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Alice I. Ferguson Early Childhood Center

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In May of 2019 Huron Township voters approved a millage that included the construction of the New Early Childhood Center. The building is named after Alice I. Ferguson, one of our most dedicated and passionate community members.

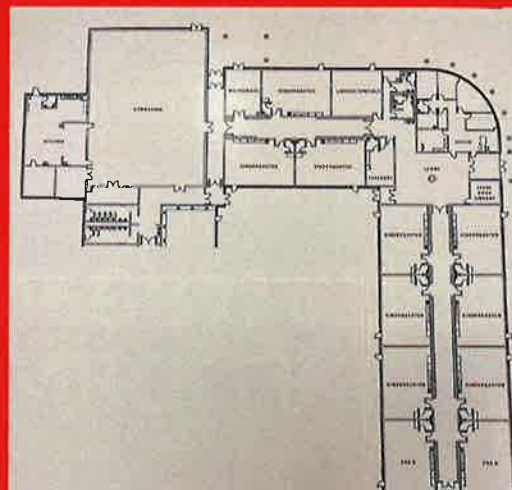
Alice began working in the district as a bus driver in 1965 and retired in 1995 providing 30 years of service to the district. The very next year, Alice was elected to the school board where she served an additional 21 years.

The Alice I. Ferguson Center opens the start of the 2021-22 school year welcoming in the school's first kindergarten and young fives students.



ALICE I. FERGUSON EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

YOUNG FIVES &
KINDERGARTEN



**VIRTUAL
YOUNG FIVES &
KINDERGARTEN
ROUNDUP
APRIL 14 & 15,
2021**

**ENROLLMENT
INFORMATION**

The QR Code below will
take you to the Huron
School District
Enrollment Page



Pre-Enrollment

Complete the online pre-enrollment forms including uploading the required residency documents.
www.huronschools.org
or use the QR Code.

Screenings

The building administrative assistants will be contacting all future kindergarten and young five students for a screening appointment. At this appointment, please bring copies of your residency documentation for authentication.

School Of Choice

For consideration for SOC openings, applications can be submitted between May 1 through May 16, 2021 by 4p.m.

Please look for the School Of Choice application on the district website @www.huronschools.org.



Supporting School Readiness and Success

Parent support and involvement are critical for student success. There are a number of simple ways to impact your child's preparedness for and success in school.

- Read to your child every day
- Encourage play, discovery, and movement
- Give your child responsibilities at home
- Set firm and consistent guidelines
- Support daily school attendance
- Check your child's backpack daily and review teacher informational notes
- Talk with your child about what he/she is learning

What Will My Child Learn in Kindergarten?

Huron's kindergarten program is focused on literacy and math instruction as well as the development of social and motor skills based on the guidelines for kindergarten curriculum from the State of Michigan. Classroom instruction is designed to provide children an opportunity to learn in a hands-on, interactive environment that supports the whole child's development with rigor and high standards.

A sample of key areas we focus on:

Math

- Count aloud to 100.
- Recognize the number of items in sets of 5 or 6
- Identify numbers 0-20
- Write some numbers between 0-20
- Compare sets of objects using the terms more, less, and equal.
- Add and subtract small quantities using concrete objects
- Copy and create simple repeating patterns
- Compare and sort objects by color, shape, size, and other attributes
- Recognize and name shapes
- Put shapes together to make designs, pictures, and larger shapes

Social Skills

- Work and play cooperatively with others
- Participate in individual, small-group, and large group classroom activities
- Ask for help when needed
- Follow classroom rules and directions
- Take responsibility for personal belongings
- Attend to self-care (bathroom, hand-washing, and dressing)

Literacy

- Share and listen for information
- Answer questions about stories
- Hear and produce rhymes
- Identify all uppercase and lowercase letters
- Identify all letter sounds
- Express all letter sounds
- Express self in dramatic play
- Write using pictures and symbols
- Write 2-3 sentences on own
- Identify 30 Given sight words
- Increase Vocabulary
- Print first name with a capital letter at the beginning, followed by lowercase letter(s)
- Understand concepts of print (front of book, back of book, read left to right)
- Read up to Level D in Fountas and Pinnell

Motor Skills

- Strengthen hand muscles through cutting, coloring, drawing, and painting
- Develop hand-eye coordination
- Show control in jumping, hopping, catching, running, and balancing
- Grip writing utensils correctly

Young Fives

Young Fives provides students with a strong foundation for school success offering:

- Guided growth provided by professional educators experiences in early childhood development
- Early exposure to kindergarten curriculum
- Full day programing
- Familiarity with school routine to help build confidence
- A learning environment tailored to meet developing academic and/or social needs
- An opportunity to start school with same age children

The Young Fives program serves as a bridge to kindergarten by providing students time to develop core academic and social skills under the care and guidance of professional educators. Young Fives is the first of a two-year kindergarten program.

Parents can be assured that Huron's highly qualified kindergarten staff recognize each student as an individual with unique academic and social strengths.

Students thrive in a nurturing environment that prepares them for school success in kindergarten and beyond.

Young Fives Placement

Students are scheduled for screenings in the spring after enrollment has been completed. Recommendations from the building's staff for placement in Young Fives will be made after screenings.

Frequently Asked Questions - Young Fives

At what age do children attend kindergarten or young 5s? In the state of Michigan, children who turn five by September 1 are eligible for kindergarten. Children who turn five by December 1 may attend kindergarten with a waiver. Typically children who turn 5 between September 1 and December 1 are eligible for Young Fives.

How is Young Fives different from preschool? The standards, curriculum and teaching requirements in Young Fives is different from preschool. Young Fives is based on the Michigan Department of Education Kindergarten Standards. The program builds on the skills children may have learned in preschool to ensure they will be able to begin kindergarten with confidence.

How is Young Fives different from traditional kindergarten? The Young Fives curriculum is based on kindergarten standards modified to meet the academic, social and emotional needs of younger children. The Young Fives environment includes more opportunities for social, emotional, language development, and communication through academic play, small group instruction, and intentional teaching through hands-on activities.

What is the length of the Young Fives school day? Young Fives is a full-day program that follows the regular school calendar.

Where is Young Fives located? Young Fives will be located in the Ferguson Early Childhood Center.

Does Young Fives support children who do not speak English? English learners in Young Fives have the same level of services as those in kindergarten.

Is there a charge to attend Young Fives? Young Fives is free and open to all age-eligible children residing in Huron School District or entering through School of Choice.

What kinds of qualifications do Young Fives teachers have? Young Fives teachers are required to have a professional teaching certificate, just like kindergarten teachers.

What grade will children go into after Young Fives? Young Fives is the first year of a two-year kindergarten experience. Children will go to kindergarten after completing Young Fives.