

Harry Lee Cole School

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Kindergarten Program Options

We are pleased to be able to offer you and your child an opportunity to select from two program options this year. We will continue to offer a five (5) full day program, as well as our traditional three (3) full day program. Our school day begins at 8:40 am and ends at 3:10 pm. Please select the program option that best matches your needs at this time to allow us to fully prepare adequate staffing and to meet program needs in a timely manner. The following information may help you with your decision:

- The state and local curriculum are the same for both kindergarten programs. The pace of the lessons and the types of activities set up, as well as additional class time, are the main differences children and families will notice between the three day and five day programs. All classrooms will be staffed by certified kindergarten teachers.
- Prior to this current school year, we offered two choices for our 3 Day program:

A: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

B: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

This year we offered four, three day sessions:

A: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

B: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

C: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

D: Monday, Wednesday, Friday

- Actual enrollment and finalization of the school operating budget will impact how many three day and five day sessions we are able to offer. The decision will be made in late April/early May and we will notify parents by letter.
- Parents who select the five-day option will be responsible for the additional cost to staff the class and supply materials for next year. The additional cost for the 2009/2010 school year was \$3360.00. The School Committee has not yet announced the tuition for the 2010-2011 school year. We will publish it as soon as it becomes available.
- The first payment will be due June 1, then September 1, November 1 and January 1. *We strongly encourage parents to set up online payments through their financial institutions.* This insures timely and accurate payment. If requested, we can establish a monthly payment plan for you instead of the four-payment plan. Your request must be made in writing to the principal prior to April 1, 2010.
- Enrollment for the 5 day kindergarten classes is limited and spaces will be filled based on the assigned lottery number. If requests exceed spaces available, registered students will be placed on a waiting list for a 5 day class and offered a space in one of our three day sessions.