Newly Remodeled Early Learning Center Opens September 2020

In November 2017, St. Louis Park voters overwhelmingly approved a bond referendum to make additions and improvements to all school district buildings. Early Learning families will enjoy the benefits of this support starting in the Fall of 2020. The west side of Central Community Center will be remodeled for our youngest learners with:

✔ Enhanced security at the new west entrance
✔ New parking lot for closer, easier access
✔ Refreshed classrooms
  • beautifully designed
  • scaled for preschoolers
  • new lighting and technology
  • state of the art Community Playthings furniture
✔ New playground with age-appropriate equipment

Save the dates! Kindergarten Registration Timeline

Fall/Winter 2019-2020 – Schedule a tour at one of the four elementary schools at www.bit.ly/SLPKTours2019

January 15, 2020 – PSI Kindergarten Application Deadline for Non-Residents (Deliver to the Enrollment Center at the District Office by 4 p.m.)

February 13, 2020 – PSI Kindergarten Application Deadline for Residents (Deliver to District Office by 4 p.m.)

March 2020 – Families will receive Kindergarten registration packets in the mail. All forms should be returned to the Enrollment Center at the District Office.
March 12, 2020 – Kindergarten Information Night at all four elementary schools.

August 2020 (Dates TBA) Ride the Bus: Aquila, PSI, and Peter Hobart, and Susan Lindgren Elementary Schools Central Community Center, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

September 10, 2020 – School starts for Kindergarten students

Kindergarten Enrollment Information is Online
For more information about Kindergarten in St. Louis Park, visit www.slpchools.org/kindergarten.

Early Childhood Screening

Early Learning Services conducts screenings for St. Louis Park children to help identify those who may benefit from early childhood services before they enter school, and connects them with the appropriate resources and programs.

• This free service is required by the State of Minnesota.
• The ideal age is 3½ - 4 years old.
• Screening includes a vision, hearing, and developmental assessment, as well as an opportunity to discuss any family circumstance that you feel may affect your child’s learning readiness.

To register online go to www.slpcommunityed.com, choose Birth to Five category and next choose Early Childhood Screening, or call 952-928-6774.
WHAT IS ECFE?
• An Early Childhood Family Education program of the St. Louis Park Public Schools.
• Children from birth to kindergarten learn through play and interaction and parents participate in a discussion group.
• On-site sibling childcare is offered during ECFE class time for an additional fee.

OUR STAFF
• Licensed Early Childhood teachers
• Experienced classroom assistants
• Licensed Parent Educators

OUR PROGRAMS
• Non-Separating Classes: Parent discussion takes place in the same classroom as the children.
• Separating Classes: Parent discussion takes place in a different classroom during part of the class.
• Home Visiting Program: Individual visits tailored to your family’s needs.
  Call 952-847-0533 to schedule a visit.

EARLY LEARNING ADVISORY COUNCIL
Parent volunteers sponsor family events, raise funds for scholarships, and advise the program manager on program and budget issues. Meetings are the second Monday of each month from 6:30-8 p.m. All are welcome. Free childcare during meetings. Contact Mary Juberian, 952-928-6778, juberian.mary@slpschools.org for more information. Join us at www.Facebook.com/st.louisparkECFE

CONTACT A PARENT EDUCATOR
If you would like to discuss any parenting concerns or questions, please call Cindy at 952-847-0533 to set up a personal phone call with a parent educator.

SEE ECFE IN ACTION
To see ECFE in action, watch our video at www.slpcommunityed.com/videos

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Mini Saturday & Evening Infant Class
Enjoy a taste of ECFE with this 3 or 5-week class! Enter from 35th St. and Wooddale Ave., entrance #7 – Central Clinic.

| 0-12 mos. | Thursday | Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 | 6-7:30 p.m. | $50 | E519 |
| 0-12 mos. | Thursday | Apr. 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14 | 6-7:30 p.m. | $50 | E520 |
| 0-12 mos. | Saturday | Mar. 7, 14, 21 | 9-10:30 a.m. | $30 | E521 |
| 0 to 5 yrs | Thursday | Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26, Apr. 9 | 6-7:30 p.m. | $50 | E522 |
| 0 to 5 yrs | Saturday | May 2, 9, 16 | 9-10:30 a.m. | $30 | E523 |

Ongoing Evening Classes
See Non-Separating Class for 12-24 mos. E515

New! STEM for 24-60 mos.
This is a 5-week separating class that will explore different facets of STEM (science, technology, engineering, math). Hands-on exploration and fun projects!

| 24-60 mos. | Fridays | Apr. 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8 | 9:30-11:30 a.m. | $75 | E507 |

Parents Only Class (while your child is in preschool or early elementary)
Is your child in preschool or early elementary school and you miss ECFE? This class is a parenting only option for parents of children ages 3-6. Meet two Thursdays a month to discuss challenges along with topics of interest. SibCare available.

| Thursdays | Jan. 30, Feb. 13, Mar. 5 & 19, Apr. 16 & 30, May 14 | 9:30-11 a.m. | Cost is 50% of Non-Separating Class Fee | E508 |

Sibling Care
Depending on need, on-site sibling care is offered during some ECFE class times. Remember that you must register for sibling care when you register for ECFE classes. Fee is 50% of the cost of the class and is for the entire session.

Two’s Company
For children 2-3 years old. (Must be 24 months by Sept. 1, 2019.) Curriculum focuses on preschool readiness, language and literacy, social and emotional development, fine and gross motor skills. This non-separating parent-child class is taught by licensed teachers. Classes are held at Central Community Center beginning the week of January 27, 2020 through the week of May 18, 2020. Free sibling care provided. For more information, call: 952-928-6749.

| Mondays | 9-10:30 a.m. | $99 (2nd semester) | TC1-2019 |
ECFE Classes Registration Information

Classes begin the week of January 27, 2020 and end the week of May 18, 2020.

Immunizations are required before your child may start ECFE classes. Minnesota requires all students enrolled in early childhood through grade 12 to provide proof they have received immunizations or an exemption. Please e-mail Jenna Reynolds at reynolds.jenna@slpschools.org or fax to 952-928-6728. Call 952-928-6777 with questions.

ECFE Classes for parents and children. Enjoy playing and learning together in an early childhood classroom. The parent discussion takes place in a separate room. Figure your child’s age by counting how many months old s/he is on February 1, 2020. For these classes, enter Central Community Center at Door # 22 or Door # 1. Babies 0-6 months may stay in class with parents.

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Household Income | Fee
---|---
$100,000 and above | $278
$75,000 – $99,999 | $196
$50,000 – $74,999 | $114
$25,000 – $49,999 | $82
Under $25,000 | $51

ECFE classes for parents with infants and toddlers. Parents stay with their children during discussion.
Figure your child’s age by counting how many months old s/he is on February 1, 2020. For these classes, enter Central Community Center from 35th St., Door #7. The ECFE room is located next to Central Clinic. Babies 0-6 months may stay in class with parents.

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Household Income | Fee
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$100,000 and above | $206
$75,000 – $99,999 | $152
$50,000 – $74,999 | $98
$25,000 – $49,999 | $66
Under $25,000 | $35

Fees for ECFE are on a sliding fee scale according to family income. No one will be turned away because of inability to pay for an ECFE class.

Class fees for out-of-district registrants: please add $40.
How Do I Choose?

- Find your child’s age as of 9/1/2020.
- Find the time/days that work best for your child and your family. For full day preschool, see Kids Place on page 6.

How Do I Register?

- Online: at slpcommunityed.com or
- Mail or in person: Central Community Center
  6300 Walker Street
  St. Louis Park, MN 55416

A $75 non-refundable registration fee is required to enroll. Fees support our Early Learning Preschool programs. Automatic monthly payment required.

Preschool Tuition Assistance

Income eligibility chart based on family income. There are limited funds available.

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For each additional family member add:

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Questions?

Call Heidi at Central Community Center:
952-928-6785.

Classes meet at:
Central Community Center
6300 Walker Street
St. Louis Park

Learn English while your child attends preschool. Call 952-988-5343.
Registration Information
Classes begin the week of September 14, 2020 and end the week of June 8, 2021.

Early Learning Preschool for Fall 2020
Three-Year Olds (33-47 mo.)

| MORNING CLASSES |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Days            | #Days/week      | Time            | Monthly Fee     | Class           |
| M/W/F           | 3 days          | 9:15–11:45 a.m.| $258 per month  | EL3-1           |
| T/TH            | 2 days          | 9:15–11:45 a.m.| $190 per month  | EL3-2           |
| M/W             | 2 days          | 9:15–11:45 a.m.| $190 per month  | EL3-3           |
| T/TH/F          | 3 days          | 9:15–11:45 a.m.| $258 per month  | EL3-4           |
| M-TH            | 4 days          | 9–11:30 a.m.   | $326 per month  | EL3-5           |
| M/T/W           | 3 days          | 9–11:30 a.m.   | $258 per month  | EL3-6           |
| T/W/TH          | 3 days          | 9–11:30 a.m.   | $258 per month  | EL3-7           |

| AFTERNOON CLASSES |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Days              | #Days/week      | Time            | Monthly Fee     | Class           |
| M-TH              | 4 days          | 12:25–2:55 p.m.| $326 per month  | EL3-10          |
| M/W               | 2 days          | 12:25–2:55 p.m.| $190 per month  | EL3-11          |
| T/TH              | 2 days          | 12:25–2:55 p.m.| $190 per month  | EL3-12          |

Early Learning Preschool for Fall 2020
Four-Year Olds (48 mos. to 5 years)

| MORNING CLASSES |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Days            | #Days/week      | Time            | Monthly Fee     | Class           |
| M-TH            | 4 days          | 9-11:30 a.m.   | $326 per month  | EL4-1           |
| M/T/W           | 3 days          | 9–11:30 a.m.   | $258 per month  | EL4-2           |
| M/W/TH          | 3 days          | 9–11:30 a.m.   | $258 per month  | EL4-3           |
| M-F             | 5 days          | 9–11:30 a.m.   | $402 per month  | EL4-4           |

| AFTERNOON CLASSES |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Days              | #Days/week      | Time            | Monthly Fee     | Class           |
| M-TH              | 4 days          | 12:25–2:55 p.m.| $326 per month  | EL4-10          |
KIDS PLACE PRESCHOOL

Kids Place provides exceptional child care options for working families. As part of St. Louis Park Public Schools, we share the district’s commitment to ensure all students are provided safe, nurturing environments in which to learn and grow.

This high quality, full-day preschool program offers extended hours to accommodate the needs of working parents.

• Ages 33 months-5 years.
• Monday–Friday, 6:30 a.m.–6 p.m., year-round
• Proven effective kindergarten readiness curriculum provides instruction through play in all learning domains:
  ° social emotional development
  ° science
  ° social studies
  ° fine arts and music
  ° physical development
  ° oral language and vocabulary
  ° emergent reading
  ° emergent writing
  ° mathematics

SCHEDULE AND LOCATION OPTIONS

Central:
Choose 2-5 full days/week (between 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.)

Lenox:
Choose 2-5 full days/week (between 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.)
Choose 2-5 full days/week (between 9 a.m.-3 p.m.)

REGISTER ONLINE

www.slpcommunityed.com/child-care or call the Kids Place Main Office at 952.928.6764.

Kids Place Preschool
Registration Information

REGISTRATION YEAR ROUND!

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Fee assistance is available for those who qualify through a Hennepin County Child Care Assistance program. Call 612-348-5937 for more information.
Early Learning Parent Advisory Council Update

By Mary Aubart, Chairperson

It has been a great start to our 2019-2020 year as an Early Learning (EL) Parent Advisory Council. We hosted the Vehicle Fair on October 7th at the beginning of the school year, which was a wonderful free event for families. Various vehicles were explored by many young inquiring minds and since the weather wasn’t the best, they could go indoors too and explore a craft project! We also hosted the Fall Ball on November 8th with a small meal, dancing, face painting, photo taking, and craft projects for EL families. The turnout was good and everyone had a great time. Our next event will be the Winter Meltdown on Saturday, February 1st.

The Council has also been busy reviewing, considering, and approving several projects that we can fund through the generous grant we received from Cargill last year. We have funded STEM/STEAM kits and developmental artifacts, we have provided supplemental funds for additional mental health counselor time, an early learning reading program that encourages diversity and cultural awareness, and teacher appreciation.

We have also had success in recruiting new members to be part of the Parent Advisory Council. Fresh faces, fresh ideas, and fresh energy have graced our meetings and events this year with 6 new people joining the Council and a few more who are considering it. We are very lucky to have such wonderful people willing to give back and contribute! This speaks to what a great community we have within ECFE and St. Louis Park.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our efforts – either by attending one of the events, volunteering at one of the events, or serving on the Council. As they say, it takes a village! If you would like to get involved, we would welcome you to volunteer at any of the events or even join the Council!

HUG One-To-One Visits

One-to-one visits are offered with no fee to support all expectant families and families with children up to two years old.

- One-to-one visits with a caring, knowledgeable MN licensed parent educator.
- Current information on parenting, infant development, and community resources.
- A Welcome New Baby gift.
- Opportunities to connect with other families with newborns in the area and more!

One-to-one visits are offered through a partnership with Helping Us Grow (HUG). For information or to arrange a visit, please call 952-947-0533 or go online at www.slpcommunityed.com.

Immunizations

State law requires immunizations upon enrolling ECFE and Early Learning programs. The Minnesota Department of Health Early Childhood Immunization form is available for download at: www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/immunize/laws/earlychdimzfm.pdf.

Parents may get a legal exemption from the law for medical reasons or conscientiously held beliefs. Call your doctor, clinic, or health plan for information.

If you have any questions, please contact us at 952-928-6777 or e-mail Jenna Reynolds at reynolds.jenna@slpschools.org.

REMINDER: Every 4th Tuesday of each month, if you eat at Parkway Pizza (which has kid-friendly options and more than pizza), a percentage of what you spend will come back to our EL Parent Advisory Council, which in turn will help us continue to support our EL families and community.

ECFE SPECIAL EVENT

2020 Winter Meltdown

Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020
10 a.m.–noon
Central Community Center
No preregistration required
$5 per person at the door

Sponsored by the ECFE Advisory Council.
Proceeds benefit Early Learning Programs.
The Early Learning program is eager to announce the addition of Niki Spencer, LPN, to our team at Central Community Center. She started in conjunction with the 2019-2020 school year and with an 8:30 – 3:30 schedule that spans Monday through Friday, she is able to provide comprehensive support for our children, families and staff members.

Niki’s primary responsibilities include ensuring the health and safety of our children throughout the school day in addition to providing wellness checks and administering medications. Beyond these foundational duties, Niki appreciates sharing her knowledge and seeks out opportunities to teach health education to children and families throughout the building. She regularly visits our Early Learning classrooms where she engages with the children and provides unique activities to help promote healthy habits to our youngest learners. Niki says, “I love the staff and the little children I get to help. I like giving back to St. Louis Park where I’ve lived my entire life.”

Nurse Niki brings a wealth of experience to our program; she has worked in both the private and public sectors, including a medical clinic and as a case manager for Hennepin and Dakota counties. In addition, Niki has served as a licensed social worker.

Beyond the professional sphere, Niki and her husband Brian have two children, Quinlan, 10, and Finnian, 5. In her free time, Niki enjoys outdoor adventures with her family and their two dogs, Drax the puggle and Moose the lab.

Welcome to Central Community Center, Niki!