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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

# NEWS RELEASE

## *Pre-Kindergarten Title I assessments take place in April*

**Soldotna, March 17, 2015—Children who will be four years old by September 1, 2015, 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, 2015, 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.”

### **Parent or guardian action steps**

1. Contact local attendance area school for times and testing locations. (See alphabetical list of schools offering Pre-K sessions\*)
2. Complete a [Pre-K Application](#)—the school office in your attendance area will provide applications
3. Return the application **to your neighborhood school office** during school hours
4. Schedule your child’s assessment prior to the date for your neighborhood school. (Dates listed below)
5. Children must be age 4 by September 1, 2015
6. Title I KPBSD programs web link: [Title I programs at KPBSD](#)

### **\*KPBSD Title I Elementary Schools and Screening dates**

#### ***Students qualify for Title I services based on academic need***

- Chapman Elementary, 235-8671, April 14, 2015
- Mountain View Elementary, 283-8600, April 16, 2015
- Nikiski North Star Elementary, 776-2600, April 15, 2015
- Paul Banks Elementary, 226-1801, April 23, 2015

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- Redoubt Elementary, 260-4300, April 28, 2015
- Seward Elementary, 224-3356, April 30, 2015
- Soldotna Elementary, 260-5100, April 28, 2015
- Sterling Elementary, 262-4944, April 29, 2015
- Tustumena Elementary, 260-1345, April 9, 2015

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. Such evidence is gathered through regular formative assessments and through annual state standardized tests.

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