

# Early Childhood Family Center 520 Industrial Blvd. Waconia, MN 952-442-0613

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# Welcome to Dist. 110 ECFE

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) is a District 110 Community Education program of Waconia Public Schools. All families with children ages birth to kindergarten are welcome. Our mission is to strengthen families through education and support of all parents as their child's first and most important teacher.

ECFE offers classes, special events and other programs designed to give parents information, resources and skills that support their child's growth and development. Most classes meet once a week for 1.5-2 hours at a time.

A sliding fee scale is provided to make classes affordable for all families. No one will be denied participation for inability to pay.

# ECFE 0 - 28 months

#### **ECFE Registration-COVID-19 Procedures**

Our spring registration will begin on Monday, March 15. Due to COVID-19 we may need to make changes to our offerings based on COVID-19 safety protocols for our school and community. Rest assured we will continue to offer high quality programs that take into account safety measures of health screens for staff and families as well as rigorous cleaning and sanitization. Class sizes have been reduced for safety measures. Register for classes at a \$0 fee and select the recurring fee level from the drop down menu to choose your payment amount. Payments will be processed the first week of class. Please be sure you have an up to date credit card on your account. You will receive a receipt when your card is charged. Sibling Care will not be offered due to safety measures, unless the sibling is a young infant and needs to be with the caregiver.

#### Incredible Infants

#### o-6 months - Virtual Parenting Education

Having a new baby is both exciting and challenging. This virtual class helps you to get off to a great start with your baby in the comfort of your own home. Our licensed parent educator will connect you with other parents in a virtual format called ZOOM. You can expect discussions about common concerns such as adjusting to parenthood, sleep and feeding issues, calming techniques and infant development. Guest specialists will join the ZOOM sessions and may include a public health nurse, a lactation consultant, a yoga instructor, infant massage therapist or a nutritionist. You are welcome to join an infant class at any time during the session as space allows. Registration required.

ECSo1 o-6 months Thur. April 1-May 13 (No class April 15) 10:30-11:45 am \$18.00

#### 6-12 months

Your baby is growing and changing, which takes different parenting strategies. This supportive and informative in person class helps you confidently parent your older infant. You will discuss common concerns such as safety now that the baby is moving, nutrition as solid foods are introduced, confident parenting, sleep patterns and much more. **Parents and children will stay together the entire class.** You are welcome to join an infant class at any time during the session as space allows. Registration required. ECFE Room 114 **Ages as of January 1, 2021** 

ECWSo2 6-12 months Wed. March 31-May 12 10:45-12:15 pm \$20.00

#### Terrific Toddlers

A whole new world begins once your child becomes mobile--a toddling little bundle of energy just looking to touch, taste, and test out the world and you! Spend time enjoying music, movement, and lots of exploratory activities with your child. During the parent discussion, we'll share ideas for separation anxiety, setting limits, safety, and other joys and concerns of parent-hood. Toddler classes will gradually separate based on age and development of children. Join us for this special time with your busy toddler. Class fees can be found on page 7. Registration required. ECFE Room 114

Ages as of January 1, 2021

ECWSo <sub>3</sub>	10-16 months	Mon. March 29-May 17 (No class Apr. 5)	10:45-12:15 pm
ECWS10	14-22 months	Tue. March 30-May 11	10:45-12:15 pm
ECWS <sub>12</sub>	22-28 months	Mon. March 29-May 17 (No class Apr. 5)	8:45-10:15 am



# ECFE 29 months - 5 years

Check out the next page for more class options!

### A Typical ECFE Class includes:

- Parent/Child Time Parents and children explore age-appropriate activities designed to enhance learning. Parents gain new ideas for things to do together at home with their children. This time includes a group "Circle Time" of songs and games.
- Parent Education Licensed parent educators provide resources and guide group discussions about child development, parenting techniques and current issues concerning today's families.
- Children's Classroom During parent discussion, children play in a stimulating and caring environment with licensed early childhood teachers. They enjoy music, stories, group games and creative play as they interact with other children their age. Registration Required. ECFE Room 108 Ages as of January 1, 2021



### Coming Back for More

Are you returning to ECFE as a second, third or fourth time parent? This class is designed for parents with multiple-age children. Topics will focus on information and support to parent <u>all</u> of your children.

ECWS<sub>23</sub> Wed. March 31-May 12 29 mo-5 years 11:00-12:30 pm





### ECFE Class Fee Schedule

Use the table below to determine your fee category for classes. Choose the category based on your annual gross income. The information you provide will be treated confidentially. All families are welcome at ECFE. No one will be denied participation due to inability to pay fees.

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		1.5 hour classes
	<u>Annual Income</u>	Sliding Fee Scale
	1. under \$35,000	Waived fees, call
		442-0664 to register
	2. \$35,000-\$49,999	\$31.50
	3. \$50,000-\$74,999	\$49.00
	4. \$75,000-\$99,999	\$66.50
	5. \$100,000-above	\$84.00
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March - May

#### Covid Related Information **Face Covering**

Staff are required to wear face coverings and/or shields when providing direct service. Caregivers are required to wear face coverings within the building. Children under the age of 5 are not required to wear a mask when attending class.

#### **Tuition**

Tuition reimbursements will not be given in the event that your child or family becomes ill or a class is required to enter distance learning for a short period of time. In-person classes will resume when it is safe. If our school is required to enter in distance learning for a period longer than two weeks, a prorated tuition reduction of 50% will be issued at the end of the session.

# ECFE Virtual Classes

### Virtual Distant Learning ECFE Classes

Distant learning through Zoom is a unique way to enter the ECFE classroom without in-person interaction. In this class you will be provided a Zoom link to join the live class. As a virtual participant you will see what is happening in the class, while learning at home. Chat box and an audio microphone in the Zoom app will allow you to join in circle time and parent discussions. Video within the Zoom app provides a sense of connection to the group. Activity packets for the children, provided by your classroom teacher, will enrich your child's growth at home and keep you learning alongside the in-person class. This class is for you if you are looking for parent connection and fun learning activities/circle time for your child while at home. Teachers will be in touch with more specific details about the appropriate time to join in the class.

Class days and times could change depending on in person enrollments. Virtual class offered with a 50% reduction in tuition.

#### Infants/Toddlers

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_		Tuesdays & Thursdays March 30-May 13	

# Outdoor Summer Preschool



This 4-week child-only program is designed for 3-5 year old children. Children will explore a variety of learning centers and activities in our outdoor classroom, Wildcat Discovery Park. This preschool class will focus on literacy and school readiness skills along with nature topics in an outdoor learning environment. Children will spend the majority of the school day outdoors so dress accordingly. In case of inclement weather, we will move indoors. This class has no parent discussion day or sibling care. Register for this class at a \$o fee and select the recurring fee from the drop down menu to choose your payment amount. Payments will be processed the first week of class. You will receive a receipt when your card is charged.

Wildcat Discovery Park or ECFE Room 108 Ages as of June 1, 2021

ECo5 June 1 - 24 (12 days) Tue/Wed/Thur 8:30-11:00 am Instructors: Christine/Andrea

#### Fee Based on Annual Income:

Under \$65,000 call to arrange

a modified payment

\$65,000 - above \$150.00

Please register online at www.waconiacommunityed.org (go to Community Ed - Registration - Online Registration - Browse Catalog - Early Childhood Family Education -Summer (June) Preschool.

# Parent/Child Private Group Class

### Private Group One Time ECFE Classes

Calling all MOMS club, MOPS, homeschool groups and other friend pods! Do you feel more comfortable attending a class with a group of people you frequently socialize with? We are offering one time classes for small groups, following our safe learning plan. This is an opportunity to join together in an ECFE format with a parent educator and an early childhood teacher leading your small, mixed age groups. Class sizes are limited to 7 children with 1 adult per child. Have a spokesperson sign up your group with a so registration fee and select the recurring fee that will be charged to the credit card the week your class meets. The children's names and birthdates along with adult names in your group will be required at the time of registration. This is a separating class with a parent component. Register under Special Events for one or more sessions.

\$90.00/group ECFE Room 108 Registration Required

Friday, April 2 ECGroup6o ECGroup40 9:00-10:30 am Friday, May 14 9:00-10:30 am

**ECGroup50** Friday, April 30 9:00-10:30 am







# One on One Parent Coaching

Register online at ECFE Parent Only Classes

Do you have parenting questions or need resources? Maybe you want to develop some specific strategies for parenting your child and need some support. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to meet with a licensed parent educator either in person or virtually to gain insight, strategies and support, while becoming the best version of yourself as parents. Fill out the linked form and one of our friendly, knowledgeable parent educators will be in touch to set up a meeting. Each session is up to one hour in length. Parent Coaching Form

Cost: Free to Parents enrolled at ISD110 ECFE and Waconia Wildcat Preschool. No registration required

\$20 a session for other community members.

Registration and payment is required before the meeting is set up. Class Code: EC40

What a great deal for some professional coaching!

# ECFE Special Events with take home kits or in person

(Special events include 5 year olds who are not in Kindergarten)

# <u>Learning with Books Activity Kit -</u> <u>Pete the Cat</u>

(2 1/2-5 years)

A take home kit of fun for children ages 2-5 yrs, containing creative projects and learning activities fueled by the popular Pete the Cat children's books by Eric Litwin. A link to the on-line book will be provided, if you do not have the hard copy to read at home.



This kit will contain art projects and/or activities with directions and supplies provided. Email us pictures of the completed activities and we will post them on our Facebook page.

Kit Pick Up Days: contactless kit pick up in the vestibule at the ECFE entrance beginning Tuesday, March 30 from 9:00 - 4:00 pm weekdays.

ECSP24 \$5.00/kit \$10.00/family maximum Registration Required

## Plant a Fairy or Dinosaur Garden

(3-5 years)

Join us in person for a planting date at Wildcat Discovery Park. Our outdoor classroom will be set up for planting fun. We will provide containers, plants, soil and accessories to create a live fairy or dinosaur garden. Children can use their imagination to play in their gardens at home and learn about how to keep gardens growing strong and healthy. In case of inclement weather, we will package up kits for you to take home.

ECSP26 Friday, May 21 \$15.00/kit 9:00-10:00 am Registration Required



Register online or use the ECFE registration form found on page 12.

### Build a Wooden Treasure Chest

(2 1/2-5 years)

Children love treasure chests and making their very own is sure to be a memory that lasts forever! A super cool wooden treasure chest building kit will be provided for families to assemble at home. A list of suggested activities prepared by our expert Early Childhood staff will be included in this kit and will provide ways to extend this project for more fun and learning! Email us pictures of the completed activities and we will post them on our Facebook page. Registration closes April 15.

Kit Pick Up Days: contactless kit pick up in the vestibule at the ECFE entrance beginning Friday, April 23 from 9:00 - 4:00 pm weekdays.

ECSP25 \$15.00/kit Registration Required



### Help Me Grow MN

Some children need extra help to learn and grow. Help Me Grow is a Minnesota state initiative that connects children with developmental delays and disabilities and their families to free, local early intervention services.

If you have a concern about a child's development, you can refer the child through Help Me Grow for a free screening or evaluation. Services are free to eligible children ages birth-5, regardless of income or immigrant status.

Help Me Grow's website, helpmegrowmn.org, offers valuable information to help parents and caregivers understand a child's development. Resources include

developmental milestones, strategies to encourage development and information about referrals. To refer a child, visit helpmegrownmn. org or call 866-693-GROW (4769).



# Early Childhood Screening

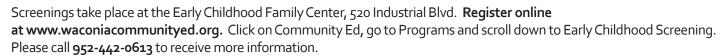
### Is your child 3 years old?

The early childhood years are an important time of rapid learning and growth. Early Childhood Screening is a FREE service offered by District 110 that will check a child's overall development and health. Children are screened by a licensed early childhood teacher

and a school nurse. Results of the screening help identify any learning or health concerns that may require attention before a child enters kindergarten. In Minnesota all children are required to complete Early Childhood Screening before kindergarten entrance, however, it is not a test for kindergarten. The preferred age to screen is between the ages of 3 and 4 years old.

#### Early Childhood Screening includes:

- \* A look at your child's development
- \*Vision and hearing checks
- \* Height and weight measurements
- \* Immunization and health history review





Fridays 8:00-1:1	15 pm	Tuesday 12:00-5:00 pm	Thursdays 2	:30-5:00 pm
March 26 April 9 May 7	April 23	May 18	March 25 May 6	April 22

If your child has been screened by another school district, Early Childhood Special Education or Headstart, your child does not need to be screened again, but a summary copy must be on file with the current school district your child will be attending. Contact the ECS office at 952-442-0613 for information on how to have screening records forwarded to the school district.

### Early Childhood Family Center Spring 2021 classes at a glance March 29-May 17

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
8:30-10:00 am 29 mo-3 years	8:30-10:30 am 33 mo-5 years	8:30-10:00 am 29 mo-3 years	8:30-10:30 am 33 mo-5 years		
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<b>11:00-12:30 pm</b> 29 mo-5 years	<b>10:45-12:15 pm</b> 14-22 months	11:00-12:30 pm 29 mo-5 years	11:00-1:00 pm 33 mo-5 years		
<b>10:45-12:15 pm</b> 10-16 months	<b>11:00-1:00 pm</b> 33 mo-5 years	<b>10:45-12:15 pm</b> 6-12 months			



# ECFE Registration

### 4 Easy Ways to Register:

- 1. Online Register online at www.waconiacommunityed.org
- 2. Mail Registration form and payment to:

District 110 ECFE 520 Industrial Blvd. Waconia, MN 55387

- 3. **Drop off** Registration form and payment at:
  - ECFE Office 520 Industrial Blvd.
  - Community Education Office 516 Industrial Blvd.
  - 24-hour Drop Box located outside Bayview & Southview
- 4. Fax Registration form with credit card number, expiration date and signature to: 952-442-0619

Unless the fee is stated, use the sliding fee scale on page 7 to determine class fee. Make checks payable to Dist. 110 Community Education. We accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover and AmExpress. Registration begins on Monday, March 15 at 8:30 am

Questions? Call 952-442-0613

#### REGISTRATION POLICIES

- The online shopping cart will be available on Monday, March 15 at 8:30 am. If you are new to ECFE or Community Ed, create an account at waconiacommunityed.org. Click on Community Ed at the top of the page then go to Registration. Register for one class per child. Registration for a second class for the same child opens on Monday, March 22. You will receive an e-mail confirming your registration.
- ECFE will waive one class fee for income-eligible families per session. Please call 952-442-0664 to register. Fees for special events will not be waived.
- Refund Policy A full refund is issued for cancellations before the session begins, minus a \$10.00 processing fee. After the first week, refunds are prorated. There are no refunds midway through a session or for missed class days. Special Event refunds will only be given with a 5-day advance notice.









### **ECFE SPRING/SUMMER REGISTRATION 2021** PARENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: SCHOOL DISTRICT: **FAMILY CLASSES** CLASS NUMBER DAY/TIME CHILD NAME DATE OF CLASS CHILD NAME DATE OF IN CLASS BIRTH SIBLING CARE BIRTH FEE SIBLING CARE FEE SPECIAL EVENTS **EVENT - NUMBER & TITLE** PARENT(S) ATTENDING CHILDREN'S NAME **EVENT FEE** Payment: Cash Check # \_\_\_\_ Waived Fee Date Rec'd \_\_\_\_ TOTAL FEE \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card # Credit Card (Visa, MC, Discover, AE)

# COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Arc-Hennepin/Carver Development Disabilities	952-920-0855
Carver County Public Health Services	952-361-1329
Carver County Social Services	952-361-1600
Child Care Aware of MN	952-402-9824
<b>Crisis Nursery</b> Temporary childcare during a crisis	612-839-5101
<b>Dist. 110 Special Education Services</b> Information on 3-5 yr overall growth and dev	952-442-0637 velopment
ECFE Home Visit  Discussions may include care of newborns, a for young children, child development, parei community resources.	
Early Childhood Screening Required health and developmental screenir 3-4 year old children prior to kindergarten en Go to www.isd110.org/community-ed/prograna appointment	trance.
First Street Center Offers a comprehensive range of mental hea	952-442-4437 alth services
Head Start/CAPP Agency	952-496-2125
Help Me Grow - Early Intervention Information on Birth-3 yr overall growth and	952-567-8210 I development
<b>LaLeche League</b> Support for breastfeeding	952-472-6493
Library - call for storytimes  • Waconia  • St. Bonifacius	952-442-4714 952-446-1418
Macaroni Kid Carver County http://carver.macaronikid.com	952-201-0429
MN Sure Health Insurance for income eligible families	952-361-1600
Ridgeview Medical Center Education - Breastfeeding, sibling preparation Birthing Center Pediatrics Pediatric Rehab Services	952-442-2191 on
Sexual Violence Center 24-hour helpline	952-448-5425
Southern Valley Alliance for Battered Women	<b>952-</b> 873-4214
Waconia United Food Shelf	952-442-3878
WIC Free nutrition program for women, infants a at East Creek Family Center, Chaska	952-496-2125 nd children

#### **Early Childhood Family Education Staff**

Tiffany Nelson, Community Education Director TBD, Early Childhood Supervisor Brenda Buesgens, Secretary

ECFE Teachers	<b>ECFE Teacher Assistants</b>
Heather Carlson - EC	Amie Hunt
Lauren McQuillan - PE	MegumiThomson
Kristie Niebeling - EC	Karen Whalen
Christine Pedretti - PE	
Preschool Teachers	Preschool Assistants
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Melissa Otto	Andrea Mathwig
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#### Early Childhood Advisory Council

The Advisory Council meets five times throughout the school year to develop goals, help plan and volunteer at events and provide feedback for the program. Free childcare is offered during the meetings.

Kara Anderson Lynn Irrgang
Brianna Ballard Taylor Muhlenbruch
Erin Foss-Beerling Tiffany Nelson

# Is your family included on the School District Census?

Has there been a birth in your family? Have you recently moved into the area? Is there a new family in your neighborhood? District 110 wants all families to know about the programs and activities that are offered.

Being on the School District Census insures that you will automatically receive information about Early Childhood Screening, preschool and kindergarten.

To be added to the census, please call the School District Census Office at 952-442-0607.

#### HASYOUR CHILD HAD IMMUNIZATIONS?

Minnesota law requires that all children attending District 110 Early Childhood classes have their immunizations up to date. Proof of immunization must be presented. If you need information on low cost or free immunizations for your child, call Carver County Public Health Services at 952-361-1329.

#### WEATHER EMERGENCY POLICY

When District 110 K-12 classes are cancelled due to inclement weather, all Early Childhood classes/events are also cancelled. If there is a late start, the 8:30 and 8:45 am classes will not be held, but the classes later in the day will be in session. District Weather Line 952-442-0640.

# Early Childhood Preschool Program



#### Welcome to District 110 Waconia Wildcat Preschool



Waconia Community Education connects, empowers, and enriches lives through lifelong learning and service to our community. Early Childhood Education is a core component of Community Education where families and young children begin their relationship with Waconia Schools. We rec-

ognize that every student has unique needs. It is our goal to offer the best learning environment for your child. Academic and support specialists collaborate with classroom teachers to deliver classroom instruction. This collaboration is designed to support each child who comes through our door to reach his/her full potential.



Waconia Wildcat Preschool provides innovative classrooms where creativity and imagination flourish. Our inclusive program helps all children discover a joy of learning. Your child will be immersed in a stimulating environment that encourages physical, intellectual, and emotional development through play based investigation, purposeful questioning and exploration for deep learning and a seamless transition to kindergarten.

There are other preschool options available in Waconia, but our preschool is the only preschool that aligns with the Waconia School District curriculum and the overall K-12 system. We work closely with Early Childhood Special Education and kindergarten teachers to foster a successful transition from preschool to kindergarten. Call 952-442-0613 with guestions or go to our website for more detailed information about each session.

### Goals of District 110 Preschool

At ISD110, our mission is to allow students to explore their passions and create success. In early childhood we give children a high quality preschool experience in partnership with parents. We strive to educate, collaborate, challenge, empower and support families, nurture development and treat all with respect.

#### We believe:

- Parents are children's first and most important teachers
- Licensed teachers nurture and provide structure to support young learners and parents
- Research based curriculum embedded with standardized goals will provide learning to ensure kindergarten
- Classroom environments should be carefully designed to support developmentally appropriate exploration for preschool children
- Play opens the world of learning for the preschool child

# We are a Pyramid Model School

Pyramid model is a social and emotional framework incorporated into the curriculum to ensure high quality classrooms for all students. Teachers are supported to implement this framework through the Minnesota Centers of Excellence. Children will benefit from this program through learning life long skills such as: friendship, self regulation, problem solving and learning about emotions.



Waconia Wildcat Preschool earned a Four Star Parent Aware Rating. Parent Aware Star Ratings help parents find

programs that go above and beyond to prepare children for school and life.



### Calling all cubs who want to be a wildcat!

Waconia Wildcat Preschool offers 2, 3, 4 and 5 day a week class options for children who are ages 3-5 years of age as of Sept. 1. Registration for NEW families begin online Wednesday, March 17. CURRENT families who will be returning for another year of preschool can register online Mon. March 1 - Fri. March 12. For registration instruction go to our website at www. isd110.org/student-enrollment/preschool-enrollment-instructions