



White Bear Lake Area Schools



2020-2021 Preschool Registration Guide

*Early Childhood*

*Where BEARS Begin*



Four-Star Rated

*Parent Aware Program - Proudly Using*

Best Practices for Preparing Children for Kindergarten



# Program Information

## WELCOME

### White Bear Lake Area Preschool

#### A Place to Learn, Grow, and Prepare for Kindergarten

White Bear Lake Area Preschool provides a safe and nurturing environment for a child's first school experience away from home.

Age-appropriate activities provide a variety of meaningful hands-on learning experiences in the areas of reading and math readiness, science and social studies, art and sensory, music, and dramatic play. This positive preschool experience allows children to make a successful transition to kindergarten.

White Bear Lake Area Preschool practices are aligned with the White Bear Lake Area School District kindergarten expectations.

#### **Bienvenidos! Un Lugar para Aprender, Crecer y Prepararnos para el Kínder**

La escuela Preescolar de White Bear Lake provee un ambiente seguro y maternal para la primera experiencia de los estudiantes fuera de su hogar. Las actividades, apropiadas para la edad de los niños, proveen la oportunidad para aprendizaje significativo en las áreas de preparación para el Kinder: en las matemáticas, lectura, ciencias naturales y sociales, arte, música, juego dramático, y educación física. Esta experiencia positiva de preescolar apoye una transición exitosa al Kinder para los niños que participen.

#### **Ib Qhov Chaw Kawm, Txhawb nqa, Thiab Pab Rau Qib Kindergarten**

White Bear Lake Area Preschool muaj txoj kev nyab xeeb thiab txhawb nqa pab rau menyuam txoj kev kawm rau lub sij hawm thaum menyuam tsis nyob hauv vaj hauv tsev.

Muaj yam qhia raws li tus menyuam hnuab nyoog thiab pab kawm yam paub nyob raws li nyeem ntawv thiab ua lej, science thiab social studies, kos duab thiab yam pom thiab saib tau, suab paj nruag, ua yeeb yam, dhia ua si, suab lus thiab kev siv lus. Kev kawm preschool muab thiab txhawb nqa menyuam txoj kev kawm kom menyuam kawm ntawv keej thaum mus kawm qib kindergarten.

White Bear Lake Area Preschool txoj kev qhia ntawv yog muaj raws li lub tuam ntawv White Bear Lake Area School District cov ntaub ntawv kawm nyob qib kindergarten.



**Our Preschool has a 4-Star rating... the highest attainable!**



White Bear Lake Schools' Preschool programs have earned a 4-Star Parent Aware rating. Parent Aware's Star Ratings help parents find programs that go above and beyond to prepare children for school and life.

**To Earn a 4-Star rating** - Schools must prove they are excelling in the use of best practices in preparing kids for kindergarten by:

- ◆ Obtaining extra in-depth training.
- ◆ Building strong, caring relationships with each child.
- ◆ Adopting the latest approaches in keeping children's learning on track.
- ◆ Committing to daily activities and routines that help children learn and grow.
- ◆ Focusing on children's health and safety.

Learn more at [www.parentaware.org](http://www.parentaware.org).



# Program Information

## White Bear Lake Area Preschool

White Bear Lake Area Preschool offers school-year long classes. The program includes:

- ◆ Licensed teachers and trained assistants in every classroom
- ◆ Low child/teacher ratio
- ◆ Ongoing assessment using *Teaching Strategies Gold* to measure students growth in all areas of early childhood development
- ◆ *Creative Curriculum* used in all classes
- ◆ On-site specialists to meet individual needs
- ◆ Outdoor play areas and gyms designed and equipped especially for young children

Families are welcome to tour the preschool sites at their convenience. Please call 651-653-3100 to schedule a preschool tour.

## Preschool Sites

**Birch Elementary - BIR**  
1616 Birch Lake Avenue  
White Bear Lake

**Hugo Elementary - HU**  
14895 Francesca Avenue  
Hugo

**Normandy Park Ed. Center - NP**  
2482 County Road F East  
White Bear Lake

**Tamarack Nature Center - TAM**  
5287 Otter Lake Road  
White Bear Township

**North Oaks - NO**  
5 Mink Lane  
North Oaks



## Contact Information

**Programs, Registration, Events & Class Openings**  
Main Office  
651-653-3100

**Early Childhood**  
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Early Childhood Supervisor and Family Education  
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**Bear FUNdamentals**  
Christina Thayer Anderson  
Out of School Time Coordinator  
651-407-7510  
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## Early Childhood Special Education

Special Education services are provided free of charge to children birth to age five. Children younger than three are generally seen at home by teachers and specialists. Services for children 3-5 years old may include:

- ◆ Integrated classroom opportunities
- ◆ Speech/Language, Occupational and Physical Therapy
- ◆ Home visits/community resource information
- ◆ Multi-disciplinary educational assessments

Call 651-653-3100 for more information.



## Toileting Skills

### Three-year-olds

Children should be mostly bathroom independent, knowing when they need to use the bathroom, and are having few accidents.

### Four-year-olds

Children need to be completely toilet trained.

*\* Special circumstances are accommodated due to medical needs.*

# Welcome to Preschool

## Nature Preschool

### For 3-5 year olds

The program at Tamarack Nature Center revolves around nature - learning from it, about it and within it. Classes include the implementation of our Creative Curriculum and Teaching Strategies Gold assessment in their daily outdoor experiences. A Tamarack Naturalist is an integral and collaborative member of the teaching team.

### Hoppers - 3 year olds

(Age 3 by Sept 1, 2020)

T/TH 9:00-11:30 am Tam

### Jumpers - 3 year olds

(Age 3 by Sept 1, 2020)

T/TH 9:00-11:30 am Tam

### Leapers - 3-5 year olds

(Age 3½ by Sept 1, 2020)

M/W/F 9:00-11:30 am Tam

### Skippers - 3-5 year olds

(Age 3½ by Sept 1, 2020)

T/TH 1:00-3:30 pm Tam

### Bounders - 3-5 year olds

(Age 4 by Sept 1, 2020)

M/W/F 1:00-3:30 pm Tam

## Tamarack Nature Center

5287 Otter Lake Road  
White Bear Township

Tamarack has an outdoor Nature Play Area and Discovery Garden with daily nature exploration activities.

Preschool class times are subject to change based on school start times and/or availability of transportation for our special education preschoolers.

## 3 Year Old Classes

### Age 3 by Sept 1, 2020

This preschool opportunity will allow children time to practice social skills as they begin to interact, cooperate, and develop their first friendships. Classroom activities will include a focus on turn-taking, sharing, playing games, pretend play, small and large group learning.

T/TH - A 8:30-11 am NP

T/TH - B 8:30-11 am NP

T/W/TH 8:30-11 am NP

~~T/TH 12:30-3pm NP~~

M/W/F 8:45-11:15 am HU

~~T/TH 8:45-11:15 am HU~~

T/TH 12:45-3:15 pm HU

T/TH 9:00-11:45 am BIR

## 4-5 Year Old Classes

### Age 4 by Sept 1, 2020

Classes are focused on helping children become independent learners and giving them the skills necessary to be successful in kindergarten. Curriculum is designed to address all areas of development and reinforce mastery of skills required for kindergarten readiness.

T/W/TH 8:30-11 am NP

M/W/F - A 8:30-11 am NP

M/W/F - B 8:30-11 am NP

M/W/F - C 8:30-11 am NP

T/W/TH 12:30-3 pm NP

M-TH 12:30-3 pm NP

M/W/F 12:30-3 pm NP

T/W/TH 8:45-11:15 am HU

T/W/TH 12:45-3:15 pm HU

M-TH 12:45-3:15 pm HU

M/W/F 9:00-11:45 am BIR

## New for school Year 2020-2021!!!

### White Bear Lake's North Oaks Full-day Preschool

#### Age 4 by Sept 1, 2020

This full day, year-before-kindergarten program is designed to help children prepare to enter kindergarten with the skills and behaviors necessary to be successful. Children who are four years old before September 1 of the current school year and are toilet trained are eligible to enroll.

Children work on listening, personal and social development, language and literacy, thinking and math skills through guided play, group time, and social interaction. Activities include language arts, math, science, art, large muscle (gym/outside), dramatic play, blocks, and music.

\*Children must bring their own lunches

**Dates:** Sept. 14 - May 21, 2021 (follows the WBL preschool calendar)

**Days:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday

**Hours:** 8:45 am - 3 pm

**Cost:** \$500 per month

**Location:** North Oaks East Recreation Building 5 Mink Ln. North Oaks

Register at <https://earlychildhood.isd624.org/registration>

# Welcome to Preschool

## 2020-2021 Preschool Registration

- ◆ **Registration begins January 21**  
White Bear Lake Area (WBLA) Preschool is accepting registrations for the 2019-20 school year. This brochure and registration form are available online at [www.whitebear.ce.eleyo.com](http://www.whitebear.ce.eleyo.com).
- ◆ **For Currently Enrolled WBLA Preschool and ECFE Students**  
Students participating in 2019-2020 classes as of December 15, 2019, priority preschool registration is open from Monday, January 6 until Thursday, January 16. Families will be notified if they do not receive their first class option.
- ◆ **New Students** not currently attending WBLA Preschool or ECFE classes may register beginning Tuesday, January 21.
- ◆ **Registrations** will be accepted online and in-person at Normandy Park Education Center.

**Registrations MUST include the following items or your enrollment will not be accepted**

- ◆ A non-refundable \$55 registration fee
  - ◆ Copy of birth certificate (new families only)
  - ◆ Current immunization record **\*required every year**
- Fax: 651-653-3155

If you have any questions, call 651-653-3100.

## School Readiness Plus - 4 year old Preschool

Age 4 by Sept 1, 2020

This is a year before kindergarten preschool option for students who live within the Birch Lake, Willow Lane or Vadnais Heights Elementary school boundaries. In order to enroll in this preschool at a reduced rate, a student must meet one of the following eligibility requirements:

- ◆ Homeless
- ◆ Foster Care
- ◆ English Language Learner
- ◆ At-risk Early Childhood Screening score
- ◆ Income

If your student does not meet any of these criteria, your child(ren) is still eligible to attend for a fee. The cost will be based on our School Readiness Plus sliding fee scale.

Preschool sections are either morning (9 - 11:45 am) or afternoon (1 - 3:40 pm). Limited transportation available. Please find more information regarding qualifications and/or costs on our web page at <https://earlychildhood.isd624.org/> under Support, or call 651-653-3100.

## Class Fees

All class costs are for the entire school year (Sept - May). Parents will be invoiced a monthly fee based on program costs. Payments are due the first day of each month. Nature Preschool fees are higher to cover the costs of a Ramsey County Naturalist.

## School Readiness

Your child may qualify for tuition assistance based on the following eligibility requirements which include:

- ◆ Income
- ◆ Homeless/Foster Care
- ◆ Home first language
- ◆ Health and development

School Readiness tuition assistance forms are available in the Normandy Park Early Childhood Office.

For more information call 651-653-3100.



# Preschool Registration

## Preschool Registration

Register online at:  
[www.whitebear.ce.eleyo.com](http://www.whitebear.ce.eleyo.com)

T: 651-653-3100 Fax: 651-653-3155

## We offer payment options

to assist families with payments. The first payment is due on the first day of class. Payments are due the first of each month.

### 9- Monthly Payments by Building

2 days/wk	NP/HU/BIR	\$155
2 days/wk	TAM	\$250
3 days/wk	NP/HU/BIR	\$220
3 days/wk	TAM	\$350
4 days/wk	NP/HU	\$299
3 days/wk	North Oaks	\$500

## Tuition Assistance

is available for families. Applications are available at the Normandy Park office.



## How To Register for Preschool

The White Bear Lake Area Schools Community Services registration is online. [www.whitebear.ce.eleyo.com](http://www.whitebear.ce.eleyo.com). You will then receive a Pending Contract Request email. A 2nd confirmation email will be sent when your student has been placed in their class and your payment account will be charged.

## Tuition Assistance

### Pathway I Early Learning Scholarships

To be eligible for a scholarship, families must

- ◆ live in Anoka, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, or Washington counties
- ◆ have a child(ren) who is 3 or 4 years old by September 1 of the current school year and not yet eligible for kindergarten
- ◆ have an annual income at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty
- ◆ have an Early Childhood Screening completed

Family Size	185% of FPG
2	\$31,284
3	\$39,461
4	\$47,638
5	\$55,815
6	\$63,992

\* rates subject to change based on legislative updates in SY 20-21.

Applications are available at the Normandy Park office. More details are available at:

[http://www.thinksmall.org/for\\_parents\\_and\\_guardians/help\\_paying\\_for\\_child\\_care](http://www.thinksmall.org/for_parents_and_guardians/help_paying_for_child_care)

For scholarship information available in other languages, call 651-665-0150 or 1-866-807-6021

Yog nyob hauv ob lub nroog ntxaib: 651-665-0150

En el área metropolitana, llame al: 651-665-0150

Magaalada gudahed wac:  
651-665-0150

## ECFE Parent-Child Classes

### 2020-2021 Registration

The ECFE brochure with class descriptions, registration information, and materials will be mailed in late April or early May.

**ECFE registration begins Thursday, May 7.**

[www.whitebear.ce.eleyo.com](http://www.whitebear.ce.eleyo.com)

# Programs and Activities

## Need Financial Assistance?

**Bear FUNDamentals** offers limited financial assistance. For more information, call 651-407-7511.

### Paus xav tau nyiaj pab?

Hu rau (651) 407-7623

### Interesado en Asistencia Financiera?

Llamada (651) 407-7625

NEW

## Literacy Night

Birth to 5 years old (before kindergarten)

Celebrate "I Love To Read Month" with us at Normandy Park. Families, join us for a fun night filled with stories, songs, and crafts. Wear your pajamas, bring a blanket and flashlight to cuddle up for storytime. Enjoy hot chocolate and a cookie while you dive into a good book. Families will take home literacy tips to help support reading success at home. This night of literacy is sponsored by the White Bear Lake Early Childhood Programs and in partnership with the Ramsey County Library.



1920.025    Tues, Feb 4    FREE  
6-7:30 pm    NP

[www.whitebear.ce.eleyo.com](http://www.whitebear.ce.eleyo.com)

651-653-3100

## Bear FUNDamentals

### Full-day 4 year old program

Bear FUNDamentals is a year-before-kindergarten program focused on providing fun, nurturing and enriching opportunities for learning and play that prepare children for kindergarten. Located at Birch, Hugo, Lakeaires, and Otter Schools, the program runs from 9 am-3:45 pm with the option of registering for Extended Day hours before or after school.

Bear FUNDamentals focuses on children's emotional, social, physical and intellectual growth. Children work on listening skills, language and literacy, thinking and math skills, and social development through meaningful, interactive play. The program is staffed at a 1:10 ratio and taught by passionate instructors who encourage curiosity, discovery, and problem-solving in a stimulating, structured, and engaging environment.

Families can register for school day or full day (6:30am-6:00pm) hours, three to five days per week. Students registered for a White Bear preschool course will receive a discounted price.

**Registration begins January 21:** <https://communityservices.isd624.org/youth/bearfundamentals>

**Program Hours:** Mon-Fri 9 am - 3:45 pm, extended hours available

**Sites:** Birch, Hugo, Lakeaires, and Otter Lake Elementary Schools

\*Pre-registration is required for all participants

\*For more information call 651-407-7511

\*Students must be 4 by Sept. 1st and have completed Early Childhood Screening prior to program start <https://earlychildhood.isd624.org/programs/screenings>

## Parent-Child Gym Time

### Age 6 mo-5 yrs with adult

Families can enjoy activities set up in the gym at Normandy Park Education Center. Parents are responsible for the supervision of their children.

Payable at the door each night.

November 6 - March 4  
No class Dec 25, Jan 1

Wednesdays 5:30-7:30 pm  
Normandy Park  
\$3/child \$7/immediate family

**FREE Gym Night!**  
1/8, 2/12, 3/4  
(sponsored by the PTA)

## Beach Day Bash

### Children 1-5 years old with adult

Join us for a family extravaganza of winter fun without the cold. Caregivers and children will be able to create snow dough, have a snowball toss, spray paint snow, catch fish while ice fishing, and learn how to make their own snow.

All proceeds will be donated to the White Bear Area Food Shelf.

1920.024    Thu, Jan 30    \$5/family  
6-7:30 pm    NP



White Bear Lake Area Schools  
Early Childhood Program  
Normandy Park Education Center  
2482 County Road F East  
White Bear Lake, MN 55110

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Organization  
US Postage  
PAID  
Twin Cities, MN  
Permit No. 3363

## White Bear Lake Area Schools

### Early Childhood Screening

#### Screen at Three

Early Childhood Screening is required by the state of Minnesota for all children prior to entering kindergarten. White Bear Lake Area School District provides this screening at no charge.

#### 3 reasons to screen at age 3

- ◆ Screening can help ensure school success
- ◆ If health or developmental concerns are identified, educational services are readily available
- ◆ It is fun for children and provides caregivers with valuable information regarding child development

Register online at [www.whitebear.ce.eleyo.com](http://www.whitebear.ce.eleyo.com)  
or call 651-653-3100 with your child's name,  
date of birth, your name, and phone number.

Early Childhood Screenings  
Normandy Park Education Center  
2482 County Road F East, White Bear Lake, MN 55110

#### UPCOMING SCREENING DATES

##### January 2020

10th 8:30-10:45 am 12-1:30 pm  
31st 8:30-10:45 am 12-1:30 pm

##### February 2020

7th 8:30-10:45 am 12-1:30 pm  
21st 8:30-10:45 am 12-1:30 pm  
28th 8:30-10:45 am 12-1:30 pm

##### March 2020

20th 8:30-10:45 am 12-1:30 pm  
27th 8:30-10:45 am 12-1:30 pm

##### April 2020

17th 8:30-10:45 am 12-1:30 pm  
24th 8:30-10:45 am 12-1:30 pm

##### May 2020

1st 8:30-10:45 am 12-1:30 pm  
8th 8:30-10:45 am 12-1:30 pm  
15th 8:30-10:45 am 12-1:30 pm



#### Screening Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers to help at Friday screenings.

Volunteers will:

- » welcome parents/guardians and their 3-5 year old at the check-in table
- » provide directions on completing Screening forms

On-the-job training is included and you will be working with a group of volunteers during the Screening clinics.

Please call Kate at 651-653-3102 for more information about volunteering.