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Fattal's Forum

By Superintendent John Fattal

Nellie Reed Elementary has been an exemplary home to our Kindergarten and Pre-First students for a few years now. This fall we will be bringing a new program there called "Beginnergarten". Our early childhood classrooms are devoted to providing a caring and nurturing setting while at

the same time igniting a passion for learning in each child we serve.

Principal Shannon Toma and staff have created an experience that celebrates and supports the uniqueness of each child. We offer a variety of educational opportunities that will expand your child's horizon.

We know our future Cavaliers will become the next world leaders, innovators, scientists, and caregivers. We are honored and dedicated to provide the experiences that foster the education, skills, compassion, and passion they will need to create

a brighter and better world for all of us. We have a dedicated staff that focuses entirely on the unique needs of new Cavaliers.

I bring this up today because March 7 and 8 is our kindergarten registration (by appointment only). Call (989) 743-1579 today to reserve your child's spot in the Cavalier family. Taking one small step in March will enable your child to take one giant leap in life!

Read the testimonials below to see what sets us apart from other districts and to find out why young or old, it's great to be gold!

For any parent who chooses Nellie Reed, they are choosing a caring and safe environment with dedicated staff who is there to help their students learn and grow while also teaching them to be kind, safe and responsible people.

Sincerely, Jennifer Zacharda



Bennett Zacharda

This year has been incredible for our son! He is always eager to go to school, and we have watched him progress at an incredible pace.

Janae Holton

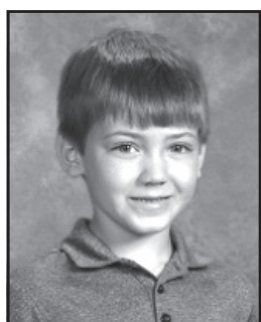


Chase Perrien

Students take walking fieldtrips and also travel to the Rainforest Café and Sea Life Aquarium in Auburn Hills.

There are so many reasons we chose to send our son to Nellie Reed Elementary. From phone conversations and school visits to Kindergarten registration, we were constantly reminded of what early elementary education should look like. Any questions we had were thoughtfully answered by teachers and office staff alike. The communication from the teachers and staff at the school has surpassed our expectations.

Kyle and Kaylee Luft



Jack Luft

Each day students participate in "W.I.N." (What I Need) Small Group Time.

We are school of choice parents and Corunna has provided us with great opportunities. I have the option to send her to child-care before and after school, the school provides transportation for this and is VERY good at making sure the little ones make it to where they need to be. My kindergartner has a bus stop at Elsa Meyer since we are school of choice. She takes the bus from Elsa Meyer to Nellie Reed and back, which is where I pick up my other child.

Sincerely, Lyndsay Harrison



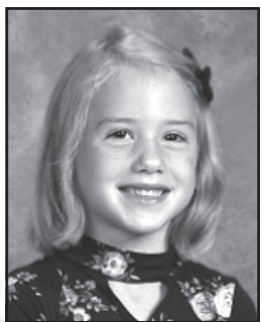
Landree Harrison

Our transportation department works with Schools of Choice families to meet your needs. There is a pick-up/drop-off location near you!



The atmosphere at Nellie Reed is happy, energetic and uplifting. You are greeted with a smile and a warm hello anytime you visit the school. They always make you feel welcome and will always listen with any concerns you may have regarding your child.

Amy Garrett



Brielle Garrett

I love you Nellie Reed! I love the great staff! I can only hope that my children have the same experience in elementary school, middle school, and high school that they have had with the staff at Nellie Reed.

Kelly Cunningham



Olivia Cunningham

We have been so lucky to have our children attend Nellie Reed for Kindergarten! There are so many opportunities available for students to enhance their education.

The Tew family



Samantha Tew

My daughter currently attends Nellie Reed, as did 2 of her older brothers. I absolutely love the staff. The principal, secretary, teachers, para pros, cook, janitor...each of them care for the kids as their own.

Kristine Sweet



Katelyn Sweet

I was so concerned that my child would be leaving his devoted safe space preschool and entering this new school with its long list of skills they needed to complete to before they can take the next step.

When my Kindergartner came home and instead of calling me Mom, called me by his teacher's name, I knew everything was OK!!

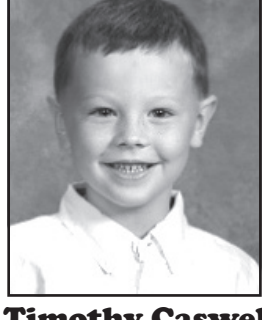
Molly Ward



Grayson Ward

I am 100% confident that my son is getting the best education at Nellie Reed Elementary through Corunna Public Schools. We are looking forward to sending our other children to the same school in the years to come.

Heidi Caswell



Timothy Caswell

As parents, we feel great about our decision of being a school of choice family that sends our child to Corunna Public Schools!

Brandon and Mary Wagner



Kyler Wagner

Good behavior is expected at Nellie Reed Elementary but it is also rewarded, allowing our children to want to be respectful and respected and encouraging it in others. They are nurtured, trained, and taught in an environment that is friendly, caring, and engaging. What more could you ask for when leaving your precious child in the care of someone else? - R. Rogers



Wyatt Rogers

Nellie Reed Elementary is a great school! Our daughter is having a wonderful experience this year in her kindergarten class, and she loves going to school every day. As parents we appreciate that our daughter has been able to excel, not only academically, but also emotionally and socially.

Tonya Trimble



Maya Trimble

When our youngest child started kindergarten this year, I was a bit apprehensive because this was our first time to send a child to Nellie Reed. That apprehension went away very quickly because their approach to education is phenomenal. Not to mention the NR staff go out of their way to make sure you feel welcome on a daily basis!

We couldn't be happier with our experience at Nellie Reed!!

Linda Steinacker



Jackson Steinacker

Our daughter's Kindergarten year has been unbelievable. I am so impressed with the teaching styles / tools and everything that the amazing staff do in class, to see her learning grown exponentially since the start of the year.

Jason and Sara Beldyga



Raegan Beldyga



Students participate in STEAM (Science, Technology, Mathematics), each day.

Corunna Public Schools is Proud and Happy to Announce a New Educational Opportunity - Beginnergarten

What is Beginnergarten?

Beginnergarten is kindergarten designed for the socially, emotionally, and/or academically young student. Beginnergarten will provide learning experiences and opportunities for children similar to the kindergarten classroom, using a modified kindergarten curriculum, but taught at a pace and intensity dependent on individual readiness. Students are fully immersed in the kindergarten environment and would participate in all kindergarten activities based on K-12 State Standards (I.e.: STEAM, physical education, library, and technology).

What is the qualifying age for Beginnergarten?

Students turning 5 on or after June 1st through December 1st, of the current year, would qualify for Beginnergarten.

How does a student qualify?

All students entering school at Nellie Reed will participate in a kindergarten entry assessment. The administrator would use the assessment results, along with the age and social development of the student, to determine whether a student is offered the Beginnergarten program.

What about a student who doesn't perform to their ability during the assessment?

If a parent is concerned about their child's performance during the kindergarten entry assessment, a makeup appointment can be arranged.

When will parents be notified of the results of the assessment?

Parents will be notified in the summer prior to the beginning of the school year.

What is the curriculum?

Beginnergarten teachers will offer a modified kindergarten curriculum focused on building foundational skills to help students have long-term success.

Would it be all academic or a more play-based?

All developmentally appropriate early childhood programs provide students with a mix of academic and social/emotional development skills.

Is Beginnergarten full day or half day?

Beginnergarten will be full day.

What is a typical class size for the Beginnergarten program?

Our Beginnergarten class will have somewhat smaller class sizes than our kindergarten classes. We anticipate sizes to be between 15-20.

What Special Education services are available to children in Beginnergarten?

All Special Education services, in accordance with the student's IEP, will be made available.

Is Beginnergarten a tuition based program?

No, Beginnergarten is a K-12 state funded program. It is considered to be a kindergarten program.

Where is the Beginnergarten Program Located?

It is located at Nellie Reed Elementary (201 E. Washington St. in Vernon).

Can my child attend Beginnergarten even if I live out of the district of Corunna?

Absolutely! Parents simply fill out school-of-choice paperwork at our central office or at Nellie Reed.

Does Corunna Public School provide transportation to Beginnergarten?

Yes, if the parent lives in the district. Students living outside the district would be school-of-choice students and parents must provide daily transportation to and from school.

Where will my child go to school following their year in Beginnergarten?

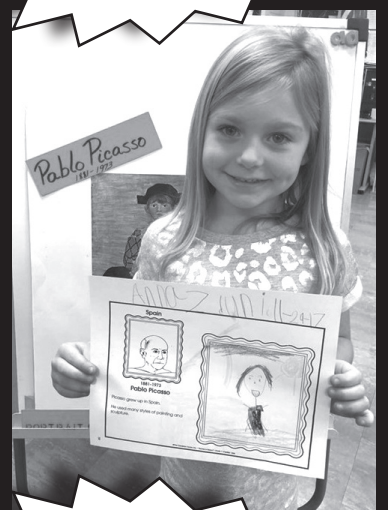
Graduates of the Beginnergarten program will attend kindergarten.

Is childcare available before and after school?

Corunna Public Schools offers before and after school child care programs through our Early Childhood Department at Louise Peacock at 485 E. McArthur Street in Corunna. For registration, call (989)743-8848. Early registration is advised, as child care programs fill quickly.



A dedicated paraprofessional in each of our "Beginnergarten," Kindergarten, and Prefirst classrooms.



Before-school and after-school daycare services are available (from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.)