

Ready for kindergarten

KINGSTON — If your child will be 5 years old by Sept. 30, and you are a resident of Newton or Kingston, he or she is eligible for kindergarten in September of 2008. Registration materials will be available after March 1 at the Memorial School office for Newton residents and at the Bakie School office for Kingston residents and can be picked up any school day between 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Please bring your child's original birth certificate when registering your child.

New Hampshire law requires all children to have had immunizations for DPT, polio, mumps, measles, German measles, chicken pox and hepatitis B prior to entry to school. They also require each child to have a complete medical examination within one year prior to entry into kindergarten. A form to be completed by your physician will be with the registration materials. We recommend scheduling your child's physical exam as soon as possible. Students may not enter kindergarten without these completed forms. Please plan to complete the registration process by June 30, so that your child may be assigned to a classroom.

An orientation and information night for parents of incoming kindergarten students will take place on Monday, April 7 at 6:30 p.m. at both the Memorial and Bakie schools. School personnel, the principal, assistant principal, school nurse, guidance counselor and kindergarten teachers will be available at the orientation to answer any questions.

All incoming kindergarten students will participate in a screening process. Student screenings will take place at Memorial School, for those who reside in Newton, on Thursday, April 17 and Friday, April 18. Screenings for those who reside in Kingston will be held at Bakie School, Kingston on Monday, April 21 and Tuesday, April 22. Newton residents should call Memorial School at 382-5251 and Kingston residents should call Bakie School at 642-5272 to schedule a screening appointment.