

August 4, 2025



Dear Y5 AND Kindergarten Parents,

The adventure begins! What an exciting time for your family. By now, you should have received a mailer inviting you and your child to our **Y5/Kindergarten Jumpstart on Tuesday, August 12th, anytime between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. at Patterson Elementary.** (Patterson Elementary is located at 3231 Grange Hall Road in Holly.) The purpose of Jumpstart is to meet some of our teachers and have your child engage in brief assessments of their learning and development. Attending this event helps us get to know your child and to establish classroom placements, ensuring the best learning environment for our students.

Each year, parents must complete the Skyward Online Verification process. This very important step-by-step online verification process will allow you to receive building communications, verify student emergency contact information, access and review the school handbook, create food service applications, and review other important back to school information. To complete Skyward verification, go to the HAS District web page at <http://www.hask12.org>. Simply click on the "Community/Parents" tab on the screen, and then click the "Skyward Family Access" link to get started. If you do not have your Skyward account login information, you can request it by sending an email to: family.access@hask12.org, or by contacting the building. This process must be completed for each child. Computers will be available at our Open House event for parents who would like assistance.

Our **Meet the Teacher Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, August 20th from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. After completing the Skyward Online Verification process highlighted above,** each family will receive their child's classroom teacher placement in Skyward on Tuesday, August 19th. The Open House is an informal drop-in event where parents and children can meet classroom teachers and see the school. Come anytime between 5:00 and 6:30. We look forward to meeting you!

For the first day of school, **Monday, August 25th,** we have designed **Kindergarten and Young Five parent/child visitation sessions.** In order to give everyone ample time we ask that those with the last names that begin with **A-M meet from 9:00-10:00.** Those with last names beginning with **N-Z meet from 10:15-11:15.** This is an opportunity for you and your child to formally meet with your teacher, tour the school, and spend an hour as an official Kindergartener, to ease those first day jitters. Due to

space constraints in classrooms, we ask that only parents accompany their children on this visitation day.

When you arrive with your child for Visitation Day on August 25th, you will park in our front parking lot. Please enter through the front door of the building and sign in. There will be staff members and signs to direct you to the classroom. We ask that you bring only your Y5/Kindergarten child to the visitation. If you have children in other grades, they will have a normal half day of school, 8:55 am -12:00 pm.

We will continue to communicate school events and newsletters through Skyward, Facebook, the Patterson Elementary Webpage, our school sign, and the parent phone and email addresses listed in Skyward. Look for upcoming information on our Patterson Elementary Parents PTO organization. It's a great way to get involved in your child's education!

On behalf of our entire professional learning community, I welcome you to Patterson Elementary. We are dedicated to providing a safe, nurturing, and dynamic learning environment for your children. Our office hours prior to the start of school are from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Once school begins, the office will be open from 8:20 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Please do not hesitate to call 248-328-3700 if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Jacob Haynes
Principal



Visitation Day

For parents and Y5/Kindergarten children.
*Meet your teachers, tour the building, learn about your schedule and
spend an hour as an official Kindergartener.*

Monday, August 25, 2025

Last Names A-M from 9:00-10:00.

Last names beginning with N-Z from 10:15-11:15.

Normal Y5/Kindergarten Schedule Begins

Tuesday, August 26, 2025 from 8:55 a.m. - 3:56 p.m.

