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## **New Bedford Public Schools welcomes incoming kindergarten students and their families to “Smooth Sailing into Kindergarten” at Buttonwood Park Zoo, August 4**

A child’s transition to kindergarten is an important educational milestone. Making that transition a successful and welcoming experience requires a team effort from teachers, principals, community partners, and families.

On Thursday, August 4, New Bedford Public Schools, in coordination with more than 20 community organizations that make up the New Bedford Birth-to-3rd Partnership will hold its sixth annual “Smooth Sailing into Kindergarten Day” at Buttonwood Park Zoo. This event is for all registered children of the NBPS Class of 2035 to begin Kindergarten this fall. Children and their families have received a postcard for free admittance to the zoo between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. but are welcome to stay the day to explore all the zoo has to offer.

Schools will have tented tables along the zoo’s walkways where children will be able to meet their school’s principal and teachers, and participate in activities and giveaways. NB Summer EATS will provide healthy snacks and complimentary lunches. Taking family photos will also be available.

Superintendent Thomas Anderson calls the event, “The first step in a successful educational journey from kindergarten all the way through college. It’s an excellent opportunity to build the foundation for an excellent home to school relationship - an essential factor for educational success.”

Partners that provide services to young children and their families along with New Bedford Public School Staff, the Buttonwood Park Zoo staffers and volunteers work together to make this day a success for our children and families.

New Bedford Public Schools Family Registration Center works throughout the year on kindergarten registration, part of a larger strategy to meet and partner with families when their children enter school.

For questions, please call the Family Registration Center at 508-997-4511, ext. 14661. Parents with questions regarding registration Pre-K through Grade 12, please call the Family Support Line at 508-997-4515.

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