New Student / Kinder Information Night

Theuerkauf Elementary
Michelle Williams, Principal
January 19, 2023

**This presentation will be recorded and posted on the school website for later viewing

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The purpose of tonight is to:

- Provide information and insight about our school and what makes it great
- Provide information about our TK program
- Provide information and resources to help you with the upcoming enrollment process

Later this spring:

- TK student orientation night will be held
- Details will be emailed to you
A Glimpse Into Student Life at Theuerkauf
What Makes Theuerkauf Special?

➔ Atmosphere defined by respect and collaboration.
➔ We celebrate diversity in both faculty and in our student body.
➔ Learning is centered on student growth, strong commitment to improvement, and high expectations.
➔ We make a strong commitment to personalized learning and student engagement.
➔ We inspire students toward creativity, adaptability, critical thinking, and empathy.
➔ We are proud of our close partnership with our families and community.
➔ We share numerous extracurricular classes and activities with our students, including art, music, PE, outdoor learning partners, and much more.
Our staff!

- We have 42 staff members at Theuerkauf from 15 different countries
- Altogether, our staff has more than 400 combined years of experience in education
- Dedicated support staff - SCEF, At-Risk, Instructional Coach, Office and Administrative Team
- Phenomenal librarian & a strong focus on early literacy
- STEAM teacher dedicated to nurturing creativity and exploratory project based learning
Meet the TK Team!
We love to help with questions and concerns...

Please write down your questions as we go through our presentation so we can assist in answering them at the end.
Our Work

At Theuerkauf, we inspire and develop all students to be lifelong learners and responsible citizens for a changing world.

Our Core Values - Perseverance
Respect
Responsibility
Integrity
Courage
Our Educational Philosophy

- Meet students where they are and give them what they need
- Communication is key
- Collaboration with the team and with parents
- Project Based Lessons - Kids learn when they get to Tynker, discover, and be hands-on in their classrooms
That’s not all folks...

**Music & Art** - Teacher led and CSMA led

Weekly **Library** Visits

**Nature Study** through **Living Classroom** (native garden)

Class Games

**Project Cornerstone**
We Appreciate the Mountain View Education Foundation!

www.mvef.org
Volunteer Opportunities

- Active PTA Group
- Room Parent + STEAM Lab Parent Volunteers
- Project Cornerstone Parent Readers
- Living Classroom
- Field Trip Chaperones
- Learning Center Helpers
- Other classroom parent involvement
We are close to nature... with our native garden
A Day in the Life of a TK Student at Theuerkauf

8:15 am - 1:45 pm

Morning Focus:
- English Language Arts - Phonics, Reading, Writing
- Math - Number Sense, Geometry, Data and Statistics (Graphing)

Afternoon Focus:
- Science, Social Studies, Project Based Application (hands-on STEAM activities), Social Skills
- Communication and Presentation Skills (along with public speaking)
- Exploration
A Typical Day in the life of a Transitional Kindergartener @ Theuerkauf

- 8:15      School Starts
- 8:39      Reading/RTI- STEAM Centers
- 9:45      Snack/Recess
- 10:05     Math
- 11:00     Lunch
- 11:45     Quiet Time
- 12:00     ELD/Social Studies
- 12:25     Writing
- 1:00      Exploration/Closing
- 1:45      Dismissal

*There are built in breaks and independent work time.

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Transitional Kindergarten: Setting a Foundation for Lifelong Learners

• **Social/Emotional:**
  - Working in teams - cooperative learning
  - Ability to support one another - Develop friendships
  - Executive functioning skills
  - Building Self Confidence and Independence
  - Build Empathy and Compassion

• **Physical Development:**
  - Fine and gross motor skills
  - Ability to cross the midline

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Transitional Kindergarten
Setting a Foundation for Lifelong Learners

- **Academic Foundations:**
  - Routines and procedures
  - Phonics, Letter recognition, Math Concepts
  - Communication Skills
  - Multi-step directions
  - Build stamina for learning
  - Reflective Learning and Perseverance
We Love Our Parents…
Volunteer Opportunities

- Active PTA Group
- Project Cornerstone Readers
- Living Classroom Volunteers
- Field Trip Chaperones
- Learning Center Helpers
- Other classroom parent involvement opportunities - Art, Festivities
Before/After School Childcare

- YMCA
- Right at School

Typically sign up in late Spring/Summer/ Early Fall
To find out if you qualify for free childcare, email our SCEF, Lisset Tellez, at ltellez@mvwsd.org

Afterschool childcare (both paid and free for qualifying families) is available. Learn more: mvwsd.org/childcare
Let’s hear from our families...

We feel very fortunate that our child was eligible for TK. He had gone to preschool for three years prior, and we were excited about a transition to public school before kindergarten. We had an excellent experience in TK: teacher Leslie was phenomenal. It was a great transition to slightly longer school days, attending five days a week, and getting used to the school system. They did a lot of great work with the alphabet, counting, and life skills. It was a nurturing learning environment where our child could thrive.

Now that our son is in kindergarten, I can see the advantage he has with a year of TK behind him. Kindergarten is definitely more challenging, with much more expected of the children. There are book reports, writing assignments and other expectations that were not part of TK. We believe his transitional year was a real gift, and we would do it again in a heartbeat.

- Erica and Dave (Huff Parents)
Let’s hear it from our families...

Transitional Kindergarten was a very positive experience for our daughter. Her older sisters were already attending school, and she was very excited to be going to school with them! She attended preschool the year before TK, going three times a week, and TK was a good step up to five days a week. We were very impressed with the teacher, and how much she introduced during the year - letters, numbers, motor skills and social skills. As a parent volunteer, I spent many hours in the classroom, and saw for myself what a positive, encouraging environment it was for the students. Our daughter was more than ready for kindergarten the following year, and being in TK gave her a solid foundation for the school environment and school work of kindergarten. We are very glad she had the opportunity to be a part of the TK class.

- Sara (Landels Elementary)
I cannot say enough positive things about Transitional Kindergarten. I have boy/girl twins who are now 9 years old and in 3rd grade. I have seen the amazing benefits that this program can give children. You are able to see that they can physically sit down and listen to instructions, help their peers with their work, be good influences to others, and understand the dynamic of the playground and how to handle everyday conflicts. TK has never just been about the academics for us (though that has been a huge added benefit). It has been that extra year of growth. They have a great balance of academic learning, emotional learning and let the kids be kids and get a little messy. They do crafts, paint, go on field trips, dance, sing, and give lots of love. Even if you believe your child is ready academically, that extra year of emotional growth is so important. And the teachers always make sure your child is challenged at their level. I recommend Transitional Kindergarten highly to anyone who is thinking about sending their kids to school.

- **Arianna** (Landels Elementary)
Let’s hear it from our families...

Transitional kindergarten was a fabulous experience for our son. He was comfortable in his play-based preschool, but TK gave him the opportunity to learn new skills in a structured environment. He experienced his first field trip in a yellow school bus, had weekly art and music classes provided by CMSA and learnt to socialize on the playground with many more children. By year end he was beginning to read independently and could count to 100. We are grateful that he had the opportunity to attend TK and thankful that his younger brother will get the same opportunity in the coming year.

- Leona (Mistral parent)
Let’s hear it from our families...

We had such a great experience with our daughter in TK. The program was the perfect bridge for her from a few mornings a week of preschool onto kindergarten the year after. Our daughter in particular had a challenging time adjusting to the longer time away from home, but her teacher and teacher's assistant were so supportive and helped her safe and cared for. The TK program itself is incredibly unique in that it's focused on a specific age group, and students who qualify benefit from instruction that's zeroed in on their age and developmental needs. Our daughter was prepared very well for kindergarten and has really thrived in school. We would highly recommend the TK program to anyone interested.

- Sarah (Bubb parent)

Our daughter has never been to any day care or preschool before she started TK, we were worried and excited about her new world. Her transition to being around other children five days a week couldn't have been any better in TK. The environment that Miss Pham created for the kids was amazing. It was a place where it was a gentle preparation for what is going to be ahead of them by making the learning part very fun and organized. Because of how she was introduced to school the way TK did, our daughter LOVES school.

- Amando (Theuerkauf parent)

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Step 1: Explore Your Options
Explore Your Options

1. Check your home address for your neighborhood school
2. Watch the videos about your school options and attend info meetings
3. Sign up for emails about registration

Prepare to Enroll

2. Gather documentation
2. Work on school readiness

Register January 24 - February 10

3. Watch the how-to video
3. Log in to register
3. Get help with registration

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## What program is right for your learner?

### Elementary School

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Open Enrollment is Jan. 24 - Feb. 10 for Transitional Kinders and older students.
Transitional Kindergarten Program

- No cost, full day!
- Year 1 of a 2-year kindergarten
- Early educational skills, social-emotional and STEAM/hands-on learning
- At Theuerkauf Elementary, typically
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Required documents

• **Proof of Age** - *One of the following:*
  – Birth certificate (cannot be an abstract)
  – Valid passport
  – Baptismal record

• **Immunization Record**

• **Proof of Residency**
Immunization Requirements

Let’s watch together: [Immunizations video](#)

Immunizations required before coming to school

- **4 doses of Polio.** 3 doses OK if one was given on or after the 4\textsuperscript{th} birthday.
- **5 doses of DTP/DTaP.** 4 doses OK if one was given on or after the 4\textsuperscript{th} birthday.
- **3 Hepatitis B**
- **2 MMR** (measles, mumps, rubella). Both doses given on or after the 1\textsuperscript{st} birthday.
- **2 Varicella** (chickenpox) or doctor verification of having the disease.
  - **Students entering 7th grade** also need a TDAP booster and the second dose of Varicella

Please ensure the child’s name and date of birth appears on each page of the immunization records.

* Covid immunizations should be included for any child that has one.
More documentation

Additionally, you will need:

* Name, address of schools your student has previously attended (not preschool).

* The names and contact information for afterschool providers.

* The names and phone numbers of three people in addition to you who will be authorized to pick up the student from school.

* Student health information including doctors' and dentists' names and contact information.
Step 3: Time to Register!
Jan. 24- Feb. 10
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SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

FOLLOW THESE STEPS
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You are here
Time to Register

Logon to MVWSD.org/Register

• Go to the “Step 3” tab
• Jan 24- Feb 10
• Watch the “How to Register” video
  (English and Spanish videos available)

Click the button and follow the prompts

Learn how to register

Log on during the window (Jan 24 - Feb 10, 2022) and complete your new student registration

This link will be available beginning Jan. 24.

New Student
Next year
2023-2024
How to Get Help With Registration

Wednesday, Jan. 25 - Castro- 2:00- 4:00 pm
Tuesday, Jan. 31- Castro - 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 1 - Vargas - 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 2 - Theuerkauf - 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Sign up here to attend any of the help sessions
http://mvw.sd/help
How to Get Help With Registration

• For enrollment information visit https://www.mvwsd.org/register
• Questions regarding enrollment studentservices@mvwsd.org 650-526-3500 ext. 1044
• To find your assigned neighborhood school, visit https://www.mvwsd.org/register > “Locate Your School/Residency”
After Registration

In the Spring, you and your child will be invited to school to learn more about our school and preparing for a great start to the new year.

Details to come…..
Questions?
Thank you for joining us tonight!

Please reach out if you have any additional questions.

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