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Dear Granby Community,

We are writing to follow up on our letter from October informing you of a recent legislative change from the State of Connecticut that impacts the age at which children are eligible to start Kindergarten.

Kindergarten registration for the 2024-2025 school year will begin in February. The process involves completing an online registration that will be posted on the Kelly Lane webpage, followed by an in-person event in early May 2024 in which both prospective kindergarteners and their parent(s)/guardian(s) will be invited to participate in Kindergarten Activity Day. During this day families will learn about the transition to Kindergarten and children will work in small groups with current Kindergarten teachers to listen to a story and complete an activity.

As a reminder, beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, children need to turn 5 years old on or before September 1 in order to be automatically eligible for kindergarten. This is a change from the current kindergarten cutoff date of January 1. This means that children born on or before September 1, 2019 will continue to be eligible to begin Kindergarten in the 2024-2025 school year. Children born between September 2, 2019 and December 31, 2019 will not be eligible to begin Kindergarten until the 2025-2026 school year. Additional information can be found [here](#).

Please know that the legislation does include a provision that children affected by this date change “may still be admitted into kindergarten upon (1) a written request from the parent or guardian, and (2) an assessment completed by the school that determines admitting the child to kindergarten would be developmentally appropriate.”

For the 2024-2025 school year, Granby Public Schools will allow families to complete [this Google Form](#) to indicate their written request for their student born between September 2, 2019 and December 31, 2019 to be considered for Kindergarten entry. Upon receipt of the Google Form the parent(s)/guardian(s) will receive an Ages and Stages Questionnaire about their child’s development to complete in advance of the Kindergarten Activity Day. Following orientation, Kelly Lane will have individual meetings with families to review the results of the questionnaire in relation to the child’s participation at Activity Day and make a decision with the parent(s)/guardian(s) about the child’s enrollment. Please note that any student approved for early Kindergarten entry will become a member of the graduating class of 2037 and all intentions will be that this student move onto the first grade in the 2025-2026 school year.

Do you have a child born in 2018 or 2019 that has not yet started Kindergarten?	
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Yes He/she is born on or before September 1, 2019.	Yes He/she is born between September 2 and December 31, 2019.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete pre-registration online after February 1, 2024.• Attend Kindergarten Activity Day in May 2024.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete Google Form.• Receive and complete Ages and Stages Questionnaire.• Attend Kindergarten Activity Day in May 2024.• Attend individual family meeting with Kelly Lane Staff.• If it is decided your child will begin Kindergarten in 2024-2025 complete the registration online.• If it decided your child will wait to begin Kindergarten please await additional information on 2025-2026 registration

We welcomed our community preschools to Kelly Lane for an Early Childhood Collaborative meeting this month and will continue to work with them in the future to support our youngest learners. Please feel free to share this information with any families in town with children under the age of five.

Sincerely,
Colleen, Jenn, Cheri