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"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest"

- Benjamin Franklin

Dear Islip Families:

The Islip School District will be looking to continue the Universal Pre-K (UPK) program. This will be determined by the funding allotted to the Islip School District via the NYS UPK grant. If you would like to be eligible for the Islip School District UPK program for the 2023-2024 school year, a child must be an Islip School District resident and four years of age on or before December 1, 2023.

The Islip UPK program, which is housed in multiple classrooms at Wing Elementary School, is anticipating funding to accommodate eighty-two students. This is a full-day program, running from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and following the same calendar as the Islip School District. Parents are responsible for transportation as buses are not available for the program.

Registration for UPK will take place on December 1 & 2 between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. at Wing Elementary School. There are no appointments, so you may come on either of these days to register. The forms linked below must be filled out before arriving for in-person registration. As long as you register on one of these days, your child will be eligible for the lottery. Registration does not guarantee a child a place in the program, so being one of the first few people to register does not give anyone an advantage.

<u>Please visit the Universal Pre-K landing page on the district website</u> where you can find answers to frequently asked questions and forms that should be completed for registration. If you have any trouble printing these forms, please come to Wing Elementary prior to our registration days for copies. We will need these forms brought with you to our in-person registration on December 1 & 2.

If registration exceeds eighty-two students, the Islip School District will need to hold a lottery to determine which students will be able to participate in the program. Information regarding the lottery and selection process will be distributed to all registered UPK students in January 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact either Ms. Thomas in our registration office at 631-650-8416 or Wing Elementary at 631-650-8450.

Thank you,

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