk or contact us at central_registration@ktufsd.org or 716-871-2090. For more information on the UPK Program, contact the Ken-Ton Family YMCA at 716-874-5051 or alawson@ymcabn.org.

Sincerely,

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