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**MCSD Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) Program Open Enrollment for the 2019 – 2020 School Year Begins Monday, February 4, 2019**

**Stuart, FL** - The Martin County School District Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Program (VPK) will be accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year starting on February 4, 2019. The program is available at select schools with limited enrollment. VPK is an early learning program that provides developmentally appropriate instruction and activities to prepare four year olds for kindergarten and beyond by building a solid foundation for school success. To be eligible, your child must be four years of age on or before September 1<sup>st</sup> of the school year in which they attend VPK and must reside within an eligible home school zone. The three hour VPK program is provided at no cost to parents and the full school day program is available for a monthly cost of \$234.00.

Parents will be able to apply for one of the 228 seats in the Martin County School District's 2019-2020 VPK Program during Open Enrollment. The Open Enrollment will take place in two phases beginning on February 4, 2019 at 8:00 am. Open Enrollment will be completed online using the links below:

For Bessey Creek, Citrus Grove, Crystal Lake, Felix A Williams, Hobe Sound, Jensen Beach and Palm City Elementary Schools, the link below will be open for responses on Monday February 4, 2019, at 8:00 am:

<https://goo.gl/forms/EMIVS5T6a5KpVwUK2>

For J D Parker, Salerno Learning Center and Warfield Elementary School, the link below will be open for responses on Monday, February 11, 2019 at 8:00 am:

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Registration for VPK is a multi-step process.

Step 1 – Parents obtain a VPK Certificate of Eligibility from the Early Learning Coalition of Indian River, Martin and Okeechobee Counties (ELCIRMO). In order to obtain a VPK Certificate of Eligibility, parents must visit the website below to complete the online application:

<https://familyservices.floridaearlylearning.com/>

If assistance or additional information is needed regarding the process of obtaining a VPK Certificate of Eligibility, please contact the Early Learning Coalition of Indian River, Martin and Okeechobee Counties at 1-877-220-1223 ext. 260.

Step 2 – Parents register their child with the Martin County School District.

- A) Parents apply online to the school site that their home address is zoned for using one of the links below:

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- B) Parents attend an appointment Patricia Little, VPK Family Service Liaison, to provide the following documents to complete the registration process:

- The VPK Certificate of Eligibility
- Child's Birth Certificate
- Two Proofs of Residency (FPL, Cable, utility bill, lease agreement, Mortgage, current property tax bill, deed to home, automobile insurance policy, driver's license or State of Florida identification card with Martin County address listed.)
- State of Florida Physical Record issues by your child's pediatrician.
- State of Florida Immunization Record.

Please note the physical and immunization records do not have to be current for registration but **MUST** be up to date prior to beginning school on August 12, 2019.

Please see the chart below for home school zone and VPK sites:

<b>Home School Zone</b>	<b>VPK SCHOOL SITE</b>
Bessey Creek Elementary (BCE)	Bessey Creek Elementary (BCE)
Citrus Grove Elementary (CGE)	Citrus Grove Elementary (CGE)
Crystal Lake Elementary (CLE)	Crystal Lake Elementary (CLE)
Felix A Williams Elementary (FAWE)	Felix A Williams Elementary (FAWE)
Hobe Sound Elementary (HSE)	Hobe Sound Elementary (HSE)
J D Parker Elementary (JDP)	J D Parker Elementary (JDP)
Jensen Beach Elementary (JBE)	Jensen Beach Elementary (JBE)
Pinewood Elementary (PWE)	Port Salerno Learning Center (PSLC)
Port Salerno Elementary (PSE)	Port Salerno Learning Center (PSLC)
SeaWind Elementary (SWE)	Hobe Sound Elementary School (HSE)
Warfield Elementary School (WES)	Warfield Elementary School (WES)

Appointment site address is Salerno School House, 3940 SE Salerno Rd., Stuart, FL 34997. Should you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Patricia Little at (772) 219-1893, ext. 100.

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