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IT'S KINDERGARTEN SCREENING TIME!

Dear Parents/Guardians:

*On behalf of the faculty and staff, I want to welcome you and your child to the Fort Edward Union Free School District kindergarten program. The early years of a child's education contribute not only to their future successes in life but are the first steps on the pathway to becoming lifelong learners. It is in these formative years that students develop a love of learning and we strive to create and maintain a caring, nurturing, and secure learning environment for all of our students. Part of the process is to evaluate the instructional needs of all students. To assist in completing the assessment, your child's screening will be completed by the assessment team on: **Friday, September 22nd, 2023-dismissal before lunch at 11:00 am. Grab-and-go lunches will be provided.***

The Kindergarten Screening uses a standardized test to measure five key areas and determine if your child is meeting established developmental milestones. We use the DIAL Test (Developmental Indicators for the Assessment of Learning) to measure your child's progress.

Areas 1-3 are part of the DIAL Test:

- ***MOTOR:*** Catching, jumping, hopping, skipping, building, thumb and finger motor skills, cutting, copying and name writing, balance & coordination, small muscles skills.
- ***CONCEPTS:*** Identification of body parts, colors, rapid color naming, counting, positions, little/big comparisons, shapes.
- ***LANGUAGE:*** Personal data, articulation, objects and actions, letters and sounds, rhyming, and intelligibility. "I spy"- problem-solving,

Areas 4 & 5 are part of the Parent Questionnaire you will fill out:

- ***SELF-HELP:*** Parents are asked about everyday skills that children learn. For example: dressing and feeding themselves, etc.
- ***SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT:*** Parents are asked to describe how their child interacts with other children and how their child feels about themselves

Each parent who needs to have their child screened will have an appointment scheduled by Ms. LeBarron this week.

Sincerely,

Joyce Long
Director of Pupil Services