History
The Pascack Hills Preschool is part of the Family and Consumer Science Department’s Early Childhood & Family Education (EC&FE) Program (formerly know as the Family Living program) and opened its doors in 1979. Originally developed as a parenthood education course, our EC&FE courses have expanded and grown into mini student teaching experiences for the high school students. Funding for the preschool was provided by grants through the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act, which gave us the needed start-up money for equipment and supplies.

Purpose
The program provides an in-depth study of early childhood education and helps prepare students to work in the field of education. It also serves as an introductory course for any student’s interested in child related careers. It is designed to provide teenagers with new and responsible roles working with children, the skills and competencies to perform these roles and as preparation for parenthood. The high school students work in groups in the Preschool and choose a preschool group to work with all year. The children are divided into 4 groups according to age or developmental readiness. The Preschoolers are provided with the opportunity for educational experiences to enhance their development and to associate with other children their own age. This occurs both in free play and regularly scheduled activities, planned, prepared and conducted by the high school students. Activities include pre-reading/alphabet, pre-math, art, music, science, food/nutrition, language arts, dramatic and creative play, large and small motor activities and outdoor play. Our children have the opportunity to visit the school library, athletic fields, and science labs during the year.

Our major goal is socialization for our children and for them to have successful school experiences prior to kindergarten.
The Preschool is comprised of children, ages three and four, who reside within the Pascack Valley Regional High School District. All incoming children must be three years of age by October 1st of the school year and completely toilet trained.

Policies and Procedures
Schedule
The Preschool will be conducted four days per week from October through the beginning of June. The 2018-2019 schedule is the following: Tuesday & Wednesday from 8:15 am to 10:45 am and Thursday and Friday from 8:15 am to 11:15 am. The 2019-2020 schedule has not been finalized however I do not anticipate any significant changes for next year.

Dropping and Picking up children:
It is the parents’ responsibility to drop off and pick up their child in front of the school building at the beginning and end of school. Since parking at school is very limited, the high school students will pick up your child in front of the school and accompany him or her to class. This procedure will be followed at the end of school also. The Preschool follows the H.S. school calendar. If the high school has a half-day, then Preschool is closed.

If your child is going to be picked up by someone other than you, you MUST send in a note or email verifying this. We will not release any child to another person without your written permission. Please hand the note to the High School teacher or a high school student when dropping off your child in the morning, and not leave it in your child’s backpack.
We ask that you be on time to drop off and to pick up your child. The high school teacher has another duty at which she must be present, immediately after Preschool is over. The high school students also have classes they must be on time for.

Absences
If your child is not going to be in school for any reason, please call us or email us by 8:00am so that the high school students are not waiting out front for you. If your child has a fever, he/she is not allowed in school. Please use your best judgment if your child has a cold or is not feeling well. Perhaps it would be better to keep them at home for the day. If your child becomes sick during the school day, we will contact you. That is why we need to have your cell or phone number or someone else to contact in case of an emergency.

Please call us at: 201-358-7020 Email: tlistro@pascack.org

Snacks
We will provide a snack each day, consisting of apple juice or water, plus animal crackers, pretzels or Goldfish.

Fire Drills and Lockdowns
We practice fire drills in school twice a month. The children exit the Preschool and move to the front side parking lot. During lockdowns, we all move to the floor in a corner and sit quietly until notified that the lockdown is over. No one is allowed in or out of the building during a lockdown.

Inclement Weather
In the event that severe weather makes it advisable to close school, the sirens will sound in the 4 towns and announcements will be made on radio station WOR (710 AM dial) starting at 5:00 am or log onto www.710.com. Also, you may call 201-358-7020 after 6:00 am for the announcement of a closing or delayed opening. In case of a delayed opening, Preschool will be closed. In the event we have to close school while school is in session, I will send an email notifying you.

End of Year Show
We have an end of year show called The Spring Sing on the last day of school to which all of you are invited, along with friends and relatives. This is a very special day for our children, especially those who are moving up to kindergarten next year. You will receive a Photo Journal. These projects are the final assessments for our students, in lieu of a final exam, and a very large part of their final grade in EC&FE.

Other Requirements
Any child who will be three, four or five on or before October 1, 2019 and resides within the Pascack Valley Regional High School District is eligible for the Preschool. A small fee of $400 is charged for the year for each child. All children must be COMPLETELY toilet trained. The Preschool Registration form must be filled out and returned to Pascack Hills High School c/o Mrs. Listro, 225 West Grand Avenue, Montvale, NJ 07645 before March 1, 2019. Children will be selected according to age and gender, for the number of openings available. Twins and other multiple birth children will count each as one application. This means that even if one twin (triplet, quad.) is picked, it does not mean that the other twin (triplet, quad.) is automatically accepted. Parents will be notified by email as well as by mail about whether or not their child was accepted shortly after the lottery. If you have been selected and wish to enroll your child for the fall please send in a nonrefundable $200 deposit to secure your child’s spot in our program. The $200 balance will be due at the Open House parent-child meeting in October.

No School on professional staff days, testing, midterms or vacations. A schedule will be distributed at the Open House in the beginning of the year.
Program I am applying to: (Select ONE)  

Pascack Valley (Hillsdale)  

Pascack Hills (Montvale)  

* If my child is not selected I am willing to be selected for the other program  Yes  No  

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Please write a short paragraph describing your child – their personality, temperament, and interests, you may also include family traditions and customs – that might allow us to get to know him/her in order to provide a successful school experience.

The preschool registration form must be filled out and returned by March 1, 2019.

The form can be downloaded and filled out in Microsoft Word and emailed back to:

Jessica Andersen: jandersen@pascack.org (Pascack Valley)

or

Tracey Listro: tlistro@pascack.org (Pascack Hills)

The form can also be printed out and mailed or dropped off to:

The Pascack Valley High School General Office c/o Ms. Andersen
200 Piermont Ave.
Hillsdale, NJ 07642

or

The Pascack Hills High School General Office c/o Mrs. Listro
225 West Grand Avenue
Montvale, NJ 07645

To contact the Family & Consumer Science Department email either teacher:

Pascack Valley High School
Email: jandersen@pascack.org
Phone #: 201 – 358 – 7060 ext. 24063

Pascack Hills High School
Email: tlistro@pascack.org
Phone #: 201 – 358 – 7020 ext. 23065