

Dear Incoming Kindergarten Families:

To better meet the needs of our kindergarten families with full-day childcare needs, we have annually partnered with our local park districts to offer half-day afternoon childcare (known as C.A.R.E.). These programs are both convenient and provided at a low cost to D15 families.

Historically, students enrolled in the program attend morning kindergarten at a District 15 school and are transported to a park district facility for half-day afternoon childcare.

As you might imagine, there are limitations that we face each year with the current CARE, model:

1. Placement in the program fills quickly; and
2. In order to utilize the half-day childcare program, students must be placed in a morning kindergarten section, which cannot always be guaranteed based on space limitations.

In order to increase childcare options for our kindergarten families, The Palatine Park District will be offering a *morning half-day childcare option* in addition to the longstanding afternoon program offering. We hope you are as excited about this addition as we are. This additional option will allow afternoon kindergarten students to receive a full day of care, allow more families to take advantage of the program and eliminate enrollment stressors placed on schools in the past.

SCHOOL LOCATIONS	PROGRAM LOCATION	CONTACT
Sanborn, Hunting Ridge, Jane Addams, Lake Louise, Lincoln, Marion Jordan, Paddock, Pleasant Hill, Thomas Jefferson, Virginia Lake and Winston Campus	Palatine Park District Community Center, 250 E. Wood Street., Palatine	Donna Orr, dorr@palatineparks.org

TRANSPORTATION

For students enrolled in CARE, District 15 will provide mid-day school bus transportation to and from each child's District 15 school and park district childcare location. Transportation fees are included in the price of the program.