

The Mary E. Dardess Elementary School, Chatham, New York welcomes the Class of 2025.

Registration for next September's kindergarten class will be starting in February. Registration packets will be mailed to the homes of children on our school census. If you have a child who is eligible to attend kindergarten this fall and you do not receive a packet by March 1st, please call the elementary office at 392-1530 and one will be sent out to you. Beginning March 1st registration can also be done in the elementary school office between the hours of 9:00 and 3:00.

Children must be 5 years old on or before December 1, 2012 to be eligible to attend kindergarten this fall. To register, a child's birth certificate and proof of immunizations must be shown, as well as two proofs of residency (electric or telephone bill, automobile insurance card, bank statement, driver's license, lease, or mortgage) showing street address, not post office box. Additionally, a physical examination is required to be on file by September 30th. A valid exam for 2012-2013 needs to be completed after **September 7, 2011.**

Required proof of immunizations at April screening include:

- 3 doses of diphtheria toxoid (usually administered as either DPT or Td);
- 3 doses of OPV (or, as an alternative, 4 doses IPV administered after 1968, or 3 doses of EIPV);
- 2 doses of live measles vaccine administered after the age of 12 months and 2nd dose at least 30 days after 1st dose but after 15 months of age;
- 1 dose of live mumps vaccine administered after the age of 12 months;
- 1 dose of live rubella vaccine administered after the age of 12 months;
- 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine;
- 1 dose of varicella vaccine for all children born on or after January 1, 1998.

For further information regarding immunizations, you may call the school nurse at 392-1537.

Please send a dental certificate if you have one, although it is not required to attend school.

Appointment times for kindergarten screening will be sent in the registration packets. Kindergarten screening will take place on April 24th and 25th.