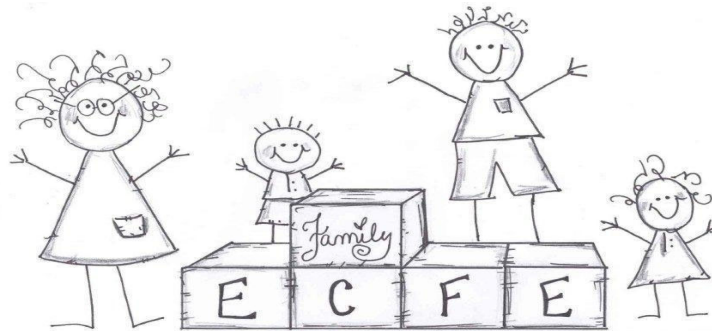


Benson Early Childhood Family Education
Fall 2023 Newsletter

ECFE



Building Families
Building Communities

Voluntary Pre-K School Readiness



Celebrating 37 Years in District #777



OPEN HOUSE

All VPK & School Readiness Classes

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- *Benson Early Childhood Center, NS Elementary
- *Enter through the main SE doors of the school

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- *Enter the main SE doors of NS Elementary where we will have a registration table set up. Parents, this is your first chance to sign up for a class. Bring your child down to see our room in the Early Childhood Center.



ECFE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday, December 7th 6:00—7:00 p.m.
Northside Early Childhood Center

Free for children birth—5 years and their families Parents; here is your opportunity to kick off the holiday season with your children! Join us for cookies, crafts and a visit from Santa. You will also have an opportunity to register for winter/spring classes. Preregister for this event on the Community Ed website.



Important Dates To Remember

- August 23** Open House for: VPK, School Readiness & ECFE
- September 6**..... VPK & School Readiness Parent Orientation
- September 11 & 12** ... VPK Begins
- September 12** School Readiness Begins
- September 18**..... ECFE Classes Begins
- November 22-24**..... Thanksgiving break
- December 4** ECFE classes end
- Dec. 25-Jan 1** Winter break

ECFE Community Vehicle Touch Event

Wednesday, August 30th
6:00—7:00 p.m. * FREE!

N.S. Elementary Early Childhood Center parking lot

Parents of children ages 0-prek 5 are invited to bring their family to this fun outdoor event! Your child will have the opportunity to explore a firetruck, ambulance, police car, school bus, and other community service vehicles.

ECFE registration will be available. Event will be held rain or shine! Please do not park in the parking lot.



**Benson Early Childhood Family Education
Fall 2023 Class Registration Form**

Please select the appropriate time/class for your child. Check the schedule on page 3. Your child **MUST** be the age of the class **BEFORE** the class session begins. Best registration option is to register at the Open House (see above) or online. You may also mail registration with payment, but class placement is not guaranteed. Please note that all **mail registrations must be postmarked on or after August 24**. Send to: Benson Community Education, 1400 Montana Ave, Benson, MN 56215.

Child's Name		Age/DOB	Male - - - Female
Parent's Name(s)			
Address			
Email			
Phone (h)	(w)	(c)	

Use the sliding fee scale below for ECFE Classes
Income Guidelines: (AGI-after taxes)

Please circle class fee you will be paying:

- Under \$19,999 Scholarships Available - contact Chrysees
- \$20,000-\$49,999 = class fee of \$30
- \$50,000-\$74,999 = class fee of \$40
- \$75,000 and up = class fee of \$50

Please make checks payable to Benson Public Schools.

Please circle which class you are registering for:

- Monday 4:00-5:15 pm (18 months - 4 years old)
- Monday 5:30-6:45 pm (18 months - 4 years old)

All families are welcome. No one will be denied access to ECFE classes due to an inability to pay.

Contact Chrysees Forbord at 843-2710, ext. 4122.

Voluntary Pre-K (VPK) / School Readiness / ECFE Classes

VPK & School Readiness classes will be held throughout the school year beginning Sept. 11 and 12. Participants in the *4 year old program* must be eligible for Kindergarten fall of 2024 and 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2023. Participants in the *3 year old program* must be 3 years old by Sept. 1, 2023 and **completely potty-trained**.

Voluntary Pre-K (VPK) - - - - - held throughout the school year in the **Early Childhood Center at Northside**

4 year old Full Day Class Options. All held from 7:50 a.m.-2:50 p.m. **All Classes are FULL**

3 Days a week (M,W,F or T,Th,F) Begins September 11th/12th (offered free of charge)

5 Days a week (Monday-Friday) Begins September 11th (offered at \$150 a month)

School Readiness - - - - - held throughout the school year in the **Early Childhood Center at Northside**

3 year old Half Day Class held from 8:00-10:45 a.m. **This Class is FULL**

2 Days a week (Tuesday, Thursday) Begins September 12 (offered at \$75 a month)

Pathway scholarship are available for those that qualify financially.

ECFE - - - - - 12 week sessions

Monday Nights from September 18th through December 4th

Both classes are for children ages 18 months - 4 years old

4:00-5:15 p.m. OR 5:30-6:45 p.m.

Online registration with a credit card can be done here:
benison.revtrak.net/RW-Community-Education/

What is ECFE?

Early Childhood Family Education is held at the NS Elementary, Early Childhood Center . We provide classes and events for families with children ages birth to pre-k 5 years of age.

A typical 12 week ECFE class includes: parent-child activities, circle time, snack time for the children, and parent discussion led by a parent educator.

Pre-registration is required.

ECFE PRE-REGISTRATION

Pre-registration is necessary for all classes - online, by phone, mail or in person. Your first opportunity to register is Weds., Aug. 23 at the ***Open House*** at Northside Elementary. Starting Aug. 24 you may register online, by calling 843-4545 or stopping in at the Community Ed Office between 8:00-4:00 M-F.

All are welcome and no one will be denied access to ECFE classes due to an inability to pay. A sliding fee scale is located with the registration form on page 2. Questions? Contact Chrysees Forbord at 843-2710, ext. 4122.

ENROLLMENT

Class sizes will be determined by the ECFE/SR 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.

IMMUNIZATION FORMS

Please bring a record of your child's immunizations to the 1st class. 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

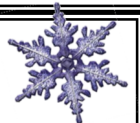
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weather

VPK/School Readiness/ECFE Weather Policy

2 Hour LATE START: Full Day classes start at 9:50 am
Half Day AM classes run from 9:50-11:30 am

NO SCHOOL: VPK, School Readiness and ECFE classes cancelled

EARLY DISMISSAL: VPK and School Readiness students will be dismissed at same time as school is dismissed.
All ECFE classes cancelled.



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Benson, MN 56215
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BENSON, MN 56215

Benson's Early Childhood Family Education Center

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 teaching assistants.

Chrysees Forbord - ECFE Program Coordinator,
Early Childhood Educator

Amanda Essig - ECFE Parent Educator

Shelly Vergin - Community Ed Director

Advisory Council:

Chrysees Forbord, Allison Alsaker, Ainsley Anderson, Courtney Cook, Kelly Carruth, Amanda Essig, Emily Foslien, Claire Goff, Brennan Hagen-Kent, Brennan Kent, Jenna Olson, Lindsay Smith, Shelly Vergin

Early Childhood Screening

All preschoolers who will be 3 or 4 years old on or before September 1, 2023 are eligible to be screened. This program provides a comprehensive health and developmental screening once before the child enters Kindergarten. You will receive a letter prior to the screening date.

Be Counted!

It is very important that all residents of ISD #777, even babies, be included on the school census. If you or someone you know recently had an addition to the family or have moved, please call 843-2710, ext. 4122. Being on the census will ensure that you receive the ECFE newsletter, School Readiness registration materials, and other important school information.