





# MAHTOMEDI AREA PRESCHOOL BACK-TO-SCHOOL INFORMATION & EVENTS

# 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR









Dear Mahtomedi Area Preschool Families,

Welcome to the 2025-26 school year!

My name is Angie Lundblad, and I'm the Early Learning Supervisor for Mahtomedi Area Preschool with Mahtomedi Community Education.

I am excited to start my thirty-first year in the Early Education field. I'm a passionate educator with experience working as a licensed Parent Educator, ECFE teacher, Preschool teacher, and Early Childhood Screening and Outreach facilitator. I look forward to connecting with you and your family this year in our Early Childhood programs.

Preschool plays a crucial role in early childhood development, providing a foundation for lifelong learning and success. Mahtomedi Area Preschool is proud to help foster a love for learning while supporting students' growth and development.

We are proud of our 4-Star Parent Aware preschool rating, which means we met the Minnesota Department of Human Services and the Office of Early Learning's highest criteria for preparing children for kindergarten.

A couple of important notes for you:

- Parent Advisory Council (PAC): We are looking for parent volunteers for this important committee. Interested? Send an email to mahtomedipac@gmail.com
- **Stay connected** with Community Education on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u> this year so you can see fun preschool activities like this <u>2024</u> <u>Preschool Graduation video</u>.
- **Fall Classes:** Looking for enrichment opportunities for your child this fall? Click here to browse our fall classes.

We look forward to a great school year. Please review this guide for important information about the 2025-26 school year.

Angie Lundblad Early Learning Supervisor Mahtomedi Community Education

## **Important Dates**

#### **Classroom Teacher**

You will receive an email **August 20** with your child's teacher, associate, drop off and pick up expectations, and more specific information about preschool procedures at your preschool site.

# **Preschool Parent/Caregiver Connection Days- Sept. 2nd & 3rd** (Wildwood & DEC)

Appointment information will be shared with families in mid-August, and you will be able to sign up for a 15-20 minute appointment. Teachers will use the time to meet with individual students and get to know students and families. Families will have an opportunity to share information and goals for their children.

# First Day of Preschool

The week of September 8th

#### **Preschool Schedule**

Click here for the printable 2025-26 Preschool Calendar

Preschool Class	Location	Start Time	End Time
M- F Full Day	Wildwood	9:05	3:35
M/W/F Full Day	Wildwood	9:05	3:35
T/Th Lunch Bunch	Wildwood	9:05	1:05
T/Th AM	Wildwood	9:00	11:30

M/W/F AM 3's	District Ed Center	9:30	12:00
T/Th AM 3's	District Ed Center	9:30	12:00
M/W/F AM-Mix ages	District Ed Center	9:30	12:00

# **Supply Lists**

Preschool 2025-26 School Supply List

If you need school supply support, <u>please view this information for</u> instructions.

Open House Preschool Tour: (Wildwood Elementary only) Thursday, August 28th, from 4:00 – 5:30 PM. We are staggering our times to help with congestion. Families can join us by their last name for a quick tour, drop off school supplies, and play on the playground. If families have 2 last names, they can choose a time that works best for them. Students will bring their school supplies to the open house; if they forget, they can bring them on their parent connection day. We will also have a stationary bus where students can experience what it is like to be on a bus.

- 4:00 pm- Families with last name A-M
- 4:45 pm- Families with last name N-Z

# **Student and Family Handbook**

Please click here for our <u>Student and Family 2025-26 Handbook</u>. Mahtomedi Area Preschool families, please complete the acknowledgment process via the <u>Mahtomedi Student and Family Handbook Verification Google Form</u>.

#### **Back-to-School Guides**

The Back-to-School Guides are available via the links below. The guides contain information about school supplies, open house events, nutrition, transportation, and helpful information to prepare for the 2025-26 school year.

- Wildwood Elementary Back-to-School Guide
- O.H. Anderson Elementary Back-to-School Guide
- Mahtomedi Middle School Back-to-School Guide
- Mahtomedi High School Back-to-School Guide
- Passages Back-to-School Guide
- Preschool Back-to-School Guide

#### **Back-to-School Checklist**

- ☐ Read the <u>Family and Student Handbook</u>. Complete the <u>Google</u> <u>verification forms</u> by September 2.
- ☐ Obtain School Supplies: Preschool 2025-26 School Supply List

Fill out the <u>educational benefits form</u> for the 2025-26 school year.
Wildwood preschool students- attend the preschool open house tour at
Wildwood on August 28th, 4:00-5:30 pm (time according to your last
name, see schedule below)
Transportation postcards will be mailed to families at the end of August
that registered for transportation. If you do not receive a postcard,
please contact transportation services at 651-407-2431 or email them at
transportation@isd832.net.

# **Preschool School Hours** (Full Day)

Please note the start and end times for our **full-day preschool.** School begins at 9:05 AM and ends at 3:35 PM for full-day programs.

# **Transportation Information**

Transportation to and from preschool is the family's responsibility. Fee-based transportation is available for 4-5 year olds who live on existing transportation routes AND are registered for Full Day Preschool classes that meet 9:05 AM-3:35 PM. Transportation forms and payment MUST be submitted to the Early Childhood Office by July 1.

# Transportation information and forms can be found **HERE**.

If your preschool student registered for school transportation for this school year, you will receive a postcard at the end of August from our Transportation Services indicating their bus route number as well as pick-up and drop-off information. If you do not receive a postcard and you signed your child up for transportation through the early childhood office, please call our transportation department at 651-407-2431 or email them at <a href="mailto:transportation@isd832.net">transportation@isd832.net</a> District bus information is available via the district website <a href="mailto:www.mahtomedi.kl2.mn.us">www.mahtomedi.kl2.mn.us</a>.

Preschool students riding a bus must have an adult to put them on the bus and off the bus. Preschool students must wear a bus safety vest and have bus tags on. They are only allowed to sit in the front of the bus. If you have any questions regarding transportation, please contact them at 651-407-2431.

If you receive a route postcard and your child will no longer need school transportation, please call the transportation department at 651-407-2431 or email them at transportation@isd832.net

#### Communication

Your child's preschool teacher will send out weekly emails with timely early childhood and community education information, notifications, and announcements. Please make sure you read this to stay connected with our program.

## Open Job Positions for the 2025-26 School Year

We are hiring for the 2025-26 school year. <u>Click here to see a list of positions</u> we have an immediate need to fill. A full list of open positions and more information can be found here.

Mahtomedi Community Education Catalog and Registration Open July 22 Mahtomedi Community Education is busy preparing for another year of offering activities, athletics, enrichment, building use, and, of course, our fun family events. The fall catalog goes live on July 22 on the registration website at <a href="mahtomedi.ce.eleyo.com">mahtomedi.ce.eleyo.com</a>. We look forward to seeing you investigate new passions and continue to be lifelong learners!

#### **Educational Benefits at Mahtomedi Public Schools**

# Need help covering the cost of school-related expenses?

Fill out an Educational Benefits Application to learn if you are eligible for assistance with school-related activities. There are several ways educational benefits can support your family, including field trips, athletics, activities, scholarships for community education classes, college preparation and applications, and you may be eligible for potential discounts on utilities and home technology. To find out if you qualify, fill out an Educational Benefits Form at <a href="www.schoolcafe.com/mahtomedips">www.schoolcafe.com/mahtomedips</a>, sign in, and click "apply" or complete the Application for Educational Benefits following the instructions. A new application must be submitted each year. Or use the PDF <a href="printable form">printable form</a> and then return your completed Application for Educational Benefits to the Mahtomedi District Office, Attn: Nutrition Services Department, 1520 Mahtomedi Avenue, Mahtomedi, MN 55115

# **Important Change for Volunteer Background Checks**

For Mahtomedi Public Schools, student safety is a top priority. To strengthen that commitment, we are updating our volunteer background check process.

#### What's New

All volunteers are required to complete an application and background check annually. Volunteers are required to complete an application and background check if they plan to volunteer (supervise students without a staff member). No retroactive background checks will be used.

A background check must be completed if you are supervising groups of students without a staff member present. A background check is required if you plan to:

- Attend off-campus events with students (e.g., field trip chaperones)
- Work directly with students without the direct supervision of a licensed teacher or administrator (e.g., field days, classroom helpers, Fun Run, book clubs)

#### **Background Check Process**

To begin the process, please <u>visit our volunteer application and background check system</u>. Once you complete the application, you will then receive an email for your background check process. The cost will be \$10 each year. For the 2025-26 school year, applications and background checks will be valid from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

# **Volunteer Opportunities**

Volunteer opportunities will continue to be shared through school newsletters and directly by teachers.

We value our volunteers and are thankful for your support in keeping our schools safe, supportive, and focused on our students. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe school environment!

If you have any questions, please contact George Macko at <a href="macko@isd832.net">george.macko@isd832.net</a>

#### Referendum

Mahtomedi Public Schools will hold a two-question referendum on November 4 - one for operating revenue and one for facility improvements. To learn more about our referendum, visit the Mahtomedi Public Schools referendum website or attend one of the upcoming community learning sessions at 5:30 pm on the following dates: August 6, September 9, September 23, October 7, and October 29 at Mahtomedi High School.

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# **Infinite Campus**

During the summer of 2025, we are transitioning our student information system from ParentVue/StudentVue to Infinite Campus (Campus). This change is being made to provide a more modern and efficient system to support staff and families. You will use the Campus system to check grades, view schedules, and report attendance (Google Forms will no longer be used for attendance). The ParentVue app and system will no longer be used. Please set up your account as soon as possible as we want to ensure you receive important notifications and can submit absences for the 2025-26 school year. Email instructions were sent to families on Friday, July 18. If you have any questions, please contact the Mahtomedi Technology Department at <a href="MPSCampusSupport@isd832.net">MPSCampusSupport@isd832.net</a>

# **Community Education**

Don't Miss Mahtomedi Community Education Fall Registration Mahtomedi Community Education has been busy preparing another year of offering activities, athletics, enrichment, building use, and, of course, our fun family events. Browse the Fall Catalog on <u>mahtomedi.ce.eleyo.com</u> to view our exciting lineup of opportunities sure to appeal to learners of all ages and interests. Don't miss fall registration, which is live on July 22 at 8 am. We look forward to seeing you explore your passions, develop new hobbies, and connect with others in your community!

Do you have an idea for a Mahtomedi Community Education class, event, or activity? Are you interested in teaching a Mahtomedi Community Education class? Send your ideas to us at communityed@isd832.net. We look forward to connecting!