

"Preppy K"

Coming to PYLUSD!



The **Kindergarten Readiness Act**, a historic reform to kindergarten education, gives **Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District (PYLUSD)** an opportunity to ensure that more children each year are better prepared to succeed in kindergarten and beyond. **PYLUSD** believes that school readiness is more than just reading, writing, and mathematics. This legislation enables **PYLUSD** to create a **Developmental Kindergarten** program, "Preppy K", to support the development and achievement of our youngest learners.

Research has shown that students who enter kindergarten at age four have a higher likelihood of retention and learning delays in comparison to their older peers. While younger students may do well academically in kindergarten, they are often at a disadvantage in middle and high school in areas such as social maturity and athletics.

PYLUSD is proud to address these concerns through the creation of a standards-based "Preppy K" program that is designed to meet both the academic and social-emotional needs of our younger students.

- Students born in late summer or fall are given the opportunity to participate in a developmentally appropriate two-year kindergarten program.
- All "Preppy K" classes will be taught by fully credentialed kindergarten teachers.
- Enrollment will be based on space available at participating magnet sites.

To express your interest in participating in the **PYLUSD "Preppy K"** program beginning September 2011, please return the survey to your neighborhood school or visit our website at www.pylusd.org and click on "**Preppy K**" to submit your survey online. If you have any questions, please contact your neighborhood school or the PYLUSD district office at (714) 986-7000.

PYLUSD "Preppy K" Program

CHILDREN ENTERING K-12
SYSTEM IN FALL



5 YEAR OLDS

4 YEAR
OLDS



YEAR 1

TRANSITIONAL
KINDERGARTEN

YEAR 2

KINDERGARTEN

Children do best when they are given time to develop and grow in an appropriate educational setting. "**Preppy K**" gives young learners the gift of time while preparing them to be successful life-long learners!

SURVEY FOR PREPARATORY KINDERGARTEN

"Preppy K"

March 5, 2011

Dear Parents,

The **Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District** is considering the implementation of a developmental kindergarten, or "**Preppy K**", for the 2011-12 school year. A "**Preppy K**" class will meet the individual needs of children who are age appropriate to enter kindergarten, but may benefit from an extra year to develop academic and social skills that will prepare them to be successful, learners.

Children who turn five by December 2, 2011 will be eligible to enroll in a two-year kindergarten program. The first year will be a developmentally appropriate "**Preppy K**" program at select schools in **PYLUSD**. In year two, students attend a traditional kindergarten program at their home school.

"**Preppy K**" sites will be identified based on parent interest and available space. Transportation to a "**Preppy K**" site will be the responsibility of the parent. Your response to this survey will assist us in the selection of sites for 2011-12.

Please return this survey to the nearest PYLUSD elementary school or visit our website at www.pylusd.org and click on "Preppy K" to submit your survey online by **April 15, 2011**.

Parent's Name _____ Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____ Child's Name: _____

Child's Birth Date: _____ Home School: _____

Please check all boxes that apply:

- My child is age appropriate for kindergarten
- I am very interested in enrolling my child in a "**Preppy K**" program in the fall

If "**Preppy K**" is not available in September, my child will:

- Attend regular kindergarten at our home school in PYLUSD
- Attend preschool/kindergarten in a private school
- Stay home for an additional year

The following sites are being considered for "Preppy K" programs in the fall. In order to help determine best location for "Preppy K" programs, please check the site(s) you would prefer:

____ Brookhaven ____ Bryant Ranch ____ Fairmont ____ Melrose ____ Rio Vista
____ Topaz ____ Rose Drive ____ Travis Ranch ____ Van Buren