

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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Belmont-Redwood Shores School District  
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **BELMONT-REDWOOD SHORES SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNOUNCES KINDERGARTEN VISITATION DAYS**

The Belmont-Redwood Shores School District will host Kindergarten Visitation Days at all six elementary campuses on January 12 and January 24 from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. The Visitation Day will provide parents of incoming Kindergarten students with an opportunity to observe typical classrooms as well as get information on the new Enrollment and School Assignment process.

Children turning five years old by November 1, 2012 will be eligible for Kindergarten enrollment. A Transitional Kindergarten class for children who turn five between November 2 and December 2, 2012 will be held at an elementary school to be determined. The newly created Transitional Kindergarten, the first year of a two-year kindergarten program, will have a modified kindergarten curriculum that is age and developmentally appropriate. Additional information on the Transitional Kindergarten will be available before enrollment begins in February.

The six elementary schools include:

Central, 525 Middle Road, Belmont, 637-4820

Cipriani, 2525 Buena Vista Avenue, Belmont, 637-4840

Fox, 3100 St. James Road, Belmont, 637-4850

Nesbit, 500 Biddulph, Belmont, 637-4860

Redwood Shores, 225 Shearwater Parkway, Redwood City, 802-8060

Sandpiper, 801 Redwood Shores Parkway, Redwood City, 631-5510

The new enrollment process is a result of the recent adoption of a new Board Policy that eliminates specific school attendance boundaries. The District will have three enrollment periods: the first spanning the month of February 2012, the second from March 1, 2012 to June 8, 2012 (the last day of the school year), and third from June 9, 2012 to August 17, 2012 (shortly before the start of the new school year).

Under the new process, a new Kindergarten enrollee with an older sibling currently enrolled in Kindergarten through fifth grade in a Belmont-Redwood Shores elementary school will be enrolled at their older siblings' school (*i.e.*, "grandfathered"). These students must enroll at that school during the month of February to receive "Sibling Priority."

New Kindergarten enrollees without older siblings currently enrolled in a Belmont-Redwood Shores elementary school will be centrally enrolled as follows:

**February 15**

Ralston Middle School (2675 Ralston Avenue, Belmont) Multi-Use Room from 1 p.m. – 8 p.m.

**February 16 & 17**

District Office (2960 Hallmark Drive, Belmont) Board Room from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**February 27**

Nesbit Elementary Office (500 Biddulph, Belmont) from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Spanish Translator Available)

**February 28**

District Office (2960 Hallmark Drive, Belmont) Board Room from 3:00 p.m. – 6 p.m.

**February 29**

By appointment at the District Office (2960 Hallmark Drive, Belmont).

Because new students will no longer be enrolled on a first-come, first-served basis, waiting in line will not be necessary.

Students who enroll during each period will be assigned to one of the six elementary schools. Students will be assigned to schools using an unbiased well-studied algorithm that minimizes total walking distance and optimizes school capacities. For the upcoming 2012-13 school year, students who enroll in the first period will be notified of their school assignment by April 1, 2012; students in the second period will be notified by July 1, 2012; and students in the third period will be notified by the opening of school in August 2012.

Because students will be assigned to schools in each enrollment period, families are encouraged to enroll their children during the earliest period. Remember, however, that there is no advantage to enrolling earlier within the period. The first student to enroll in the February period has no priority in assignment over the last student to enroll in the February period; all students who enroll in the February period will be assigned to schools before students who enroll in the second enrollment period.

Information about the enrollment and school assignment process, along with instructions and the necessary paperwork, are posted on the District's Web site, <http://brssd.org/> under "NEW POSTING: Student Enrollment 2012-2013." Questions should be directed to the Educational Services Department at 650-637-4800, extension 1013.

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