



Benson Early Childhood Family Education


Winter 2010 Newsletter

A COMMUNITY EDUCATION SPONSORED PROGRAM



Preschoolers Are “SNOW” Special





Christmas Party

Thursday, December 10

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. • \$3.00/child
Open to Pre-Schoolers and Their Families

You do not need to be registered in a class to attend the ECFE Christmas Party.

We will begin our Christmas party at the ECFE Center by boarding the bus at 6:30 p.m. and traveling to the Meadow Lane Healthcare Center for crafts, snacks and a visit from Santa. After which, we will have a short tour of Christmas decorations and lights and return to the ECFE Center. Please preregister by calling 843-4545.

ECFE Weather Related Policy

If inclement weather forces the district 777 schools to close, or dismiss early, listen to KBMO 1290 AM or KSCR 93.5 FM Radio.

NO SCHOOL: All ECFE Classes for the day are cancelled.

Early Dismissals: All ECFE Classes for the day are cancelled.

School Readiness Weather Policy

1 Hour Late Start: Classes will be held at 9:10 a.m.

2 Hour Late Start: Morning class is cancelled.

Class will be made up if possible at a later date.

NO SCHOOL: School Readiness Classes are cancelled.

Early Dismissals: If school is dismissed before noon, School Readiness is cancelled. If school is dismissed while School Readiness is in session we will dismiss students at the same time as the public school.

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Winter 2010 CLASS REGISTRATION FORM



Please select the appropriate day/time/class for your child.

Your child/children **MUST** be the age of the class **BEFORE** the class session begins...January 11, 2010

Registration must be post marked on or after Dec.7th. Send to:

Community Education, 1400 Montana Avenue, Benson, MN 56215

Please fill out the following information:

Parent's Name: _____
 (Include both Mother and Father)

Child's Name: _____

Child's Birthday: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (home) _____ (work) _____

Sliding fee scale for ECFE Classes:

INCOME GUIDELINES: (AGI - after taxes)

Under \$19,999 Scholarships available - contact Chrysees

\$20,000 - \$49,999 Class Fee \$20.00*

\$50,000 - \$74,999 Class Fee \$30.00*

\$75,000 and up Class Fee \$40.00* *Additional children 1/2 price.

All families are welcome. No one will be denied access to ECFE classes due to an inability to pay. Contact Chrysees Forbord at 843-4545, Ext. 4122 (20% surcharge for families outside of District #777).

Please make checks payable to Benson Community Education.

Parent Signature _____

Date _____



Please write your child's name in the correct day/time/class.

MONDAY 6:00-7:30

1 to 4 Year Olds: _____

THURSDAY 4:30-6:00

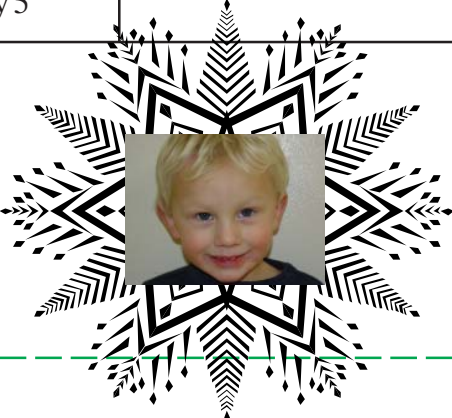
2- 4 Year Olds: _____

THURSDAY 6:30-8:00

3 & 4 Year Olds: _____

Early Childhood Family Education Classes

Winter classes begin Monday, January 11th. We are offering a eight-week session ending March 8th.

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
	8:10 - 11:10 a.m. School Readiness Begins January 5	8:10 - 11:10 a.m. School Readiness Begins January 6	8:10 - 11:10 a.m. School Readiness Begins January 7
12:10 - 3:10 p.m. School Readiness Begins January 4	12:10 - 3:10 p.m. School Readiness Begins January 5		12:10 - 3:10 p.m. School Readiness Begins January 7
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. 1 - 4 Year Olds Begins January 11			4:30 - 6:00 p.m. 2 - 4 Year Olds Begins January 14
			6:30 - 8:00 p.m. 3 & 4 Year Olds Begins January 14

PREREGISTRATION:



Preregistration is necessary for all classes. BY PHONE OR IN PERSON. Your first opportunity to preregister for a class is on Tues., Dec. 7 by calling 843-4545 or stopping at the Community Education Office. Your next opportunity is at the Christmas Party, Thurs., Dec. 10 or you may choose to mail in the attached registration form. Hours: 8:00-12:30 & 1:00-4:30 Monday-Friday. Out of district families will be enrolled on a space available basis. To speak with ECFE staff, call 843-4545 ext.# 4122.

TUITION RATES:



School Readiness \$110/month

All other classes will follow this sliding fee scale:

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ENROLLMENT:

Class sizes will be determined by the ECFE Coordinator to ensure a safe, productive environment. If a class is cancelled you will be notified.

CANCELLATIONS:

If you must drop a class or activity due to an unavoidable conflict, please contact the Community Education Office.

INCLEMENT WEATHER:

Weather related announcements can be heard on KBMO 12.90 AM or KSCR 93.5 FM radio. Cancelled classes will be rescheduled if possible.

IMMUNIZATION FORMS:

Please bring a record of your child's immunizations to the first session. The Minnesota Department of Health now requires all ECFE children 2 months to 4 years to also have the HIB immunization.

ESPANOLA:

Si quieres la version espanola de este boletin, llame al #843-2710.

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Address Service Requested

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PERMIT #83
BENSON, MN 56215

Benson's Early Childhood Family Education Center
is located at Northside Elementary School. Please enter at Southwest door.

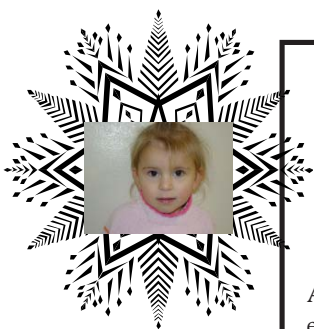
Staff

The Benson Early Childhood Family Education Center is staffed by qualified teachers who are licensed in Early Childhood and/or Parent Education, and experienced, well trained teaching assistants.

Chelsea Stiel - Community Education Supervisor
Chrysees Forbord - Early Childhood Educator;
ECFE Program Coordinator
Courtney Cook - Early Childhood Educator
Deb Hilleren - Parent Educator

Advisory Council Members

Chelsea Stiel, Chrysees Forbord,
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Roger Ebnet, Jessica Minchow,
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Angie Tolifson, Dennis Laumeyer, Tony Lenz,
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Early Childhood Screening

Early Childhood Screening at Benson Public Schools will be scheduled for once in the fall and once in the spring.
Watch your mail for details.

All pre-schoolers who will be four years old on or before September 1, 2010 are eligible to be screened. This program provides a comprehensive health and developmental screening program once before the child starts kindergarten. Your child will be screened as close to their 4th birthday as possible. You will be receiving a letter prior to the screening date.

Be Counted!

It is VERY IMPORTANT that all residents of ISD #777 be included on the school census, even the youngest babies. If you or someone you know recently had an addition to the family, or have moved, call the district office at 843-4545, ext. 4122 and let them know you have an addition to the census. By keeping the information accurate, you can be sure to get the ECFE newsletter, School Readiness registration materials, and other important information.

