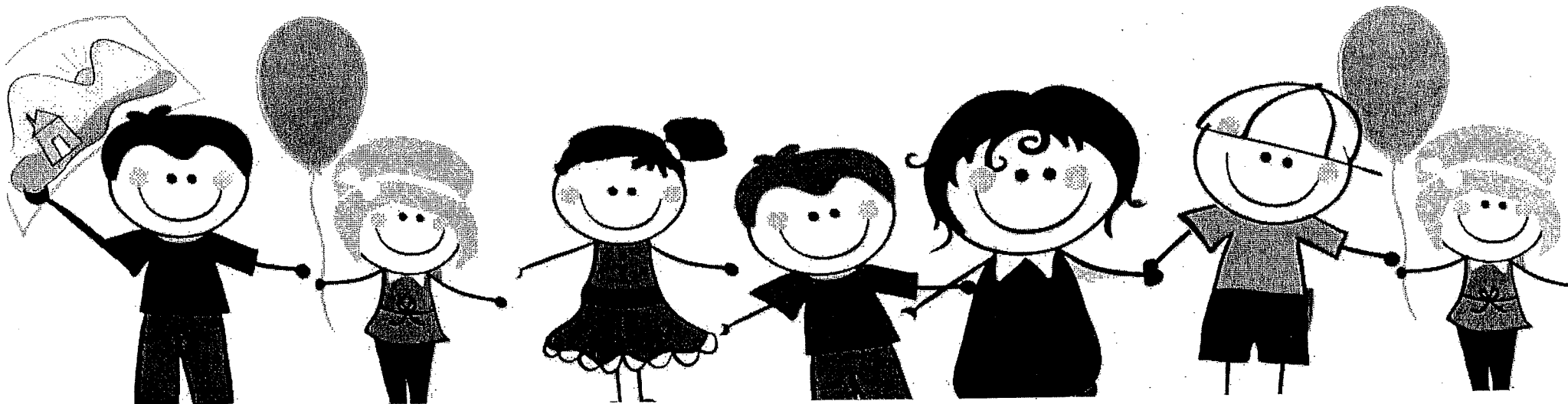


Who Qualifies for VPK?

- Children who reside in Florida.
- Children who turn 4 by Sept. 1.
- There are no predetermined boundaries for enrollment.

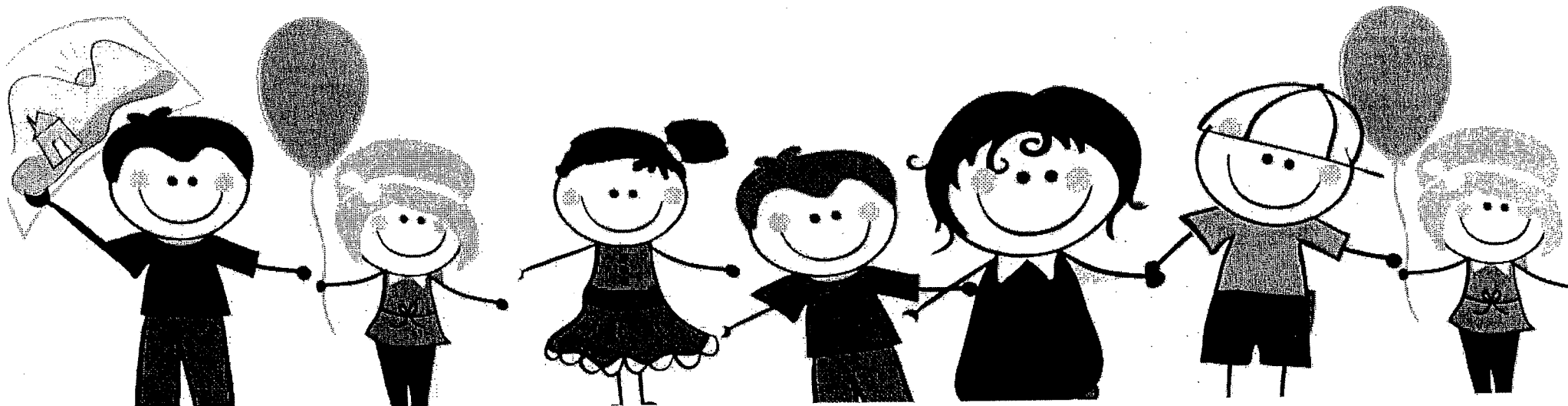
**May only attend VPK ONE time (school year OR summer), the summer before kindergarten*



What are the hours of VPK program?

All VPK programs run throughout the regular school day.

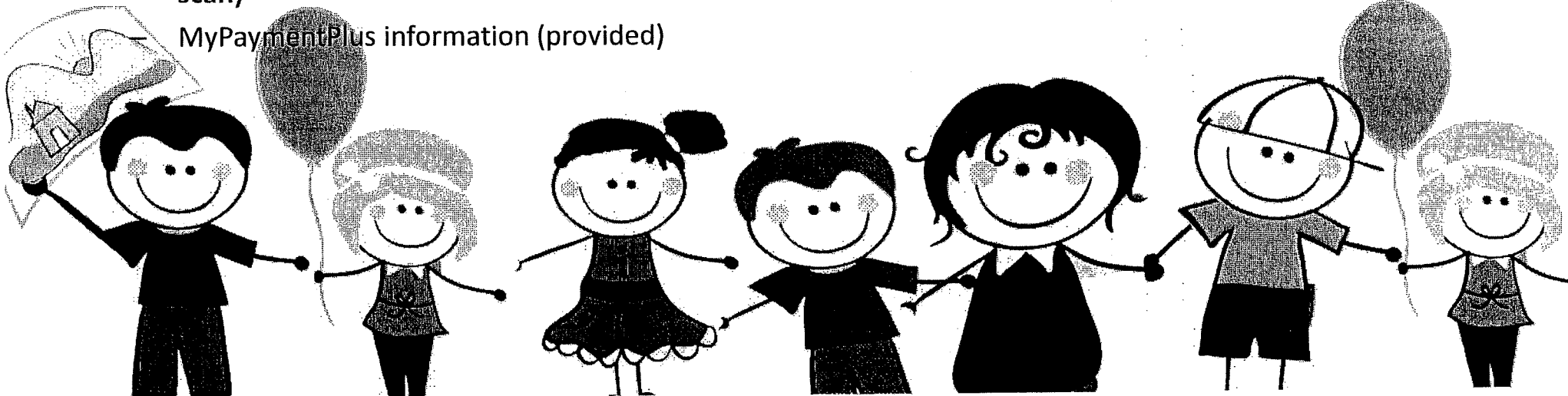
- **VPK hours:** (the first 3.5 hours of the student school day)
- VPK with Extended Day- entire student school day
- Extended Learning Time fees begins on the first day of school for the PEEPS/VPK and VPK classrooms.



Registration Process

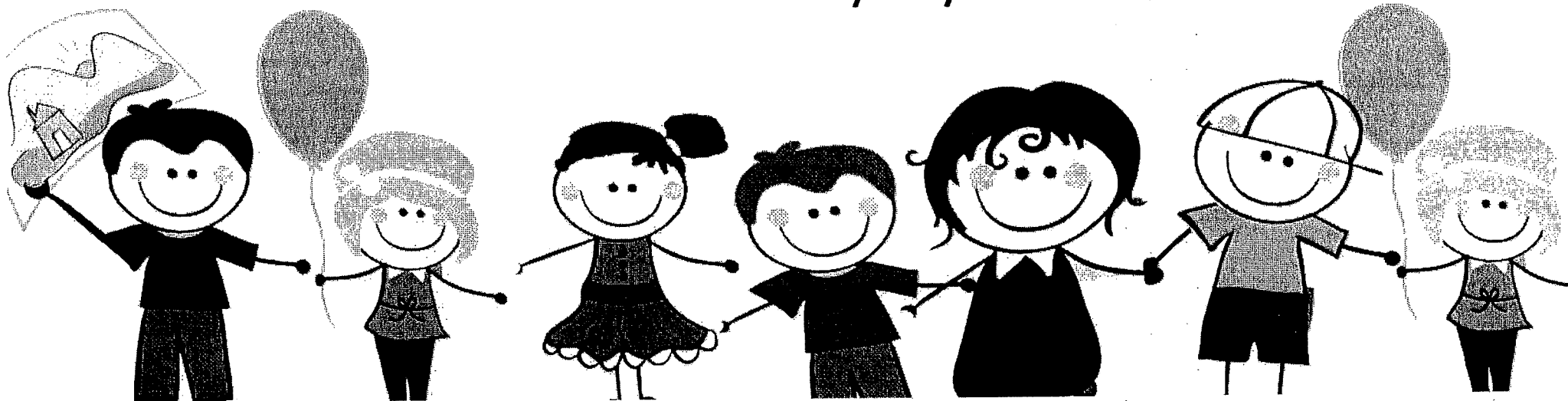
- Certificate of Eligibility
 - Parents will complete an online application process at elhc.org. (813) 515-2340
 - Requires upload of proof of residency and proof of birth.
 - The parents will have until April 8 to provide the Certificate of Eligibility (COE) to you.
- When the parent brings the COE to school, they will complete the school registration packet which includes:
 - Child's current shot record and physical
 - Proof of residency and proof of birth
 - SER form (complete and collect)
 - Attendance Policy/Parent Agreement (check, sign, copy AND scan)
 - Financial Agreement of Understanding for VPK Families in PEEPS blended (sign agreement, copy AND scan)

MyPaymentPlus information (provided)



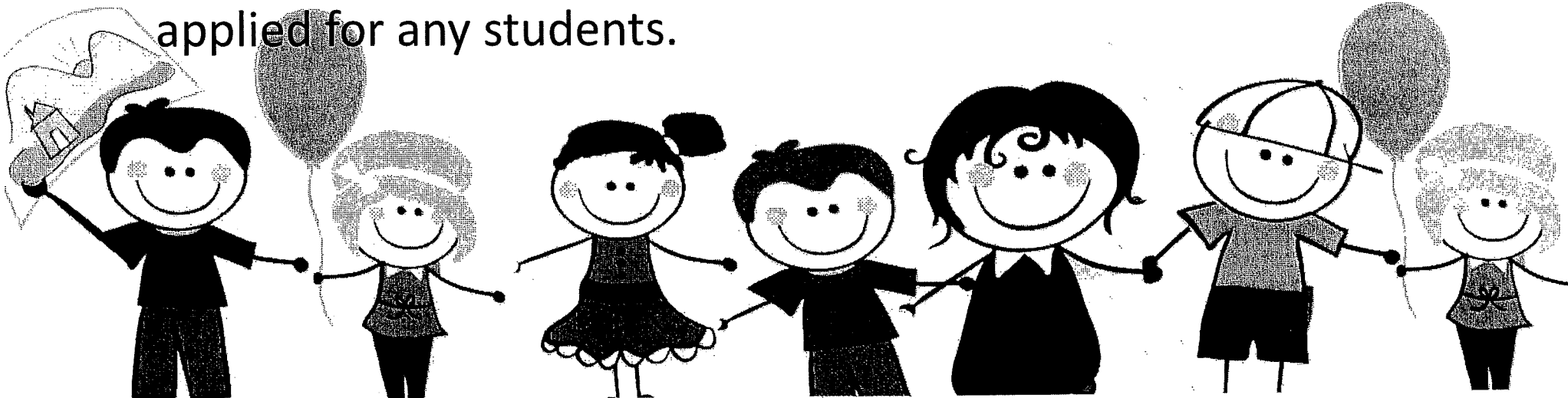
Why are there Fees?

- I thought VPK was free!
 - Only for the first 3.5 hours of the day
 - VPK School Year is for 540 hours
- If a family wants their child to stay for the school day- they must pay an Extended Day fee.
- Share “How to Create a MyPaymentPlus Account”



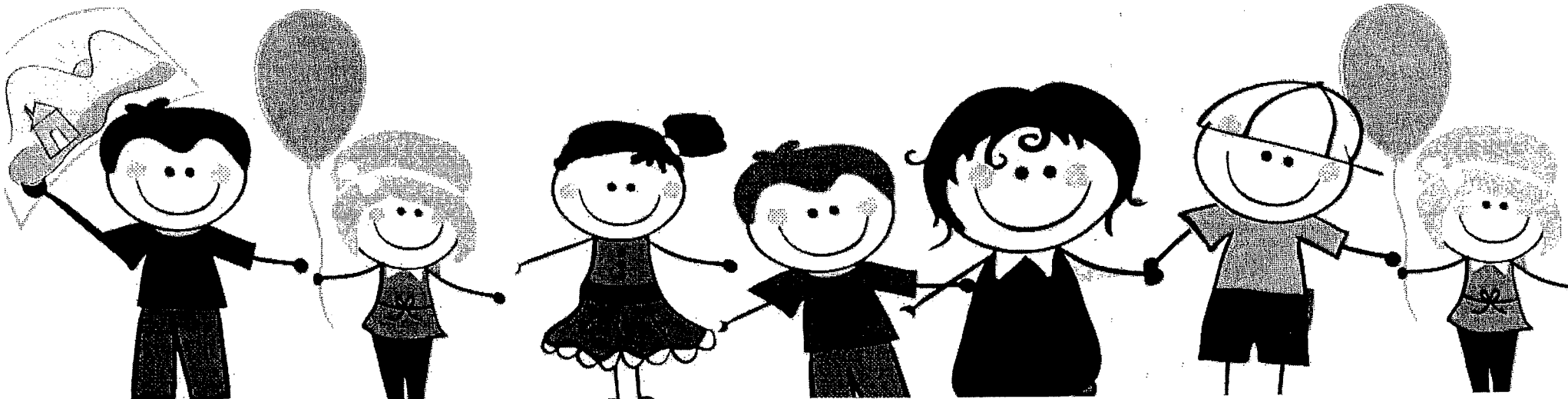
Why are There Fees?

- The fees for the additional hours beyond VPK are assigned on a sliding scale.
 - Those who qualify for FREE Lunch will be charged \$10 per week.
 - Those who qualify for REDUCED Lunch will be charged \$25 per week.
 - All others will be charged a fee of \$75 per week.
- **Note: students qualifying for REDUCED LUNCH are provided with a free lunch, but it is still a distinct category that is assigned to some families and this category will be used for VPK rates.
- If you are a select Title I PREK VPK site, there will be no fees applied for any students.



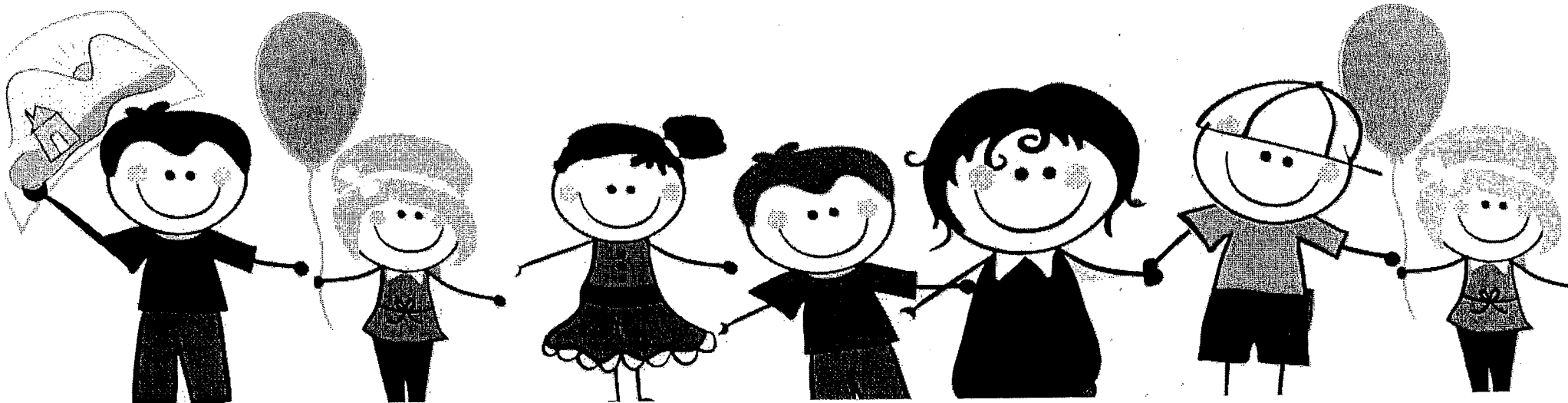
How do I Pay for Extended Day?

- Families must complete a free/reduced lunch application- this sets their fee
- After they are registered for an account- the fee will show up under “VPK Extended”
- Do not pay under the meals plan



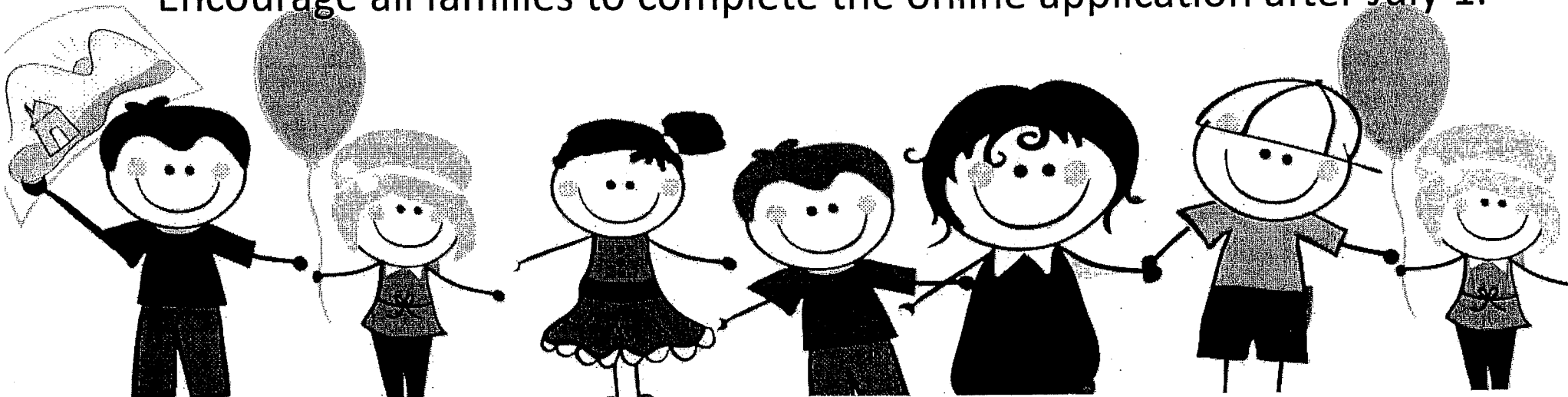
Fees?

- The fees will remain constant throughout the school year, regardless of the number of days in the week or absences.
- Families can pay weekly, bi-monthly, monthly, or yearly. However, money cannot be reimbursed if the student withdraws from the program.



What if the parent has applied for Free/Reduced Lunch, but has not yet heard if they qualify?

- All families must pay \$75 (full rate) until they provide proof to the school that they qualify for a reduced rate.
- Free/reduced lunch applications must be updated annually.
- As soon as we know that they qualify, the family will begin paying the reduced fee, but they are not reimbursed for prior payments.
- If a parent has applied for FRL but has not heard, please assist them by checking in Ed Connect to see if their status has been posted.
- Encourage all families to complete the online application after July 1.



How is the money collected?

- It is expected that parents will make their weekly payments through the district's online MyPaymentsPlus system.
- If a family is unable to pay the fee online, the fee can be paid using a cashier's check or money order made out to the school. The bookkeeper at every school is trained on how to deposit the money into the VPK account.
- **One person** at each site is responsible for checking the weekly payments. If families have not paid by Tuesday, Letter 1 goes home, If they have not paid by Friday, Letter 2 goes home and a \$5 late fee is attached to that week.

