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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEDIA RELEASE

Pre-Kindergarten Title I assessments take place in April and May

Soldotna, April 2, 2014—Children who will be four years old by September 1, 2014, have an opportunity to attend pre-kindergarten classes at their local area school in the fall. To qualify for the classes, parents and guardians must contact their local area school to schedule a Pre-K assessment, and complete an application prior to the school screening appointment date.

"The Title I funded Pre-K programs available at specific sites in the KPBSD provide an excellent opportunity for children who turn four by September 1, 2014, to get a jumpstart on success in school," said Christine Ermold, director of elementary education. "KPBSD's Pre-K teachers are all certified and have specialized training in early childhood education. As a result, the programs they offer are engaging and developmentally appropriate, with an emphasis on preparing children to be successful when they enter kindergarten. Pre-K the KPBSD way focuses on experiences that facilitate each child's growth in the targeted areas of social and emotional development; approaches to learning; communication, language, and literacy; cognitive development, and; physical well-being."

Action steps

- 1. Contact local attendance area school. (See list)
- 2. Complete a <u>Pre-K application</u>—the school office will provide applications, or download a <u>Pre-K application</u> from the KPBSD website. http://bit.ly/PreKapplication
- 3. Return the application to your neighborhood school office during school hours. Schedule your child's assessment <u>prior to the date</u> for your neighborhood school. (See dates on school list.)
- 4. Children must be age 4 by September 1, 2014.
- 5. Title I KPBSD programs web link: Title 1 programs at KPBSD

KPBSD Title I Elementary School Screening dates. Students qualify for Title I services based on academic need

- Chapman Elementary, 235-8671, April 24, 2014
- Mountain View Elementary, 283-8600, April 15, 2014
- Nikiski North Star Elementary, 776-2600, April 17, 2014
- Paul Banks Elementary, 226-1801, April 10, 2014
- Redoubt Elementary, 260-4300, April 29, 2014
- Seward Elementary, 224-3356, May 6, 2014

- Soldotna Elementary, 260-5100, April 29, 2014
- Sterling Elementary, 262-4944, April 30, 2014
- Tustumena Elementary, 260-1345, April 16, 2014

Title I programs are required to utilize effective, research based instruction, and must also provide evidence that students receiving Title I support are showing academic growth.

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