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**Japhet School Adds Junior Kindergarten to Its Early Childhood Program;
Hosting Roundup on February 11**

Clawson, Michigan - Japhet School, an award-winning school in the Clawson/Royal Oak community, is hosting a Kindergarten and Junior Kindergarten roundup on Tuesday, February 11, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Parents looking for Preschools are also encouraged to attend and may visit both the Preschool and Kindergarten/Jr. Kindergarten classrooms.

In listening to the needs of families, Japhet School leadership decided to add Junior Kindergarten to the school's discovery-based Early Childhood program. Junior Kindergarten is designed for students turning five between August and December, and for those not quite ready for the full Kindergarten curriculum. Students in Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten will learn alongside one another in the classroom.

Japhet School's Early Childhood scheduling is unique, in that parents may enroll their children full-time or enroll with a customized part-time schedule that best meets their family's needs. Preschool children need to be enrolled at least three mornings, and Kindergarten and Jr. Kindergarten parents need to enroll their children for at least five mornings. A combination full- and half-days is possible in either classroom, and Japhet School also offers before-school and after-school care to support working parents. (Scheduling is set for the year with some flexibility to adjust as needed, and is dependent on availability.)

Japhet School's Preschool teacher Carrie Huber and Kindergarten teacher Leslie Tonon are working closely together to bring strength and continuity to the school's Early Childhood curriculum. Japhet School's program is centered around the natural curiosity that exists in children and builds on this with age-appropriate academics that encourage learning in a creative and supportive environment.

"Our Kindergarten is a project-based, experiential-learning program that helps to build confidence and comfort as students embark on their educational journey," says Kerri Vizena, Head of School. "Jr. Kindergarten is an opportunity to join this classroom that fosters a love of learning in a safe and

engaging atmosphere, while introducing the core Japhet School values of character education, leadership, and academics at a differentiated, developmentally-appropriate level.”

Student placement is determined by the Early Childhood teaching team and the Head of School.

About Japhet School:

Founded in 1973, Japhet School is an independent school, serving children the metropolitan Detroit area in preschool through eighth grade. Its mission is to nurture and prepare each child for life by integrating character education with a strong academic program. The school provides small classes of fewer than 20 students in each, which enables teachers to challenge students with academic material that is appropriate for their intellectual readiness, regardless of age or grade. Integrated with strong academics is Japhet School’s national award-winning character education curriculum, which builds a peaceful community within the school. The school’s public speaking curriculum gives graduates confidence in leadership roles. Japhet is a National School of Character: it was the first school in Michigan -- and the first independent school in the country -- to receive this award. To learn more about Japhet, visit japhetschool.org.

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