

## **SILVER LAKE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL PRESCHOOL PROGRAM**

The Silver Lake preschool is located at Silver Lake Regional High School in the Career and Technical Education wing. The Preschool is committed to promoting the growth and development of children in a safe, predictable and stimulating environment. The preschool accepts students from the towns of Halifax, Kingston and Plympton. The preschool accepts 32 children between the ages of 3.3 and 5 years old. All children must be toilet trained by their enrollment date. The preschool provides an educational program for high school students to gain knowledge and hands-on experience working with children. This is culminating the years of prerequisite classroom work.

**Eligibility:** Children whose parents live in the towns of Halifax, Kingston and Plympton are eligible to apply. Children must have been born between September 1, 2005 and June 30, 2007.

**Fees:** The T/TH session fee will be \$660.00 and the M/W/F session price will be \$760.00 for the 2010/2011 school year.

**Application/Selection:** Applications will be available at the main entrance door of the high school beginning on February 5, 2010 between 8:30 A.M. and 1:30 P.M. Completed applications must be returned by 12 noon on March 5, 2010. The Preschool children, along with eligible alternates will be chosen by lottery on March 8, 2010. Two (2) lotteries will be held for selection into the program: one for girls and one for boys, choosing enough names to fill available spaces, with the remaining applicants placed on a prioritized wait list. Parents will be notified by mail of their selection or placement on the wait list and are requested ***not*** to call the school for that information.

Repeaters who are interested in being enrolled in the program for a second year, and are still eligible, will be chosen first and the remaining openings will be filled from the lottery of eligible children.

Silver Lake Preschool retains the right to assign children to any of the sessions, with assignments based on boy/girl balance and younger/older aged groups of children.

The Silver Lake Preschool mission is to:

1. Provide area children with a safe, quality, affordable preschool.
2. Serve as a model preschool program which is available for academic, curricular, and research purposes, including student training, field work observation and data collection.

### **Goals and Objectives**

- Silver Lake Preschool is dedicated to high standards of child care and to maintaining a quality educational program.
- The program reflects a developmental preschool: we believe that all children go through certain patterns or stages in their cognitive, physical, emotional and social growth.
- The preschool encourages the optimal growth of each child.
- The curriculum encourages a child's natural curiosity and challenges his/her own level of interest and knowledge.
- The adults and students are genuinely concerned about the well-being and development of young children and share the philosophy, values and goals of the preschool.
- The adults work with students to enhance skills and abilities and to set goals for professional growth and development.
- The working relationship between parents and staff is of prime importance.
- Parents are encouraged to become directly involved with the preschool.