



Winterquist Elementary

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

According to our records, your child is eligible to begin kindergarten—how exciting! This is a special milestone, and we look forward to partnering with you as we prepare for the upcoming school year.

We invite you to attend our **Kindergarten Parent Information Meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, from 5:30–6:30 PM** in the school theater. This meeting is designed to provide important information about the transition from preschool to kindergarten. It's a great opportunity to learn what to expect, how to support your child, and to connect with other parents.

Our elementary principal and kindergarten team will share information and answer any questions you may have about kindergarten and the upcoming school year. **Registration is not required.** Please enter through the **high school entrance**, and staff will direct you to the theater. We kindly ask that **children stay home for this event**, as the meeting is intended for parents and guardians only.

Please return the following items to the elementary office on or before **March 24, 2026**.

- A copy of your child's birth certificate
- A copy of your child's immunization records
- Completed Winterquist Elementary enrollment forms (enclosed)
- Open Enrollment paperwork (if applicable)

To help your child feel comfortable and excited about starting school, we invite you to attend **Kindergarten Round Up on Friday, March 27, 2026**.

Parents: While children are in the classroom, parents will go on a guided tour with our elementary principal. During the tour, the principal will share insights about the school, kindergarten programs, and the resources available to support your child throughout the school year.

Students: While parents tour the building, children will remain in the classroom where they will engage in hands-on activities with kindergarten teachers and peers. This experience gives children a chance to explore a kindergarten classroom, meet teachers, and get a feel for what a typical day may look like—helping them feel confident and comfortable in their new environment.

There are three session options—please choose one:

- 9:00–10:00 AM
- 10:30–11:30 AM
- 1:00–2:00 PM

To reserve your spot, please email me at **sengen@esko.k12.mn.us**.

Non-resident families are also welcome to attend both the Parent Information Meeting and Kindergarten Round Up. If the district receives more non-resident applications than available space, enrollment will be determined by a lottery. Preference is given to siblings of currently enrolled students and children of district employees. Open Enrollment families will be notified of acceptance in June.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at **218-879-3361** or **sengen@esko.k12.mn.us**. We're happy to help and look forward to meeting your family!

Warm regards,

Sam Engen
Elementary Secretary