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Dear Parent,

Welcome to the beginning of an exciting adventure – the start of your child’s kindergarten education. We are pleased and honored to have an opportunity to serve you and your child. Kindergarten is a time of new beginnings, of making friends, and learning each and every day. Accomplishing our district mission to *Empower to Learn, Challenge to Achieve, and Inspire to Excel*, begins in Kindergarten. We are confident that your Kindergarten experience will be excellent.

The Thompson School District supports having small, neighborhood schools. This helps create a true community of learners with strong relationships and ongoing support. However, with twenty different elementary schools dedicated to serving the needs of our community you have choices about where your child attends. All of our schools offer outstanding services but offer different school hours, may have before and after school care programs, or have an appealing program focus such as International Baccalaureate, Core Knowledge, Integrated Arts, Global Education, Health and Wellness, or Nature and Science. I encourage you to explore your options when making this important decision, and I am confident you will be impressed.

Please take the time to read the enclosed information about our schools and the registration process.

Sincerely,

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Kindergarten Registration Information 2012-2013

Registration for kindergarten students for the 2012-2013 school year will be held at all elementary schools in the Thompson School District on **Wednesday, February 8, 2012 between the hours of 3:00 and 6:00 p.m.**

During kindergarten registration, applications will also be available for Thompson Integrated Early Childhood (TIEC), our district pre-kindergarten program. TIEC staff will be on hand to answer questions and accept applications.

Entrance Age – A child may enter kindergarten if he/she is five years old on or before October 1 of the year of enrollment. Younger students shall be accepted if transferring from a public school kindergarten program. The district does provide early access to education services for kindergarten students who meet the unique needs of the highly advanced gifted child. For more information contact your school principal.

What to bring...

- child’s birth certificate;
- immunization records; school physical forms completed by student’s physician
- phone number of doctor and local phone numbers of relatives or friends to be included on the emergency card (these cards are provided at the time of registration);
- proof of residency (example: utility bill); and
- information that may be helpful to the school (example: special health or family concerns); the health of your child is most important to his/her success.

Immunizations required by Colorado state law – Kindergarten		
Vaccine	Shots	Notes
DTP/DTaP/DT/Td	5	may enter with 4 doses if #4 was given at/after age 4
Polio	4	may enter with 3 doses if #3 was given at/after age 4
MMR	2	
Hepatitis B	3	
Varicella/Chickenpox	2	2 doses at least 28 days apart (prefer 3 mo. apart) - or history of disease by health provider, or lab test

Determine Your School of Enrollment – To learn about your attendance boundary and determine your child’s home address school please access our district website at <http://www.thompsonschoools.org> and use the link to *Resources > Parents > Attendance Areas*. Questions can be answered by our TSD Planning office by calling 613-5017.

A Schools of Choice/Open Enrollment Policy exists to assist students who want to attend a school other than their designated home address school. This policy, along with information about which schools are currently accepting applications, can be found at any school, on the district website at <http://www.thompsonschoools.org>, or at the District Administration Building, located at 800 South Taft Avenue. *Final school of choice approval decisions will be made as soon as possible but may not occur until after our open enrollment period ends on February 27, 2012. Kindergarteners who receive notice of an approved open enrollment request may register at their school of choice, in lieu of registration at their school of residence.*

Enrollment Options and Before & After School Care – All of our elementary schools offer an all-day or extended-day kindergarten program in addition to half-day programs. Also, some elementary schools offer before and after school care. Please refer to the attached chart to determine exactly what programs are offered at each school. Please contact the school directly for more specific information regarding times and tuition requirements.

Transportation – For eligible students, transportation is provided one-way for half-day and extended day programs. Round-trip is provided for full-day programs.

Tuition

- Half-day program: Free
- + Full-day programs: \$2520 (Scholarships may be available; talk with your school for details.)
- ◆ State assisted programs: these schools receive state assistance to provide a tuition free core program for students living in that attendance area. Tuition may be required for enrichment classes.

School Name	AM Class	PM Class	All-Day Class	Extended-Day Class	School Focus	Before & After School Care
Berthoud 613-7500 560 Bunyan Avenue Berthoud 80513	●	TBD	+			Champions
B. F. Kitchen 613-5500 915 Deborah Drive			◆		Health & Wellness	
Big Thompson 613-5600 7702 W. Highway 34	●	TBD	+		Nature & Science	
Carrie Martin * 613-5700 4129 Joni Lane	●	TBD	+			1st Choice A.S.K. (after school only)
Centennial * 613-5800 1555 W. 37th Street	●	●	+			1st Choice A.S.K. (after school only)
Cottonwood Plains * 613-5900 525 Turman Drive Fort Collins 80525	●	●	+			B.A.S.E. Camp
Coyote Ridge * 679-9400 7115 Avondale Road Fort Collins 80525			+	+ (half time total)	International Baccalaureate	Champions
Garfield 613-6000 720 Colorado Avenue			◆		LISA (Loveland Integrated School of the Arts)	
Ivy Stockwell * 613-6100 175 Fifth St., Berthoud 80513	●	TBD	+			Champions
L. Edmondson 613-6300 307 W. 49th Street	●	TBD	+			1st Choice A.S.K.
Lincoln * 613-6200 3312 N. Douglas Avenue	●		+			1st Choice A.S.K. (after school only)
Mary Blair * 613-6400 860 E. 29th Street	●	●	+			1st Choice A.S.K.
Monroe 613-6500 1500 N. Monroe Avenue			◆			
Namaqua * 613-6600 209 N. Namaqua Avenue	●	TBD	+			1st Choice A.S.K.
Ponderosa * 679-9500 4550 Florence Drive	●	●	+		School of Global Learning	B.A.S.E. Camp
Sarah Milner * 613-6700 743 Jocelyn Drive			◆	◆		1st Choice A.S.K.
Stansberry 613-6800 407 E. 42nd Street	●	TBD	+			
Truscott 613-6900 211 W. Sixth Street				◆	Core Knowledge	1st Choice A.S.K.
Van Buren 613-7000 1811 W. 15th Street				◆		1st Choice A.S.K. (after school only)
Winona 613-7100 201 S. Boise Avenue				◆		1st Choice A.S.K.