



# Kendale Lakes Elementary VPK & KG Orientation for Parents


Join a Recognized State and District School of Excellence





Kendale Lakes Elementary  
Miami-Dade County Public Schools





# MDCPS CORE VALUES

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Citizenship

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Cooperation

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Fairness

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Honesty

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Integrity

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Kindness

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Pursuit of Excellence

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Respect

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Responsibility



# VISION STATEMENTS

MDCPS –

Inspired, valued, educated and empowered students thriving in and beyond the classroom.

KLE Family –

To provide organizational strategies that reflect quality leadership, commitment to excellence, and self-actualization for all stakeholders.

# MISSION STATEMENTS

MDCPS –

To provide relevant learning experiences that foster life-long curiosity and enable ALL students to achieve their full academic, personal and civic potential.

KLE Family -

To provide a productive secure, learning environment whereby students will acquire a sense of accomplishment that encourages constant growth, pride, and the desire to reach full potential.





WHEN YOU  
 ENTER THIS  
 LOVING SCHOOL  
 CONSIDER YOURSELF  
 ONE OF THE SPECIAL  
 MEMBERS OF AN  
 EXTRAORDINARY FAMILY

  
 KLE  
 Family

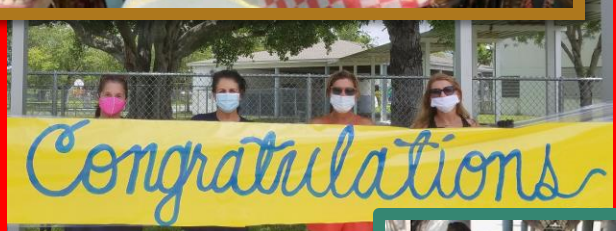
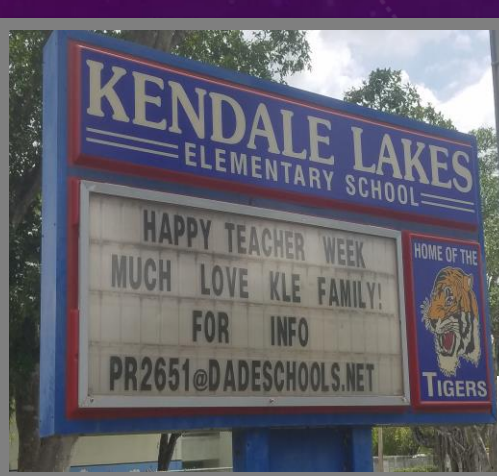


# SCHOOL SAFETY

- M-DCPS is dedicated to the safety of your child.
- Security is required at all schools.
- Number of security personnel depends on enrollment and size of school.
- All visitors/guests must report to the Main Entry.







**WE'RE all  
IN THIS  
together**  
#KLEfamily





# STUDENT SERVICES & VARIOUS WELLNESS INITIATIVES

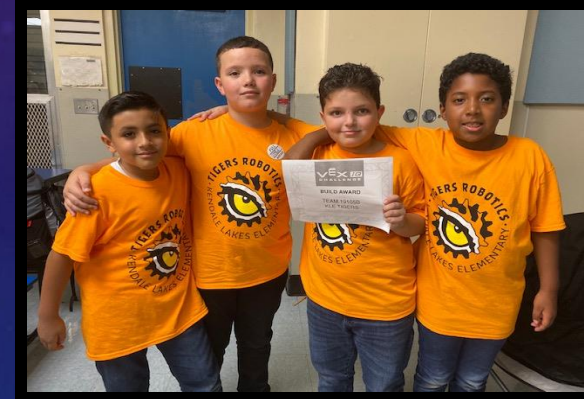




# STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

- A Traditional & Special Education Center School
- Serving 725 students from Pre-K 3 through 5th Grade
- TIGERS Academy & STEAM Initiatives
- 97% Hispanic
- 2% White
- 1% Black, Multi-Racial, Other
- 81% Economically Disadvantaged (Title 1)
- 42% English Language Learners
- 25% Special Education
  - 28% Self-Contained (EBD, ASD, OHI)
  - 100% Inclusion (excluding SC Program)
- 20% Enrichment (TEAM)
- 11% Gifted

➤ 31%







Values Matter School Award Cooperation 2017



Values Matter School Award Kindness 2020



Values Matter Secondary Student Award

Pursuit of Excellence 2019

- 2018-19 & 2019-20 ECTAC Title 1 Exceeding Expectations Award
- 2019 ECTAC Title 1 Conference Presentation Improving School Culture
- 2019 South Region Office Presentation Key School Culture Initiatives
- 2020 MDCPS Synergy Conference Presentation Transforming Culture Through Initiatives and Incentives
- 2021 South Region Office Presentation: Transforming Culture Through Leadership
- 2022 FETC Presentation Culture, Leadership, and SEL Partnerships



# ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Child must reside in the school's attendance boundary for initial VPK lottery participation.
- KG participation is through attendance boundary, McKay Scholarship or Approved Transfers.
- Parents must provide all required school entry registration documents.
- Parents must complete the following:
  - Emergency Student Data Form (FM-2733)
  - Home Language Survey (FM-5196)
  - Family Application for Free and Reduced Price Meals (online)
  - Pre-Kindergarten Screenings Consent (FM-5490)
  - School appointments for screenings will be scheduled for VPK and KG



# ALLERGIES

## You must inform:

- School Administrator
- Teacher
- Food Service Manager

## Your Child will need:

- Diet Prescription for Meals at School  
From the child's doctor - FM # 5425

## For more information:

call M-DCPS Comprehensive Health  
Services at (305) 995-4111





# WHY IS VPK/KG IMPORTANT FOR YOUR CHILD?

- Did you know that children who participate in high-quality, early learning experiences benefit from improved social skills, higher academic achievement, and enhanced attention spans?
- There is overwhelming evidence that suggests that children who participate in high-quality preschool programs develop stronger math and reading skills and a full range of competencies necessary for school success.





# VPK INFORMATION AND CRITERIA

- Florida's Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program - VPK is a free, high-quality educational program that prepares 4-year-olds for kindergarten and beyond.
- To be eligible for VPK, children must be four (4) years old on or before September 1st.
- If the child's fourth **birthday falls between February 2nd and September 1st in a calendar year**, parents may postpone enrolling their child in VPK until the following year when the child is 5 years old.
- Parents may obtain their required stated VPK Program Certificate of Eligibility online at the Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe website: <http://www.vpkhelp.org>.





# WHAT DOES MY CHILD NEED TO KNOW BEFORE HE OR SHE STARTS KINDERGARTEN?

## Reading Readiness Skills

- Recognizes most or all the capital and lowercase letters and knows the sounds they make
- Writes his/her name with capital letter at the beginning followed by lower case letters
- Knows the difference between a letter and a word
- Pretends to read books
- Points to each word as they read beginning from front to back, top to bottom, and left to right
- Answers questions about what has been read such as Who? What? When? Where?
- Recognizes rhyming words
- Recognizes beginning sound of words
- Speaks using complete sentences most of the time

## Mathematics Readiness Skills

- Uses words and representations to describe mathematical ideas
- Begins to recognize patterns and makes simple generalizations
- Counts with understanding
- Shows beginning understanding of number and quantity
- Orders, compares, and describes objects according to a single attribute
- Participates in measuring activities
- Shows understanding of and uses several positional words
- Begins to recognize and describe the attributes of shapes
- Composes and decomposes shapes



# KG CLASS CAPACITY AND VPK LOTTERY INFORMATION

- The maximum capacity in a VPK class is 20 students
- KG recommended size is 18.
- If a school has more eligible applicants than the allotted seats available, a lottery must be conducted for VPK only.
- Only families who have submitted the required documents showing proof of age and address will be considered to participate in the school's VPK lottery selection process.
- Parents of students living outside the school's attendance boundary may also attend KLE if there are spaces available through transfers or McKay Scholarships.
- A separate waiting list for these students will be maintained for Pre-K only.
- If there are open VPK seats after placing all in-boundary students, we will conduct a lottery with the out-of-boundary student list to fill the remaining VPK seats.





# KINDERGARTEN CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT

- Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Special Areas
- iReady
- Florida's B.E.S.T. Standards
- Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST)





# SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS AND LOTTERY INFORMATION

- Schools will need to send the name and ID number of any student with an IEP selected in the VPK Lottery to the ESE Department representative to allow the ESE team to review the student's needs, and to determine if the VPK class is the most appropriate setting for that student.
- The COE is not required to participate in the school's VPK lottery selection process.
- The VPK lottery will take place at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, February 24, 2023.
- If the child's name is not selected during the lottery process, a parent may choose to keep the child's name on a waitinglist at the school or choose to enroll the child in another public school with open seats.
- All parents must be notified of their child's enrollment status that resulted from the VPK lottery selection process, by Friday, March 3, 2023.





# INCLUSION & ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

- KLE has an extensive inclusion and enrichment program for students from Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.
- The KLE Inclusion Program was created to provide opportunities for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten children with disabilities to interact with typically developing peers.
- Typically developing children (children without special needs) who serve as role models, attend the full-day Pre-Kindergarten Inclusion/Reverse Mainstream class at no cost to the parent.
- They participate in all classroom activities, field trips, and parent education meetings.
- Typically developing children must be 4 years old on or before September 1st of the current school year and have a COE to participate.
- Unfilled VPK seats may be filled with 3-year-old children.
- There are no income or attendance boundary requirements for typically developing children; however, parents must provide transportation.
- These programs are located at both Title I and non-Title I schools.



# VPK ATTENDANCE

- VPK Attendance Procedures - Student attendance is reported daily utilizing the District's Electronic Gradebook System.
- VPK Programs must follow School Board Policy 5200 – Attendance as with all K-12 students. To comply with the uniform attendance policy for funding the VPK Program (8:20 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.), attendance records must be accurate.
- We will complete a VPK Child Attendance and Parental Choice Certificate (Long Form OEL-VPK 03L, 2/14/2007) for each student.
  - We will attach the monthly electronic attendance record from PF7 in DSIS, and need to secure the parent's or guardian's signature in blue ink, at the end of each month before the 5th of the following month.
  - We must retain the documents on file for five years in the school's office for audit purposes



# Exceptional Student Education Services (ESE)

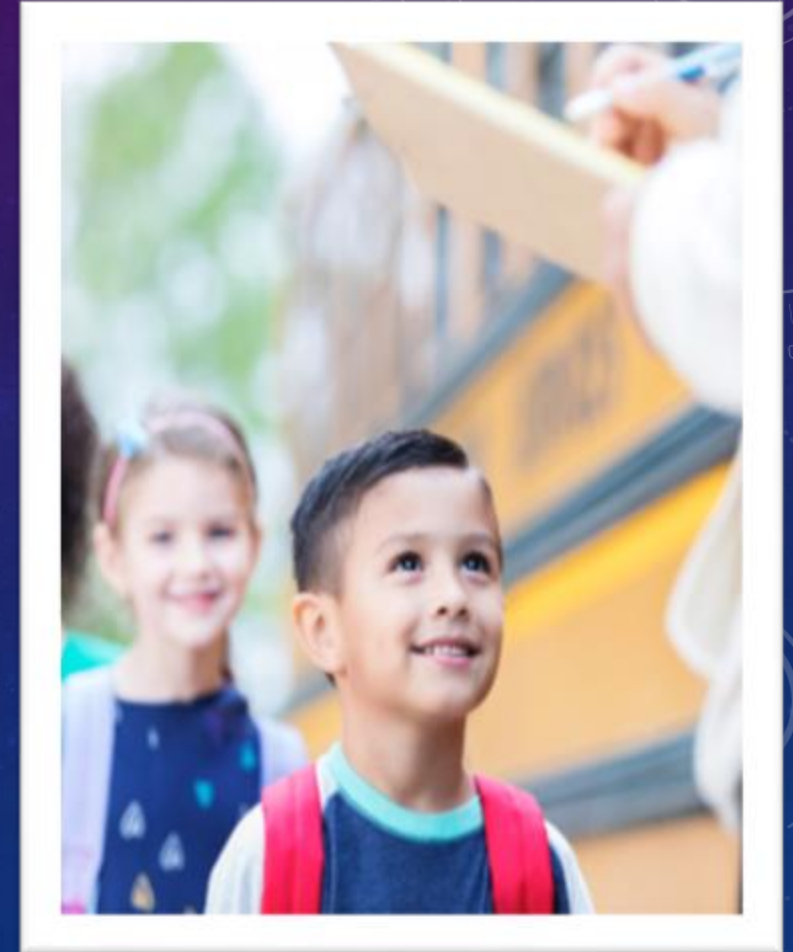
- Students entering Miami-Dade County Public Schools with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) will receive continued services.
- Upon registration, please present a copy of the IEP or inform the school of any special needs or accommodations needed for your child.





# ATTENDANCE POLICY PRE-K – 5TH

- Class Attendance
- Tardiness
- Excused/ Unexcused Absences
- Excessive Absences
- Doctors Notes
- Early Sign-out
- [2651Attendance@dadeschools.net](mailto:2651Attendance@dadeschools.net)





# UNIFORM POLICY



- We are a mandatory uniform school
  - White or Navy Blue Polo Shirts w/ embroidery or patch
  - Navy Blue or Khaki Shorts, Pant, Skorts
  - Sneakers (Closed Shoes)
- We also incorporate special school spirit days:
  - Mondays (Be Kind Shirts)
  - Fridays (Class or Kendale Lakes T-Shirt & Jeans)



# BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM

- Current Program Fees:
- Before School Care - 7 am start time (\$4 per day)
- After School Care Mini Care Program – after school until second dismissal time (\$4 per day)
- After School Program – after school until 6 pm (\$8 or \$7 per day depending on eligibility for F&R Meal Program)
- You must purchase the required insurance for after school activities (\$13)
- You must utilize the online monthly payment system through an account you set up via the District's portal







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IN THIS  
together  
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"Leave your  
heart  print  
on those you serve."

- Martha T. Jaureguizar

 **Martha T Jaur...** · 30 Nov ·  
Day 30 #GratitudeSnaps  
My awesome @KLEfamily students who were power posing along w/ their positive daily affirmations. This generation will be AMAZING visionaries. #growthmindset for their self improvement & confidence! I believe in them/their potential 🙌







# Register Today!!!!

A photograph of a teacher and a young student in a classroom. The teacher is holding a small green seedling in her hands, and the student is looking at it. There are several other seedlings in pots on a table in front of them. In the background, there are educational posters, including one with the word "EARTH" and a globe.

**KINDERGARTEN  
REGISTRATION  
FOR 2023-2024  
IS NOW OPEN**

If your child will be 5 years old  
by September 1st, contact our  
school to register today!

**Registration requirements:**

- Proof of age, legal name, and current address
- Certificate of immunization and health examination

**KINDERGARTEN  
2023-2024**

The logo is circular with a blue border. Inside, there is a stylized sun and the text "MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS" around the perimeter. Below the circle, it says "giving our students the world".



# QUESTIONS COMMENTS FEEDBACK

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#CelebrateKLE