

# PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the Dr. Thomas J. Curran Early Childhood Education Center, affectionately known around town as the 'ECEC'.

Our early childhood experts have been providing excellent, developmentally appropriate educational and therapeutic services to Dedham's youngest learners since 1993. We are thrilled that our long-awaited, brand new facility opened at 1100 High Street at the end of February 2019.

This pamphlet is meant to pique your interest in our school and its programs, addressing questions that our experience suggests might be foremost on your mind. As such, it is but a discussion starter. To continue the discussion, call us anytime at 781-310-8000 or email me at ktaylor@dedham.k12.ma.us

All my best,

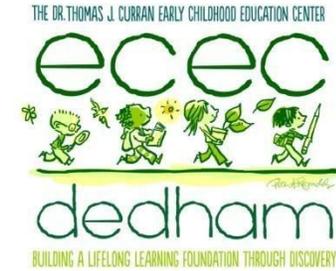
**Kimberly A. Taylor**  
Principal



# 1100 HIGH STREET!



Construction of the brand new, state-of-the-art Dr. Thomas J. Curran Early Childhood Education Center began in October 2017 and we moved in at the end of February 2019!



## The Dr. Thomas J. Curran Early Childhood Education Center



**1100 High Street  
Dedham, MA 02026  
781-310-8000**

***Dedham's 'Gateway'  
School  
Established 1993***

***"Over A Quarter Century  
of Great Starts!"***

## ECEC PRESCHOOL

Our ECEC integrated preschool programs are designed primarily to address the identified special educational needs of our youngest students. This means that ALL of our preschool teachers maintain state certification in both Early Childhood Education and Special Education.

Because of the limited number of preschool seats available, an annual lottery must be conducted to equitably allocate them. **Preschool applications are accepted throughout the month of November (for the subsequent school year) and the annual Pre-K lottery occurs during the first week of December.**

Current ECEC preschool programming consists of the following sessions which are subject to adjustment year-to-year.

- Two-day, full-day session (T & Th) (8:45 am - 3:00 PM)
- Three-day, full-day session (M,W,F) (8:45 am - 3:00 PM)
- Five-day, full-day session (8:45 am - 3:00 pm)

**Yearly tuition rates for ECEC preschool for 2020-2021 school year are as follows (subject to change):**

Two-day, full-day session	\$3,200.00
Three-day, full-day session	\$4,800.00
Five-day, full-day session	\$8,000.00

\*There is a \$75 non-refundable registration fee for Preschool.

## ECEC KINDERGARTEN

All children residing in Dedham who turn five years old on or before September 1st of the school year in consideration are eligible to attend ECEC kindergarten. **All ECEC kindergartens are now full-day sessions and are tuition free!** Our kindergarten school day begins at 8:50 am and concludes at 3:00 pm.

Our Kindergarten registration opens up annually at the beginning of January for the following school year.



Please check the DPS website for details and specifics at regarding registration at:

[www.dedham.k12.ma.us](http://www.dedham.k12.ma.us)

## ECEC CHILDCARE

Before and after school childcare is available at the ECEC for children who are four years old. Before school care begins daily at 7:30 am. After school care extends until 6:00 pm. Care is provided by ECEC paraprofessionals who engage the children in a range of worthwhile semi-structured activities. The emphasis is on play, socialization and FUN!

The current cost for childcare is \$21 per afternoon and \$8.75 per morning. These levels are subject to change. There is a \$75 non-refundable registration fee for Child Care.

For further information about the ECEC Child Care Program, please contact Mrs. Brenda McMurtry at 781-310-8029 or [bmcmurtry@dedham.k12.ma.us](mailto:bmcmurtry@dedham.k12.ma.us)

