

## KDS Elementary Registers Little Patriots

March 8<sup>th</sup> was a big day for 130 four- and five-year-olds from the area as they registered for Pre-K and Kindergarten. KDS Elementary School principal Keith Buchanan reports that 71 five-year-olds signed up for Kindergarten and 60 four-year-olds signed up for Pre-K for the upcoming school year and additional sign-ups are expected as the time counts down to August.



The KDS Kindergarten and Pre-K teachers, along with KDS counselor Kim Smith, assisted parents as they filled out the paperwork required for certain state and federal programs. The teachers met with their future students and gave them a small taste of being in the classroom by asking them to participate in a simple evaluation to assess their cognitive development. The children were asked to share their name, how old they are, to name colors and shapes, to count to ten, etc.



There was a coloring station for children to keep busy while their parents filled out paperwork, and a photo spot was set up so that children would have a memento of the important day. PTO provided balloons for the children, and high school students volunteered with activities and fun.

