

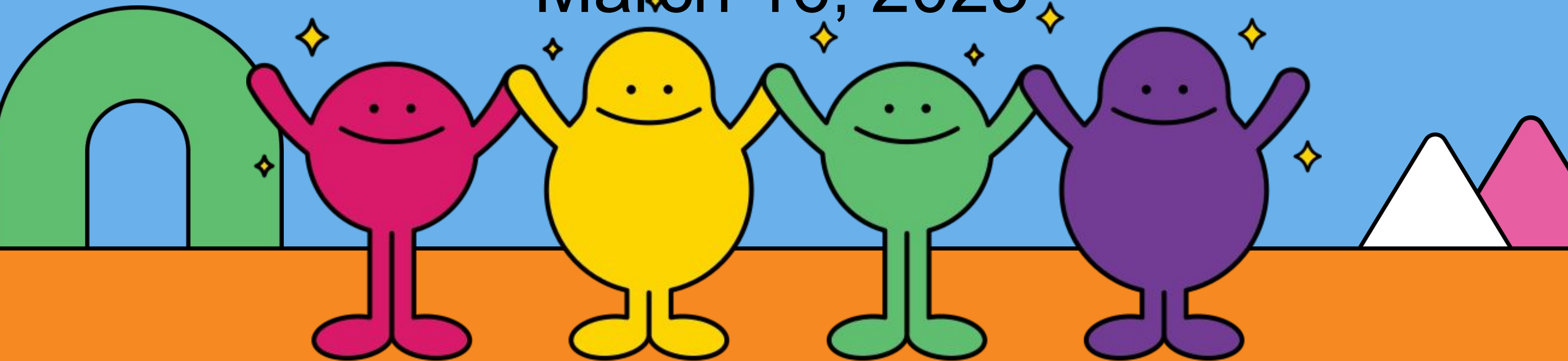
# LACEY TOWNSHIP

## PRESCHOOL EXPANSION

Information Session



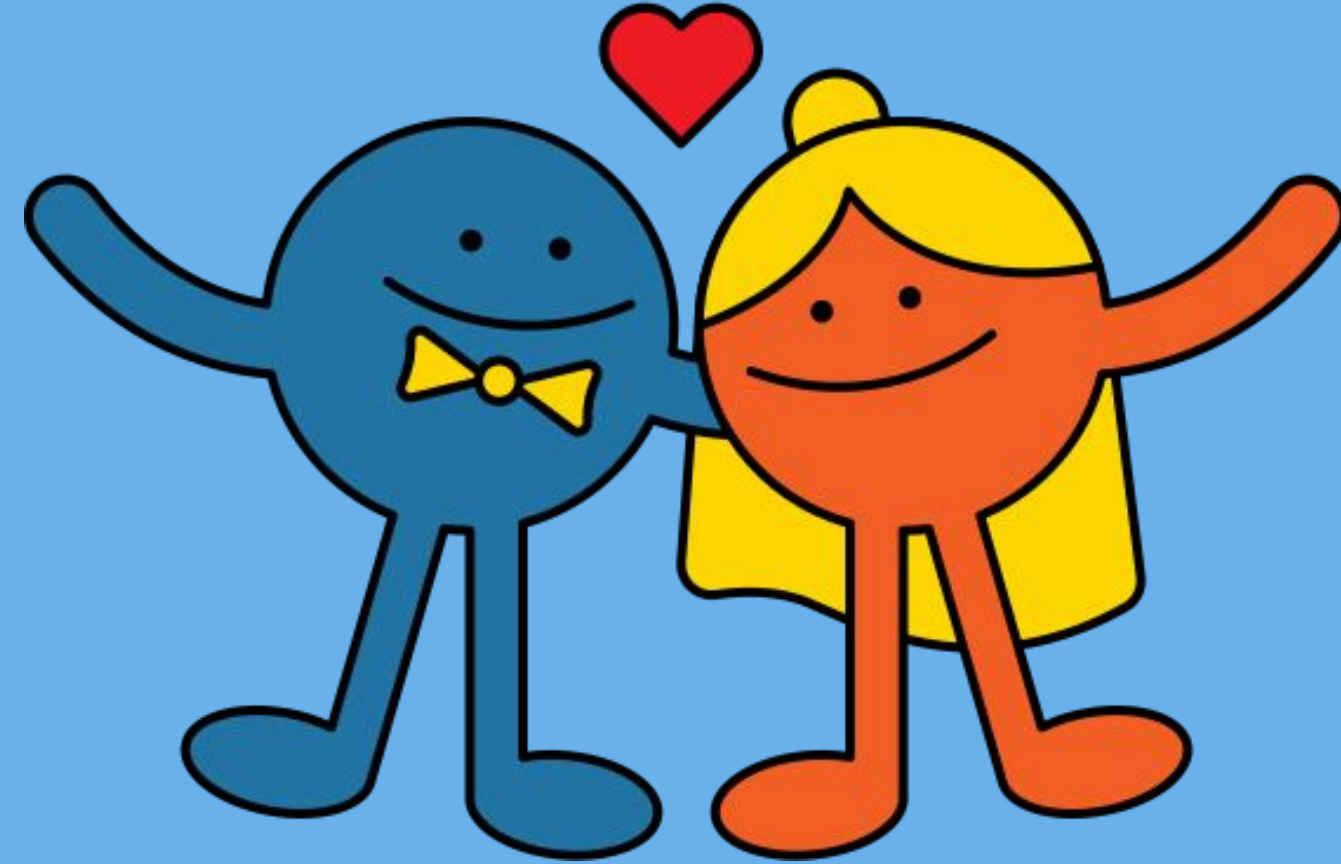
March 16, 2023



# History of Preschool

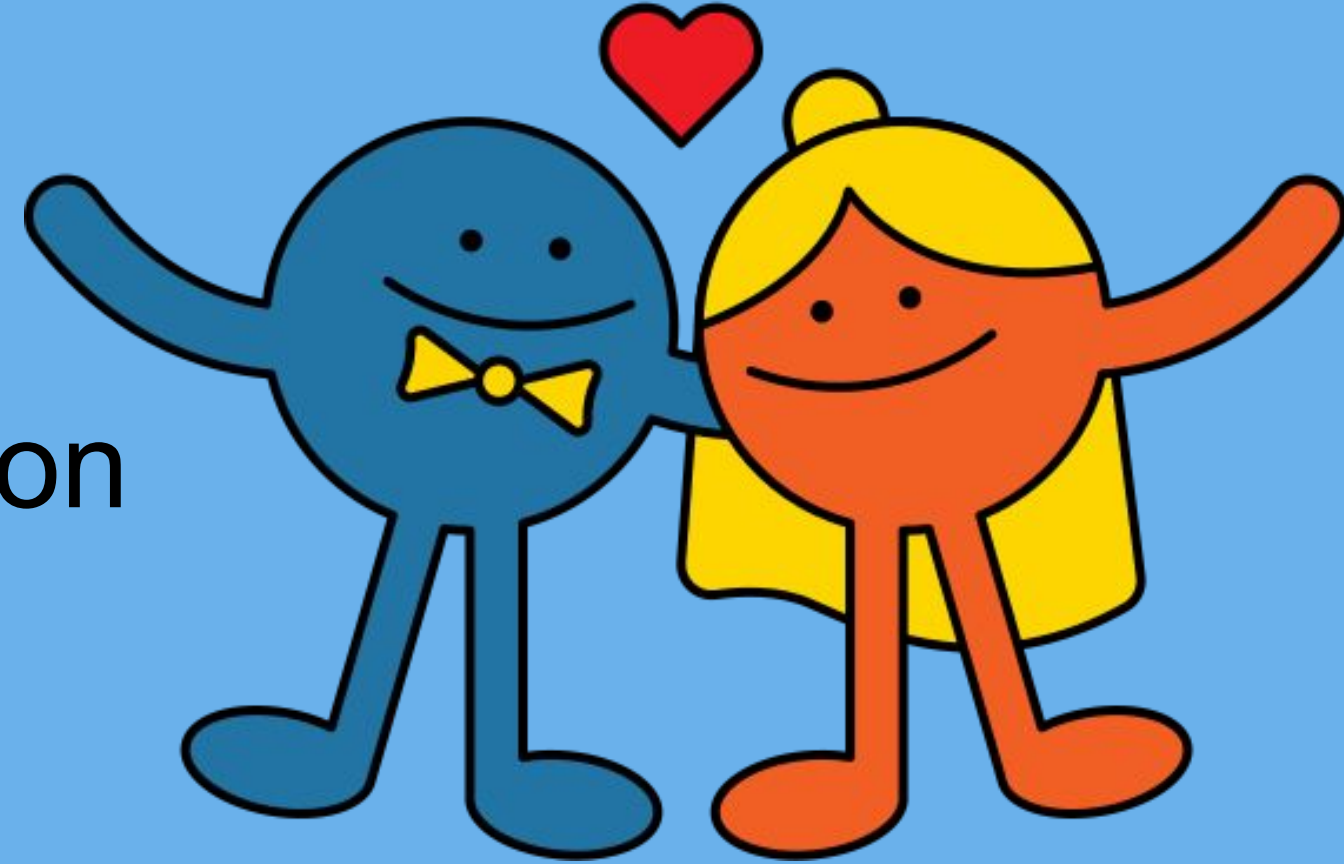
- Lacey has previously explored the PEA application
  - Square footage restrictions prevented the application.
- Currently Lacey maintains 9 preschool classrooms at MPS
  - 4 Communication & Learning Support- 5 hour program
  - 7 Preschool Disabled Classes (Half day sessions)
  - 3 Inclusion Classes- tuition based (Half day sessions)

Total current enrollment: 130 students



# Preschool Expansion Process

- July: 2023 NJDOE releases aid application
- August: 2023 Application is submitted
- September 2023: Aid acceptances are announced
- October - November 2023: Program rollout



# Current Status:

- Appropriate classroom space has been identified
- Formation of an Early Childhood Advisory Committee
- Currently drafting aid application based on previous application
- Visited with Local Daycare/Preschools
- Toured established PEA Programs\*:
  - Brick
  - Barnegat
  - Manchester
  - Berkeley



\*note: only Lacey and Toms River do not take advantage of preschool aid



# Early Childhood Advisory Committee

- Advisory group of community stakeholders interested in the education and welfare of children in preschool
- Review preschool program implementation of high-quality programs
- Serve as advisory support for the local school district preschool program and supports the transition as children move from preschool

**William Zylinski**  
Assistant  
Superintendent

**Michelle Amos**  
District Supervisor  
Elementary

**Mallory Krakovsky**  
Supervisor of Special Ed  
Pre-K-6

**Linda Downing**  
Board of Education  
President

**Emily Leary**  
School Psychologist

**Maria Valiante**  
Transportation Coordinator

**Joseph Raimo**  
Food Service Director

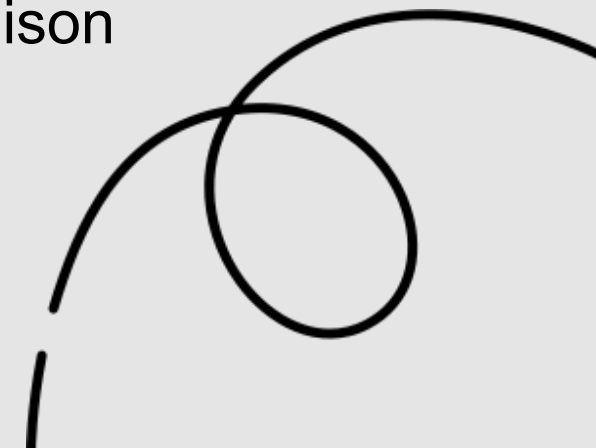
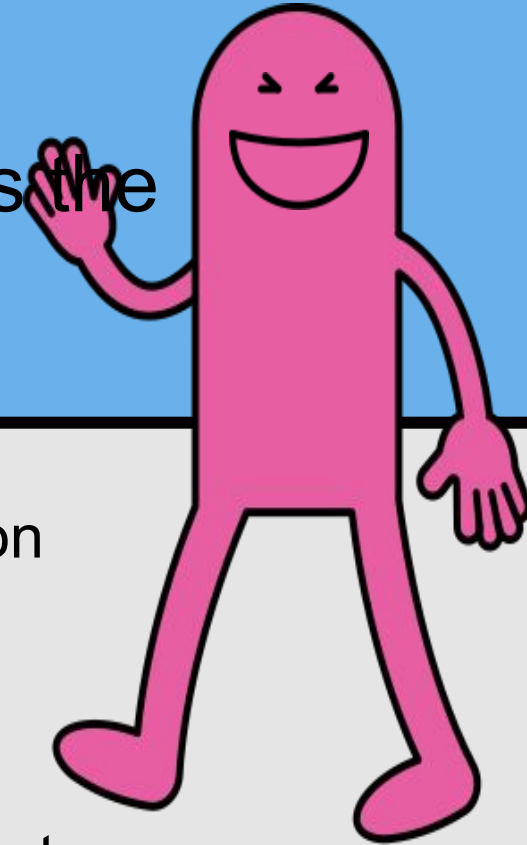
**Sharon Silva**  
Business Administrator

**John Smith**  
Facilities Manager

**Joanie Donohue**  
Mill Pond Principal

**Stephanie Danziger**  
Preschool Teacher

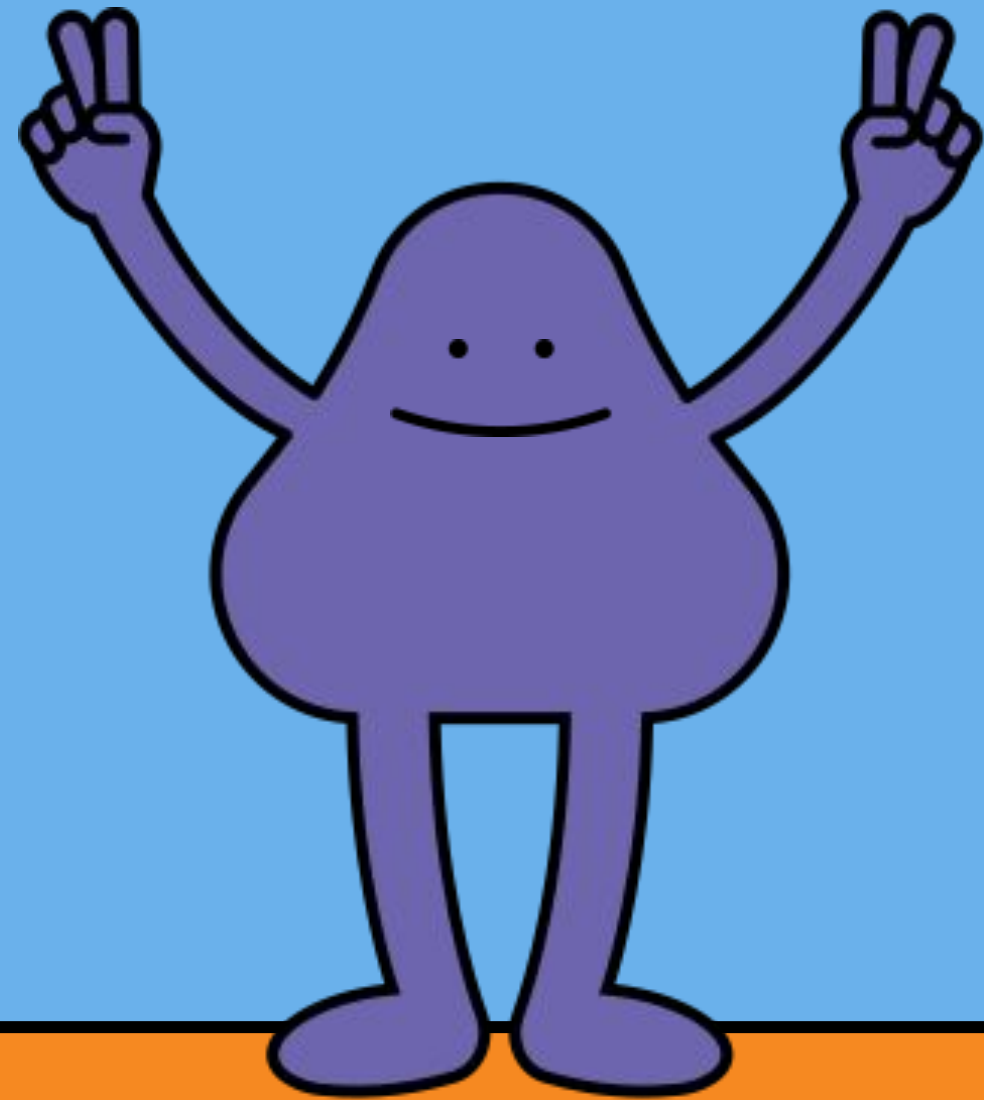
**Michelle Feeney**  
Parent Liaison



# Goals of PK Expansion

- All district 3 and 4 year-olds will have the opportunity to attend preschool
  - 385 is considered our full universe
  - 5 year required implementation timeline
- Curriculum is based in purposeful play and fostering self-regulation
- Provide district wide vertical articulation from preschool to kindergarten
- Allows for early identification of students with developmental delays
- All students will benefit from integrated programs
- Research shows students who attend preschool have improved outcomes in academic, behavioral, and social emotional growth



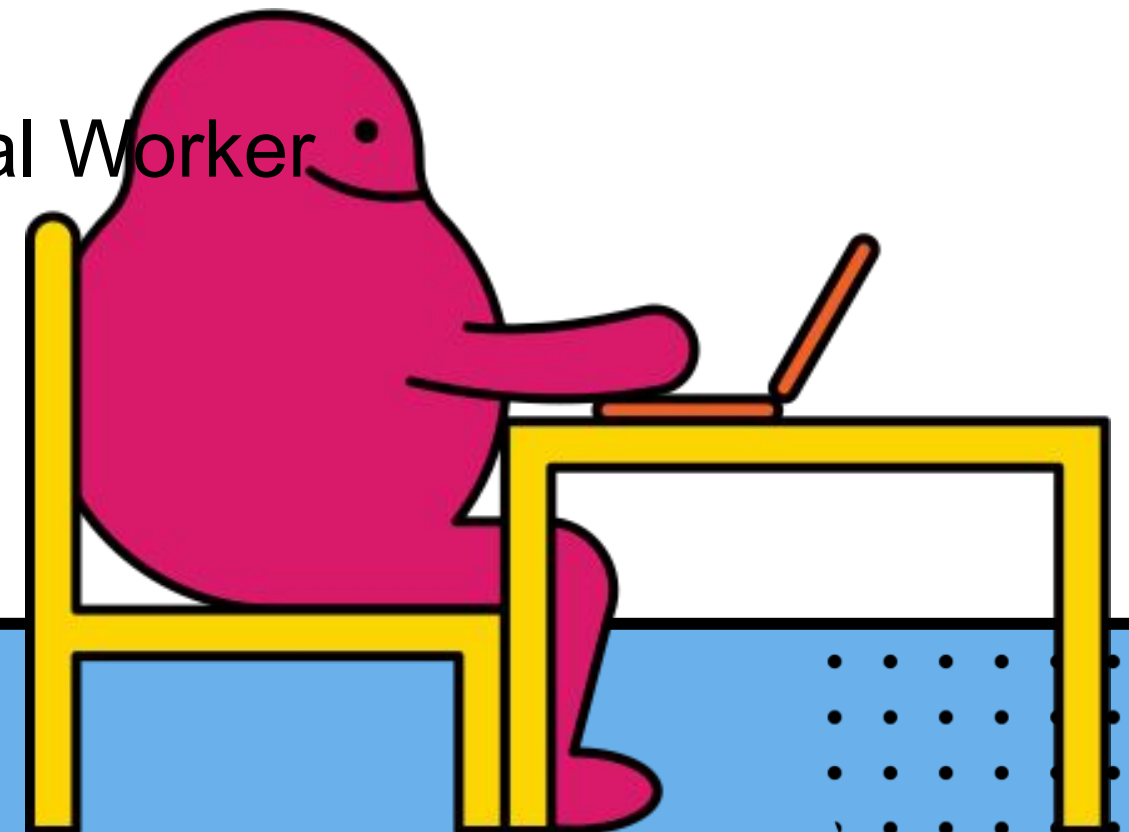


# Preschool Program

- ★ Five Days a Week
- ★ 6 Hours Per Day
- ★ No Cost
- ★ Transportation Offered
- ★ Before/After School Program-TBD
- ★ Breakfast and Lunch Offered
- ★ Gross Motor/Playground Time
- ★ Rest Time
- ★ Potty-Trained Not Required but Recommended

# Supports

- Preschool Director / Supervisor
- PIC- Preschool Instructional Coach
- PIRT - Preschool Intervention and Referral Team
  - Identify student's areas of struggle or weakness
  - Team will including parent that creates action plan with targeted interventions to assist teacher and student in identified area
- CPIS - Community Parent Involvement Specialist/Social Worker
  - Provide supports to student and families
  - Home to School Liaison
  - Early Childhood Advisory Council Chairperson





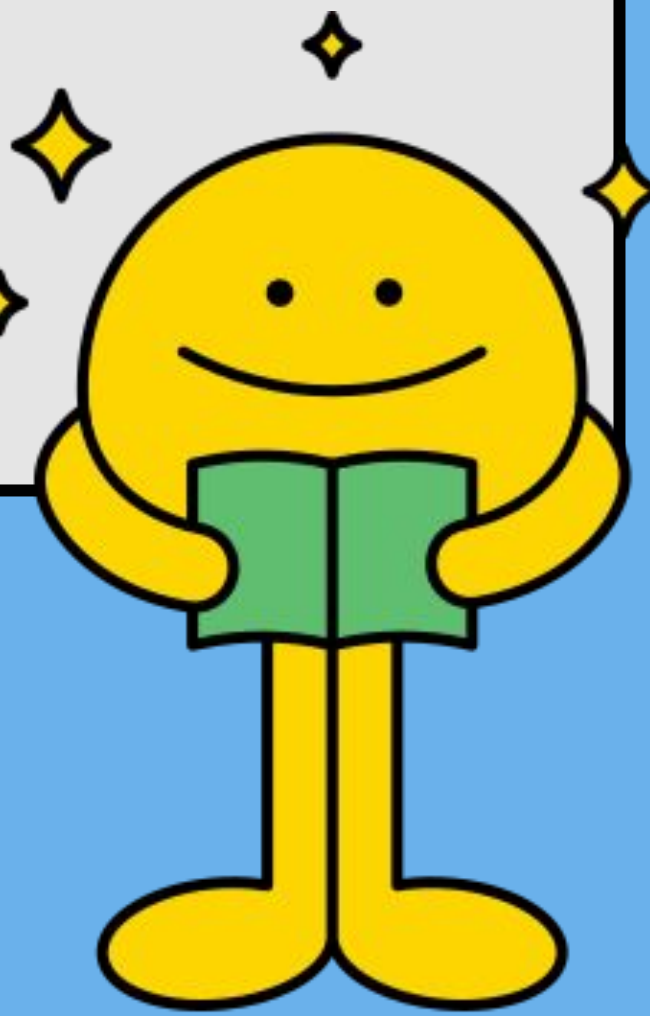


# Creative Curriculum

The Creative  
Curriculum®

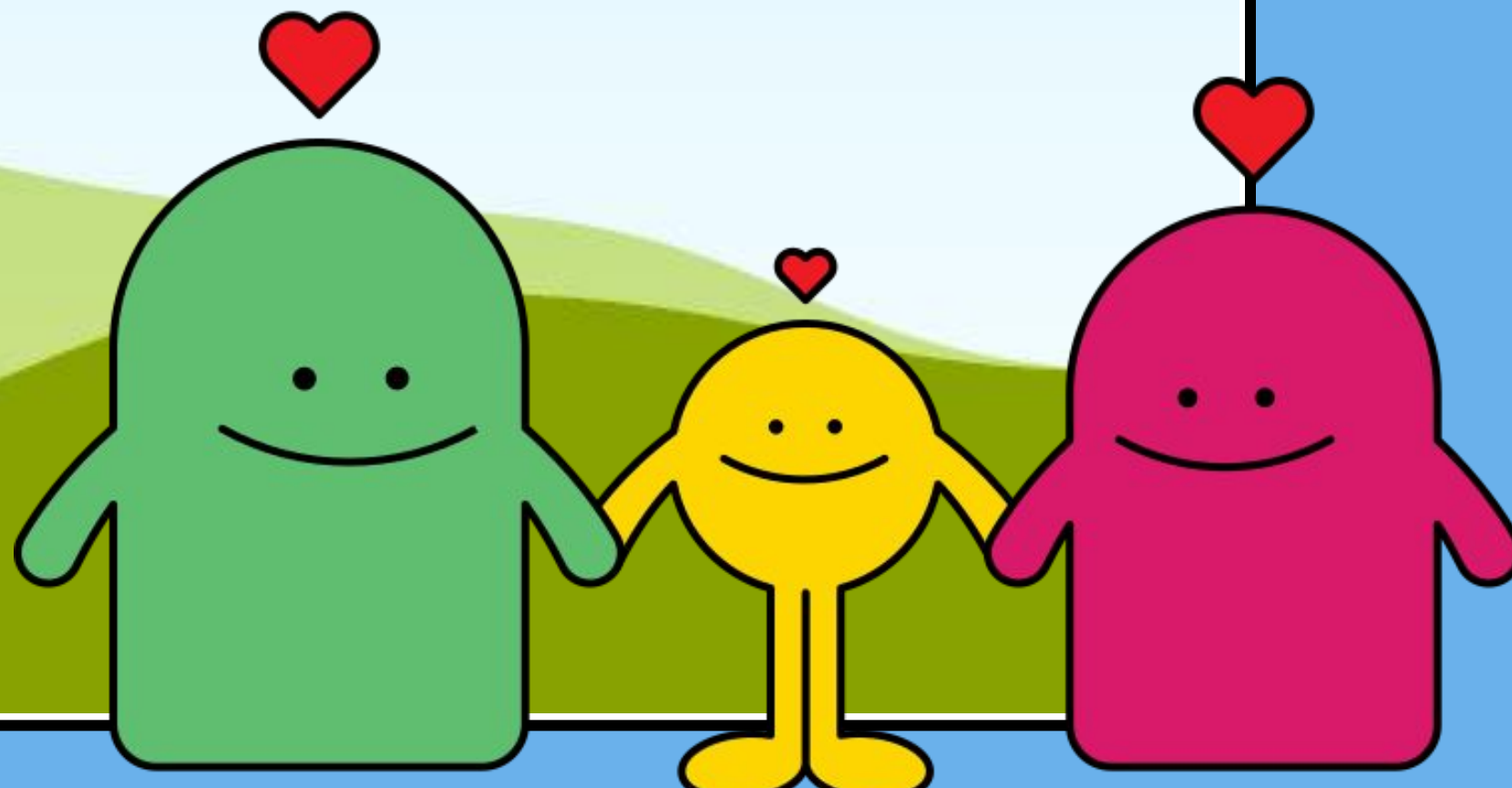


- Creative Curriculum is a New Jersey Dept of Education recognized curriculum. It is a study based curriculum where students participate in "hands-on," project-based investigations of topics that are relevant to children's everyday experiences.
- Studies are exciting and engaging. They tap into children's natural curiosity, resulting in a learning environment that is both fun and intentional.



## Transportation:

- Transportation will be provided to eligible students
- Stops may include local daycares for before/after care
- You can drive your child if you choose
- Buses will include a bus aide
- Start times are being developed



## Food Services:

Breakfast and lunch will be offered daily

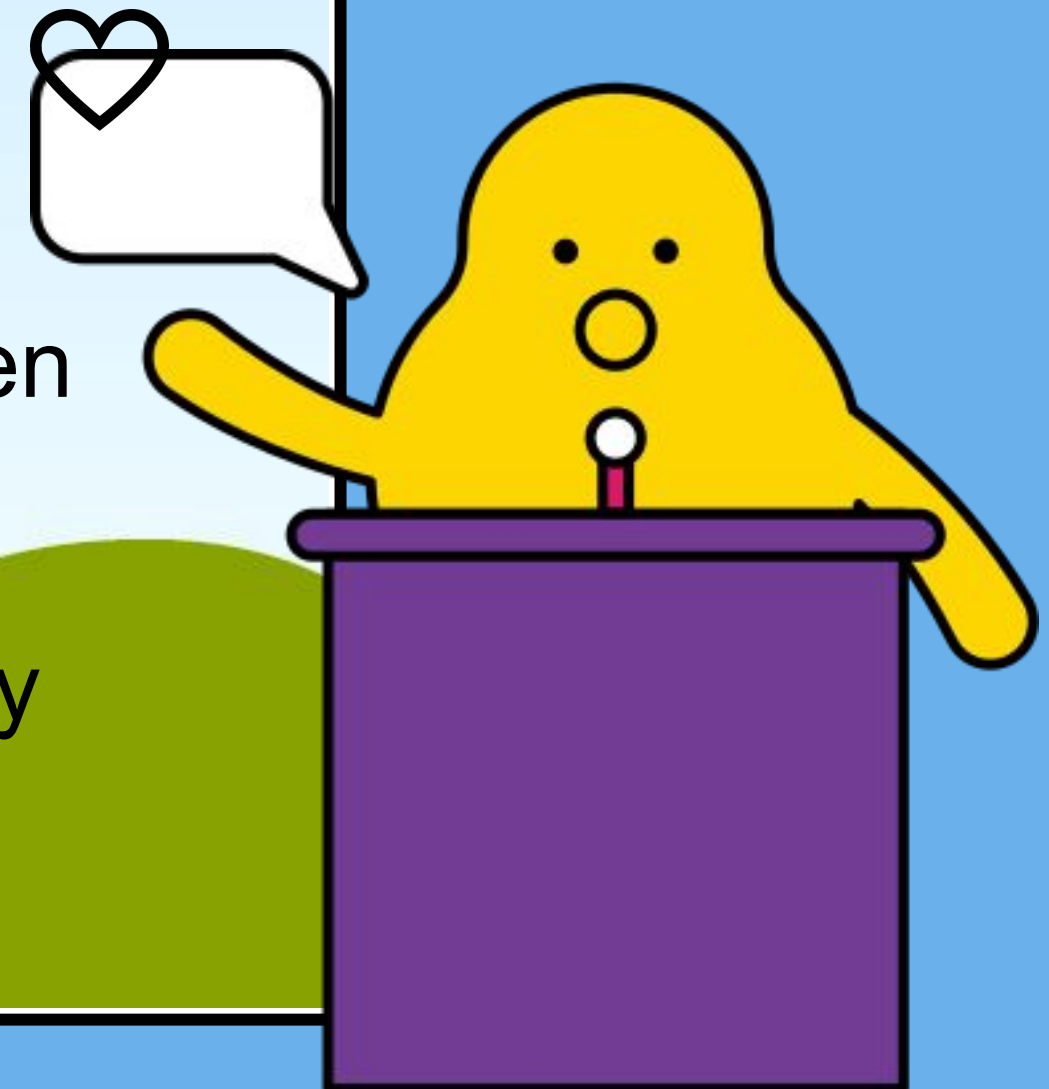
Students can bring their own breakfast/lunch/snack

Children will eat in their classrooms

Free & reduced lunch will be available for eligible families

# Important Notes:

- Students who turn 3 by October 1, 2023 will be eligible for preschool
- Students who turns 5 on or before October 1, 2023 are not eligible for preschool; only eligible for kindergarten
- Pre-Registration drive will be held in late April - early May





# Thank you for attending our Preschool Information Night

If you have additional questions please  
feel free to email us:



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