

# Speeding into Kindergarten

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Kindergarteners attending the Laurel Highlands School District for the 2021-2022 School Year sped into Lemont Furnace Head Start Parking lot during the “Speeding into Kindergarten” event funded by the 2019 P-3 Governor’s Institute. The expectation for the event was to assist children that are transitioning to kindergarten from preschool programs such as Head Start of Fayette County, or ABC Schoolhouse’s Pre-K for a flawless transition to kindergarten. Children who transition successfully have a greater chance of demonstrating satisfactory performance, not only in kindergarten, but through grade school.



The event was originally planned for the spring of 2020, however the coronavirus pandemic hindered all plans. The team of staff from Laurel Highlands School District and Head Start of Fayette County did not give up. The team of staff met several times through 2020 and ended meetings in 2021 when the event was ready. On August 18, 2021, 82 kindergarteners and their families attended the drive-thru event at the Lemont Furnace Head Start parking lot.



During the event, families were provided with an ABC scavenger hunt, kindergarten readiness kits, and refreshments. In the kindergarten readiness kits students found playdough, playdough cutters, a pencil, an ABC skills workbook, a floor puzzle, triangular crayons, markers, a pencil case, a glue stick, a pack of tissues, a dry-erase board with markers, construction paper, a pencil sharpener, a

pair of scissors, Eatable Alphabet Cards, two story books, and educational pamphlets on a successful transition.



The evening of the event was rainy, but that could not slow us down in making sure we as a team were there for our children preparing for kindergarten this fall.