

WALLINGFORD  SWARTHMORE
SCHOOL DISTRICT
Family and Consumer Sciences Department

LITTLE PANTHERS PRESCHOOL

(AT STRATH HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL)

LABORATORY ENROLLMENT APPLICATION

2025 – 2026

Please return this form along with a \$20 processing fee to secure a spot for your child on the Little Panthers waiting list. All applications are due by **February 16, 2024**.

Applications can be submitted to the **Strath Haven High School Front Office** or mailed to:

Attention: Jennifer Zaroni, Program Director

205 South Providence Road

Wallingford, PA 19086

The program operates on a lottery-based system. You will be notified of the results by the end of February.

\$20.00 Application Fee Enclosed _____

(Make the check payable to WSSD. This application fee will be returned if your child does not get into the program)

Name of Child: _____

Gender: Male Female

Date of Birth: _____

Nickname: _____

Child lives with: _____ both parents _____ one parent _____ other (specify): _____

Parent #1: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Occupation: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Yes, I am willing to share my mailing and email address with the other preschool parents.

Parent #2: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Occupation: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Yes, I am willing to share my mailing and email address with the other preschool parents.

1. Has your child had previous school experience? _____ yes _____ no

If yes, where? _____

2. Does your child have any ongoing medical or other concerns we should know about?

_____ yes _____ no

If yes, please explain: _____

3. Does your child have any ongoing behavioral or other concerns we should know about?

_____ yes _____ no

If yes, please explain: _____

4. Please state briefly your reasons for choosing the Strath Haven Preschool Laboratory for your child:

5. Do you have any special interests, talents, training, or skills that you would be interested in sharing with our high school *Childhood* students on a Friday that could help them understand more about the world of education or working with young children? If yes, please explain:

Statement of Purpose:

The Strath Haven Preschool Laboratory provides a setting for Strath Haven High School students who are enrolled in the Childhood Program to further their understanding of the growth and development of young children. In this preschool laboratory, the students provide a happy learning environment for the 3-5-year-olds while developing skills working with children.

Our preschool laboratory is run by a classroom instructor with the assistance of teacher aides. Under the supervision of these adults, students in the Childhood classes study, design, and implement developmentally appropriate learning activities. In addition, the high school students observe the children to understand child development. These experiences offer learning opportunities for managing behavior, identifying developmental milestones, practicing cooperation, and leadership through teamwork.

LABORATORY FEE - \$475.00 - Annually

- Each calendar year is subject to change based on Strath Haven High School's calendar.
 - You will be sent the Fall Semester calendar for the 2025 school year in the first week of August. You will be sent the Spring Semester calendar for the 2026 school year by the end of January.
- There are between 12-14 weeks in both the Fall and Spring Semester with a 4 - 6 week break between semesters.
- Most days the preschool children report Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. This is subject to change based on the Wallingford Swarthmore School District's calendar.

The \$475 fee defrays the cost of materials, supplies, snacks, and equipment. This fee qualifies as a childcare tax credit. For those wishing to use this credit, a receipt, including the school district's tax identification number, will be provided. The tuition can be paid in one or multiple payments during the first semester.

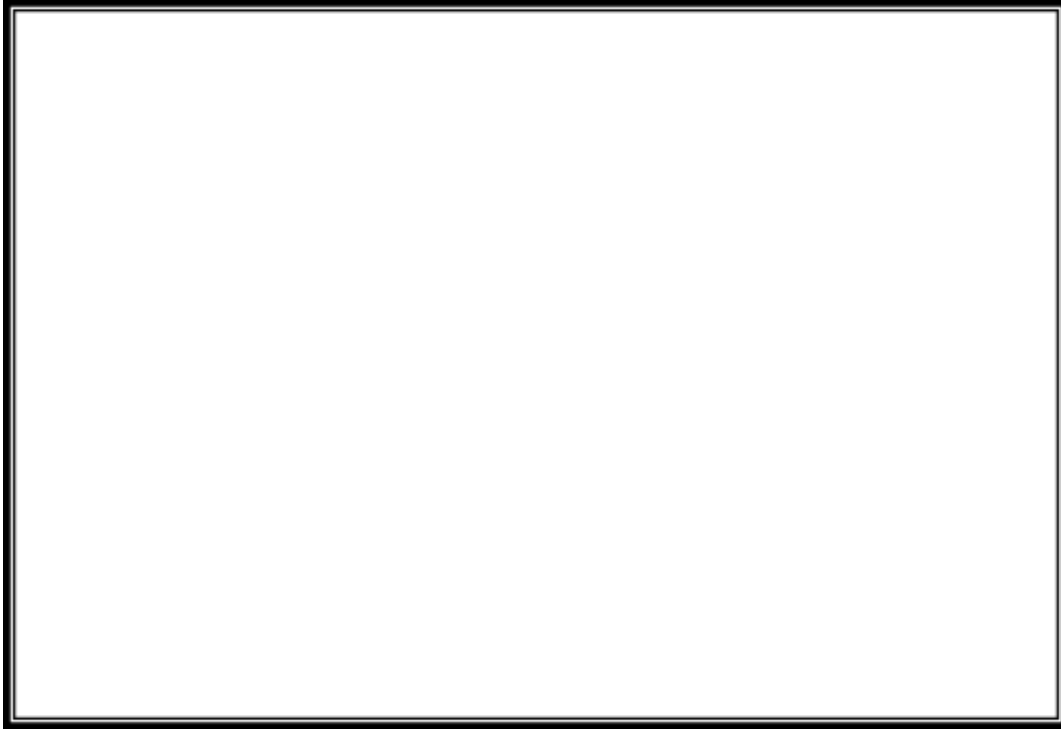
More about how our calendar/schedule works at Little Panthers:

The program is run by an Introduction to Childhood class as well as an Advanced Childhood class, therefore each child is assigned two or more high school students as their buddies that will help with pick-up and drop-off each day.

Before the preschool begins, at the end of September, the high school students are preparing and planning lessons for the Preschoolers. The children will be off for four to six weeks in January and early February. The long winter break is because our high school students are on a semester schedule and we will need to wrap up the Fall semester students and train the Spring semester students. Similarly, we end in May due to state testing at the High School and need to wrap up with the Spring high school students.

On Mondays and Fridays, the high school students learn about education philosophies, best practices, and how to create developmentally appropriate lessons.

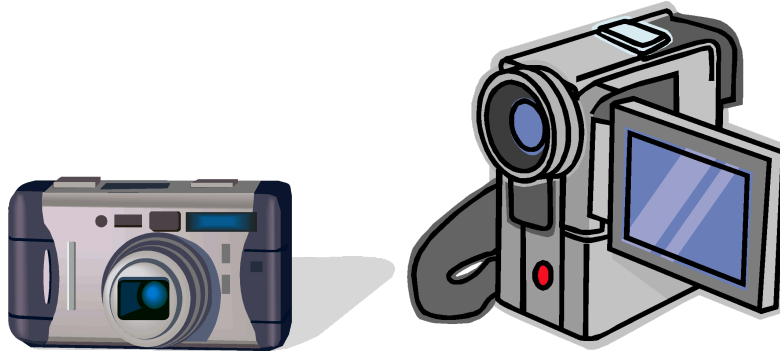
Photo of Your Child:



Please place a photo of your child in the above box.

The photo is used to help our high school students identify the children before they arrive for our first day of school. This helps for a positive transition into our Preschool. If you wish you can also email the photo to me at jzanoni@wssd.org

PHOTOGRAPH/VIDEO CONSENT FORM



We make an ongoing effort to photograph the activities and events of our preschool in order to give each child a memory book at the end of the program. We also post daily photos of the preschool that may appear on the internet through an application called SeeSaw or the Wallingford-Swarthmore School District's social media. High school students also photograph or videotape the children for photography class under the supervision of the teacher. Our Yearbook editors may also take pictures for possible inclusion in the high school yearbook.



Check one and return it with the application

_____ My child has my permission to be photographed.

_____ My child does not have my permission to be photographed.

Parent/Guardian signature

Date



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Preschool Enrollment Requirements

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| Proof of residency: | Child must have one parent/guardian within the school district. |
| Siblings: | <p>If a child's name is chosen and they have a sibling who also applied, the siblings are guaranteed spots in the Preschool.</p> <p>If a child who applies has a sibling currently in the Preschool and plans to return next year, they are guaranteed a spot.</p> |
| Employee's children | <p>A child of a district employee is allowed to attend the Preschool as long as they meet all criteria with the exception of living within the district.</p> <p>Maximum of three teachers' children in the Preschool to provide ample opportunity for the community.</p> |
| Transportation | <p>Under Pennsylvania's primary child passenger safety law, children under the age of 4 must be properly restrained in an approved child safety seat anywhere in the vehicle.</p> <p>Children from age 4 and up, must be restrained in an appropriate booster seat.</p> <p>We ask that all car seats are placed on the driver's side, which aligns with the curb for pick-up and drop-off. This is to ensure safety.</p> |
| Other | <p>Child must be potty trained.</p> <p>Children must be able to attend all 3 days of the Preschool each week in full.</p> <p>Children, who are already a part of the Preschool and would like to continue the following year, have a guaranteed spot in the Preschool.</p> <p>Children can be a part of the Preschool for a maximum of two years.</p> |

