



Benson Early Childhood Family Education

Spring 2010 Newsletter

A COMMUNITY EDUCATION SPONSORED PROGRAM



From The 2010 E.C.F.E. School Readiness Graduating Class

TOP 20 LIST

SCIENCE

Journal

GAMES

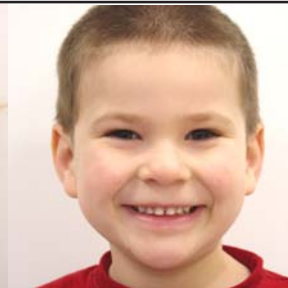
Gym Time



SMARTBOARD

Arts & Crafts

CALENDAR



**Learning to
Write Letters**

Riding the City Bus

Building with Blocks

Parent/Child

Meetings



Playing in the Kitchen

Playing on the

Playground

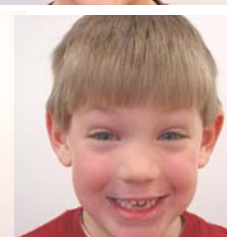
Making New Friends



SNACK

2nd Step

PUZZLES



PLAYDOUGH

Story Time

MUSIC



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Click on Community Education

Fall 2010 School Readiness Classes

Parents who have four and five year olds who will be attending kindergarten the fall of 2011...we would like you to consider our program to help ready your child for school. Watch your mail for a registration packet and more specific information regarding this exciting opportunity!

A great way to introduce your child to our Fall 2010 program would be to attend our Spring ECFE 3 & 4 year old class.
See the following page for class dates and time.

Thursday, March 11 - Spring Registration **BEACH PARTY KICK OFF**

FREE FAMILY NIGHT - 6:15 to 7:30p.m. in the ECFE Room at Northside Elementary. Leave your winter blues at home and join us for some summer-like fun! Play in the sand, go fishing, and other activities that celebrate warm weather. **Spring class registration** will be available. Pre-register by calling 843-4545.

Thursday, May 18 **FAMILY POTLUCK PICNIC**

6:00 p.m. at Roosevelt Park

If you attended an ECFE Class during the 2009-2010 school year, bring your family to Roosevelt Park for an evening of good food and fun. Bring your own plates, silverware, beverage and a dish to share. We might even have a game of kickball! In case of rain we will meet at the Firehall.

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Spring 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...March 22, 2010.

Registration must be post marked on or after March 2. 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

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.

ECFE CLASSES - 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 Dismiss.: All ECFE Classes for the day are cancelled.

*Please write your
childs 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

Spring classes begin Monday, March 22nd. We are offering a eight-week session ending May 17th.

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
	8:10 - 11:10 a.m. School Readiness	8:10 - 11:10 a.m. School Readiness	8:10 - 11:10 a.m. School Readiness
12:10 - 3:10 p.m. School Readiness	12:10 - 3:10 p.m. School Readiness		12:10 - 3:10 p.m. School Readiness
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. 1 - 4 Year Olds Begins March 22	Tuition will be accepted the first week of class.		4:30 - 6:00 p.m. 2 - 4 Year Olds Begins March 25
			6:30 - 8:00 p.m. 3 & 4 Year Olds Begins March 25

PREREGISTRATION:

Preregistration is necessary for all classes. BY PHONE OR IN PERSON. Your first opportunity to preregister for a class is on Tues., March 2 by calling 843-4545 or stopping at the Community Education Office. You may 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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Benson, MN 56215
Address Service Requested

**NON-PROFIT
ORGANIZATION
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,
Patty Schreck, Cory Braaten,
Roger Ebnet, Jessica Minchow,
Michelle Sonnabend, Karissa Zimmerman,
Angie Tolifson, Dennis Laumeyer, Tony Lenz
Jocile Nagler, Lindsey Lippert,
Courtney Cook, Amanda Essig

Early Childhood Screening

Early Childhood Screening at Benson Public Schools will be scheduled for April. 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.