

KILLINGLY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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2009-2010 EARLY RELEASE FRIDAYS

Dear Parent/Guardians,

The Killingly Public Schools have included 14 early release Fridays in the 2009-2010 school calendar. This memo provides useful information to you as you plan supervision for your youngster(s) on these days.

Kindergarten:

In an effort to provide more focused learning time for our kindergarten students on early release days, the decision has been made to hold **only** A.M. sessions on early release days during September through January (first 7 days) and **only** the P.M. sessions on early release days that fall during the months of February through June (remaining 7 days). This means that:

- a) During the first half of the year, A.M. Kindergarten students will attend between the hours of 8:20 a.m. and 1:10 p.m., thus providing longer hours on early release days.
- b) During the months of September through January, **P.M. students would NOT attend school on early release Fridays.**
- c) During the second half of the year on early release Fridays, P.M. Kindergarten students would attend between the hours of 8:20 and 1:10.
- d) During the months of February through June, **A.M. students would NOT attend school on early release Fridays.**
- e) **Both sessions will be held** on the following half days:
 - November 10th Tuesday for Parent Conferences
 - November 25th Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving
 - February 23rd Tuesday for Parent Conferences

Note: The Full-Day Kindergarten program will follow the regular half-day schedule on early release days and be dismissed at 1:10 p.m.

Supervision: To help parents who are working during early release Fridays, each elementary school will offer an adult-supervised program until 3:15 p.m. (a separate plan will be offered to parents of middle school children). All elementary students not enrolled in this program will be bussed home at 1:10 p.m. on early release days.

Fees: Due to budgetary limitations, the school will charge a small fee of \$6.00 per day for each child who stays at school until 3:15 p.m. on early release Fridays. For the fourteen early release days, this would result in a one time, non-refundable fee of \$84.00 for the year (\$42.00 for kindergarten students). This fee will be used to off-set the cost of supervision and bussing.

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Capacity: Based on limited space and staff, it is anticipated that students will be enrolled on a first-come first-served basis.

Activities: Age-appropriate activities will be provided by adult supervisors.

Program Sign-up: Parents who wish to take advantage of this supervised Early Release Program (ERP) are asked to contact the elementary offices (KMS @ 779-6680) or (KSC @ 779-6750) or stop in between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Once payment has been made (checks payable to Killingly Public Schools), parents will be notified that a spot has been saved for the year.

Schedule: The schedule for students enrolled in the ERP will be 1:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Transportation: Students enrolled in the ERP will be bussed home at 3:15 p.m. Parent pick-up is optional.

Before and After School Program (BASP) on Early Release Fridays:

- Kindergarten students already enrolled in the extended day program at the Goodyear Family Resource Center (FRC) will be bussed from the elementary school to Goodyear at 1:00 p.m. Parent pick-up will be at Goodyear according to the agreed-upon schedule.
- P.M. Kindergarten students enrolled at the FRC BASPs at KCS or KMS will be released to the BASP staff at 1:10 p.m. during the 2nd semester (February through June).
Note: For the 1st semester, when P.M. Kindergarten is **not** in session, unless children are enrolled for extended day at Goodyear, parents will need to find other arrangements since the BASP program will not open until 1:10 P.M.
- All grade 1-4 students already enrolled in the FRC BASPs at KCS and KMS will be released to the BASP staff at 1:10. Parent pick-up will be according to the agreed-upon schedule.
- Fees for Friday early release supervision are included in the current BASP agreement.

Delayed Openings: When there is a 90-minute delayed opening on an early release day, the scheduled kindergarten session will begin at 10:10 a.m. and be dismissed at 1:10 p.m.

Early Release Day Calendar:

	1 st Semester (A.M. Students)	2 nd Semester (P.M. Students)	
Early Release Day Schedule	September 11, 2009	February 12, 2010	All days are Fridays
	September 25, 2009	March 5, 2010	
	October 9, 2009	March 26, 2010	
	October 30, 2009	April 23, 2010	
	December 4, 2009	May 7, 2010	
	January 8, 2010	May 21, 2010	
	January 22, 2010	June 4, 2010	

Sincerely,

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