

JOSEPH F. CAPPELLO SCHOOL
KOALAS INTEGRATED KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM



The Joseph F. Cappello School is proud to offer the community a full day, 5.5 hours, Kindergarten program. The **KOALAS** Integrated Kindergarten Program is a collaborative Kindergarten program serving 5 year olds. **Note: Students must be 5 years old by December 31, 2008, to be eligible for the program.** **KOALAS** is a developmentally oriented program based on the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards. The class will consist of typically developing children and children with developmental delays, learning together in a structured and enriched environment.

The **KOALAS** program incorporates activities into the instructional time based on children's individual learning styles with a focus on language and social skills development. The goal is to provide an enhanced Kindergarten environment that meets the social, emotional, physical, language and cognitive needs of all of the students.

We are seeking typically developing youngsters from the community to serve as peers to our students with special needs.

Each classroom will be staffed with a teacher who is dually certified in elementary and special education and an instructional assistant. Occupational and speech therapies will be integrated within the classroom setting.

The class will meet five days per week from 9:20 – 2:50, at the Joseph F. Cappello School. The cost of the program is \$400 per month for the 2008-2009 school year, (September 2008 – June 2009), and \$600 for the six week summer program from July 8 – August 14, 2008. Transportation is not included for typically developing students and will not be provided by the school. After acceptance into the program, parents must complete program enrollment forms for their child and provide a copy of his/her current physical examination and immunization records.

To apply for the **KOALAS** program, complete an initial application form for typically developing students (see attached). Applications must be received **no later than May 1st**. Due to the limited number of spaces available for typically developing children, the school will hold a lottery-type drawing if necessary. Parents will be notified of their child's acceptance prior to May 31, 2008. There is a possibility that we will extend the enrollment period.

Applications can be found online at www.mcscssd.org and in the offices of Joseph F. Cappello School, Mercer Elementary School, Regional Day School and Mercer Jr/Sr High School.

Please mail completed applications to:

**Joseph F. Cappello School
1072 Old Trenton Road
Hamilton, NJ 08690**

If you have further questions you may contact Chris Sevilla at 609-588-8485.