

April 24, 2009

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

The Maine-Endwell Central School District is now accepting applications for the 2009-2010 school year for the Universal Pre-kindergarten classes.

Participating school districts are required to allocate a portion of their funding to a community based agency. Thus, Maine-Endwell's program will include 30 slots at Maine Memorial Elementary School, 2693 Main Street P.O. Box 218, Maine, NY 13802, 24 slots at Future Faces Childcare-Learning Center, 760 Hooper Road, Endwell, NY 13760 and 13 slots at Endwell Nursery School, 3301 Watson Boulevard, Endwell, NY 13760. All sites are available to eligible participants from both Maine and Endwell. Each UPK session will be scheduled for 2 ½ hours as follows:

Maine Memorial AM session: 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Maine Memorial PM session: 12:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.
Future Faces AM session: 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Future Faces PM session: 12:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.
Endwell Nursery AM session: 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

It will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian to provide transportation to and from the UPK locations.

New York State is funding UPK programs to “provide four-year-old children with a universal opportunity to access high-quality pre-kindergarten programs that prepare them for future school success by developing strong foundational skills in literacy and numeracy.” Eligible children must be resident children who will be four on or before December 1st of the year in which they are enrolled in UPK or be eligible to enter kindergarten the following year.

If you are interested in your child being considered for this program, please complete the application and return it to Mrs. Linda Kelly at Maine Memorial Elementary School **prior to May 15th**. Should the number of applicants exceed the 67 tentative available slots, New York State requires that we use a random selection process, similar to a lottery system. We anticipate that this selection process will be completed by May 22nd.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Kelly, UPK Director, at 862-3263.

Sincerely,

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