UNIVERSAL PREKINDERGATEN IN HF-L

2009-10 Collaboration with Great Expectations and Mendon Child Care Centers

MEET THE UPK TEAM

- Advisory Board
  - Community members
    - Lynn Shipe
    - Christine King
    - Gigi Correll
    - Lori Miller
  - HF- L Liaisons and faculty
    - Philip Burrows
    - Amy Sinopoli
    - Jeanine Lupisella
- Directors of Centers
  - Jane Chatterton
  - Wendy McKinnon
- UPK Teachers
  - Dorothy Ann Yanda
  - Sara Price

UPK: WHERE DOES FUNDING COME FROM?

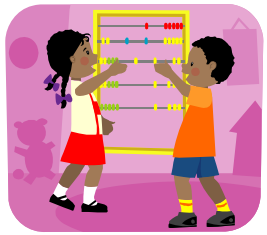
New York State Funds
Annual Universal Pre-K Grant
Four-year olds
Lead Agency – local School Districts
in conjunction with providers
of Early (Preschool) Education and Care

Honeoye Falls-Lima Schools is required to
re-apply for the UPK Grant each year.
Approval of the grant may not be received from the State
Education Department until July/August

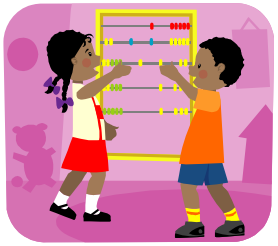
WHAT IS UPK ALL ABOUT?

- ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS
  - Children who turn four by Dec. 1 of current school year are eligible
  - Must live in HF-L School District
  - Application must be completed

- PROGRAM LOGISTICS
  - UPK is no cost to parents - Funded through NYS grant
  - 5 X per week, 2 ½ hours/day, 180 days
  - Attendance is mandatory
  - Snacks are provided daily
  - Parents provide transportation
  - NYS Pre K curriculum is followed



- CURRENT SITES
  - Mendon Child Care Center located in downtown Mendon in the Plaza
  - Great Expectations Child Care Center located in Lima on Route 15A



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- REQUIREMENTS FOR CENTERS/PRESCHOOLS
  - Apply to HF-L School District to be collaborative partner
  - Room to house UPK program
  - Directors with education certification
  - New York State Licensed

- REQUIREMENTS FOR TEACHERS
  - Certified with Bachelors degrees in Elementary Education or Early Childhood
  - Have 5 years to complete Masters
  - One teacher and one aide for 20 students

- REQUIREMENTS FOR CURRICULUM
  - Follow standard set up by NYS for all subjects
  - Assessments for literacy and progress

NEXT STEPS: ARE YOU INTERESTED IN UPK?

1. Complete a student application – Sent Feb 1
   - Will be available on-line
   - Due March 1 to Lima Primary School
   - Medical paperwork and proof of residency needed
2. Lottery drawing of eligible student (MARCH)
3. Centers apply or reapply to District (April/MAY)
4. District Applies to NYS (MAY)
5. NYS notifies us of approval and number of slots (July/Aug)
   - Currently have 30 - hope for more in 2010-11
6. Centers notified of approval by District (JUNE)
7. Parents notified and classes established
8. UPK starts in September 7,2010

What questions do you have for the UPK team?

Thank you for joining us this evening. Photos and more detailed information are available to you throughout the evening. We will be on hand for further discussion.

A Typical UPK Day

- Greeting
- Circle/Calendar Time
- Snack
- Center Time
  - Manipulatives
  - Dramatic Play
  - Fine Motor
  - Library
  - Sensory Table
- Outdoor Time
- Songs and Movement
- Wrap up Time