500 people joined us for the Blast-Off to Kindergarten end-of-the-year event, as we celebrated our children heading to Kindergarten this fall!

850 families have applied to join Preschool Promise for the new school year ahead – up slightly from last year at this time! They’ll have 85 Preschool Promise sites to choose from.

How we’re doing on the 3 pillars of the Preschool Promise

EDUCATING THE COMMUNITY:

• We trained 10 outreach specialists to connect with families in their neighborhoods and at events and places they frequent.

• Our Outreach Team attended 150 events from April-June to spread the word about Preschool Promise.

• We targeted Dayton and Trotwood for special outreach in the wake of the devastating Memorial Day tornadoes.

• We held our first “Spring Clean” and provided hands-on help to five Preschool Promise sites to deep clean, landscape, and improve their playgrounds.

EXPANDING QUALITY:

• We’re continuing to focus on improving children’s instruction by investing in high quality training for teachers. More than 300 teachers and administrators, from 72 of 75 Preschool Promise sites, participated in training this school year. Our trainings included:
  • 7 intensive workshops
  • 1 Conscious Discipline® week-long training
  • 10 year-long Professional Learning Communities

• We awarded $225,000 in stipends to Preschool professionals, in recognition of their commitment to training outside of the work day.

• 20 sites have increased their Star Rating this school year.

What Preschool Promise teachers say:

'I’ve been most impressed by how Preschool Promise listens and values our opinions.'
ASSISTING FAMILIES:

• 472 families received a $100 Star Attendance bonus for ensuring that their child had a 90% or better attendance rate for the school year.

• We have expanded our reach for the 2019-20 school year, thanks to Montgomery County’s continued investment. We have Preschool Promise providers in Dayton (61), Kettering (18), Trotwood (3), Jefferson Twp. (2) and Mad River Twp. (1).

WHAT WE’RE LEARNING:

• Children who participate in Star Attendance have statistically significant better attendance rates.

• We are raising funds to continue Star Attendance for all children who attend Dayton Public Schools, not just those who live within the City of Dayton boundaries.

• We have nearly raised the amount needed to support Star Attendance in Dayton for the next 4 years.

What Preschool Promise teachers say:

‘Preschool Promise does a good job at making sure resources reach the children. Preschool Promise has fired up all of our teachers.’

Thank you for your generous support of the Preschool Promise!