Early Childhood Family Education

SPRING 2024

April 1 - May 24

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Roosevelt Community School

Celebrating Life & Learning

Thursday, February 29th, 2024

Online Registration

Starting at 6:00 a.m.

In Person Registration

Starting at 8:00 a.m.

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Roosevelt Community School | 122 E McKinley Street | Owatonna, MN 55060 | 507-444-7900

2024-2025 Preschool Enrollment NOW OPEN!!

Owatonna Community Education has two options for preschool. Little Learners is for children who will be three years old by September 1. Bright Beginnings is for children who will be four years old by September 1.

Find more information about our preschools:

Bright Beginnings: Age 4 by Sept. 1, 2024

4-5 day a week classes, morning and afternoon.

Free programming is currently made possible through Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten funds for children in our school district who are 4 by September 1, 2024. Sliding fee scale applies to children who are 5 and not yet enrolled in kindergarten.

- **4 Days a week, morning class.**
  - Roosevelt Community School 8:30-11:30 am
- **5 days a week, morning or afternoon classes.**
  - Owatonna Education Center 8:15-10:45 am or 12:15-2:45 pm
  - Roosevelt Community School 12:30-3:00 pm

Little Learners: Age 3 by Sept. 1, 2024

2-3 day a week classes, morning and afternoon.

Tuition: 2 day classes are $80 a month, 3 day classes are $100 a month. Sliding fee scale and scholarships available within the registration process.

- **Two and Three days per week options.**
  - Owatonna Education Center, Tuesday & Thursday 8:15-10:45
  - Owatonna Education Center, Monday, Wednesday, & Friday 8:15-10:45
  - Roosevelt Community School, Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 - 10:30
  - Roosevelt Community School, Monday, Wednesday, & Friday 8:30 - 10:30
  - Roosevelt Community School, Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday 1:00-3:00

Why Preschool?

- All classes are taught by licensed early childhood educators.
- High quality early learning experience that focuses on play, discovery, independence, and foundational academic skills.
- Structured social emotional skill building through large and small group learning and common language that reflects the Conscience Discipline approach.
- Curriculum aligned to Owatonna school district kindergarten.
- Ongoing assessment that drives instruction in the areas of language, literacy, math, creative arts, approaches to learning, social emotional, and physical skills.
- Transportation available. Apply by July 1 for priority consideration.

Early Childhood Screening

What is it? Screening is a quick check of how your child is growing, developing, and learning. An appointment takes about 1 hour and includes hearing and vision checks as well as developmental games with one of our EC teachers. These developmental activities change based on the age of the child. Having your child screened at age 3 is preferred, but a child may be screened between the ages of 3 and the start of kindergarten.

When? Appointments are available 3 Thursdays a month and 1 Saturday a month.

Why? All children in the State of MN are required to participate in early childhood screening, free of charge. Screening appointments are designed to connect children with further educational or health resources that may be needed.

How do I sign up? To schedule your child's appointment, visit owatonna.ce.eleyo.com or call Roosevelt School at 507-444-7900.

No ECFE classes: April 11th and 12th

Spring Trimester REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Call 507-444-7900, stop by 122 E McKinley St, or go online Owatonnacommunityed.org

Early Childhood Family Education classes offer opportunities for adults and children to participate in fun, developmentally-appropriate learning activities together. Parents then join a parenting discussion facilitated by a parent educator while children continue their play with their early childhood teacher in the children's classroom. Families join together for songs and finger-plays during the closing circle time led by staff.

Spring Trimester: April 1st, 2024 - May 24th, 2024

ECFE Parent/Child Class Fee Structure

Owatonna ECFE operates based on a sliding fee scale; no one is turned away for inability to pay. The class fee is based on your household's total yearly income, before taxes. The class fee selected by your family is confidential. Class fees are necessary to supplement state and local tax dollars dedicated to supporting early childhood programming. A trimester runs 8-12 weeks long depending on the ECFE calendar.

Your household's total yearly income, before taxes:

Less than $19,999 per yr. . . . . $10.00 per class trimester
$20,000 to $29,999 per yr . . . . . $15.00 per class trimester
$30,000 to $39,999 per yr . . . . . $20.00 per class trimester
$40,000 to $49,999 per yr . . . . . $25.00 per class trimester
$50,000 and greater. . . . . $30.00 per class trimester

Sibcare – $5.00/trimester/family (non-refundable) Non-School District Resident Fee – $10.00 additional per class

**Families with SCHA Health policies may qualify for class reimbursement. Please notify the front office with your SCHA number once you register!*

**Sibcare is not covered by SCHA.*

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Monday
Toddlers
Baby & Me
Fun Shops 3-5's
Sibling Care

Tuesday
Early Explorers
Amazing Newborn
Toddlers
STEAM Ahead Learning
Sibling Care

Wednesday
Toddlers
Sibling Care

Thursday
Early Explorers
Terrific Twos (Separating)
Playful Preschool
Sibling Care
Outdoor Adventure

Friday
Music Makers, Movers, and Shakers
Preschool Experience (Child Only)

Sibling Care

- Sib Care is quality, on-site childcare for siblings age birth to 9-years-old. Cost is $5 per family, per trimester.
- Families must pre-register and pay on-line or in person before the trimester starts.
- Sib Care is available for all classes Monday- Thursdays, unless noted.

Music Makers, Movers, and Shakers

The magic of music and movement has brought people of all ages together for thousands of years; come join this mixed-age class to embark on a delightful musical journey where we will engage in melodic, rhythmic, and movement exploration. This class will promote discovery and learning through dancing, singing, and storytelling.

**No sibling care is available for this class due to the mixed age nature of the class.*

23451 Birth - Not yet in Kindergarten, Fridays 8:30-9:30 am Room 116

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Infants

These classes are for children who will not be one year old by April 1st

Amazing Newborn

Do you have a new baby? Congratulations! Owatonna ECFE and Steele County Public Health would like to invite you and your baby (0-12 weeks) to Amazing Newborn, a free weekly class and drop in experience.

A Parent Educator will lead parents through group discussion and learning on a rotating schedule of topics that include: development, tummy time, mom's body care, soothing a crying baby, self-care, postpartum moods, car seats, first colds and fevers, language and literacy, relationships, feeding, and schedules. Drop in as little or as much as you would like to participate in discussion with other new parents.

Public Health Nurses will continue to be an active part of Amazing Newborn. Parents are welcome to drop in to have your baby weighed, discuss feeding or health concerns, etc. No need to stay for the entirety of the weekly class.

No pre-registration is required. Come when it fits your schedule in the 0-12 week window. Sibling care is available.

Every Tuesday, Year Round 10:30- 12:00 pm, Room 123

Baby & Me

Whether you are just welcoming a baby into your home or are about to celebrate your baby's first birthday, the first year of life is exciting-and challenging! Come with your baby to meet other parents who are discovering the wonder of their child. This class is led by a Parent Educator. Babies and parents stay together throughout the class.

- Enjoy playing with your baby in activities that provide sensory and movement experiences.
- Learn about your baby's growth and development
- Share ideas about ways to care for yourself as a parent, and discuss some practical tips for parenting.

011 0-11 Months, Mondays – 1:00-2:00 pm, Room 123

*Infant parent/child classes are free to first time participants.

Toddlers

These classes are for children who are at least one year old by April 1st

Join us for time with your one and two year-old to share with other parents ways to help your "shaker and mover". A toddler's world is full of wonder and discovery. Participate with your child in a variety of fun, developmentally appropriate activities! Discuss parenting topics such as dealing with frustration, learning to share, and learning new words.

Toddlers (1 Year Olds)

111	12-23 MONTHS, Mondays	8:30-9:45 am	Room 123

Toddlers (1 -2 Year Old)

1211	12-35 MONTHS, Mondays	10:30-11:45 am	Room 123
1212	12-35 MONTHS, Mondays	5:30-6:45 pm	Room 123
1221	12-35 MONTHS, Tuesdays	3:45-5:00 pm	Room 123
1231	12-35 MONTHS, Wednesdays	8:30-9:45 am	Room 123
1232	12-35 MONTHS, Wednesdays	10:30-11:45 am	Room 123

Terrific Twos (Separating)

This class is for children who are at least two years old by April 1st.

This class includes a portion of parent-child play and engagement followed by separation of parents and children. Parents will discuss appropriate topics that are specific to two-year-olds while children engage in play focused on communication, cooperation, and exploration.

241	24-36 MONTHS, Thursdays	8:30-9:45 am	Room 123

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STEAM Ahead Learning

STEAM Ahead Learning is an engaging and interactive class integrating Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) concepts into a play-based learning environment. The class is designed to foster curiosity, creativity, and a love for learning through age-appropriate activities, experiments, and other opportunities to challenge young children in sparking imagination and promoting intellectual, social, and emotional growth. Parents will participate in activities with their child(ren) and then separate for parent discussion time regarding creative learning experiences for their children as well as other appropriate topics led by a parent educator.

34521	30 MONTHS not yet in Kindergarten, Tuesdays	5:30 - 6:45 pm	Room 122

Playful Preschoolers

Every member of a family brings unique strengths that help build and strengthen the family unit. These combined-age preschooler classes provide families with current information about the important role of play for growing healthy preschoolers. Play teaches a child how the world works, and gives practice in independent thinking skills helpful in their school years. During parent time this class will focus on the social, emotional and language development necessary for strengthening relationships in families and for school readiness.

34541	36 MONTHS not yet in Kindergarten, Thursdays	10:30 am-12:00 pm	Room 122

Child-Only Classes

Preschool Experience

Families who enroll in identified parent/child classes, have the opportunity to provide their child with an additional early learning experience designed for the child-only. Children will learn through play and an introduction to preschool routines and structure.

- To be eligible for enrollment in Friday Child Only Classes, families must be enrolled in an additional parent/child class.
- Tuition will be $35 for the trimester. This is in addition to the tuition paid for the parent/child class. There is no sliding fee.

34551	36 MONTHS not yet in Kindergarten, Fridays	10:00-12:00 am	Room 122

Early Explorers

A class option for 3 year olds who are ready to gain more independence, practice social skills, and get a taste of preschool through play and exploration. Parents required to participate in weekly parent-child activities posted in ClassDojo or enroll in an additional parent/child class. ClassDojo is an online site or app that is used for parent-teacher communication and activities.

- Tuition will be $45 for the trimester, there is no sliding fee.

**Age 3 years on April 1st.*

3241	3 YEARS, Tuesdays & Thursdays	8:30-10:00 am	Room 122

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Fun Shops

- Special playtimes focus on a specific theme with fun family activities for parent and child.
- Family activities include art, music, motor skills and math/science exploration.
- Parent & child will stay together for the full hour and explore the planned activities. (This is a great activity for grandparents to enjoy as well).
- Activities will be specifically designed for each age group.
- Workshops are $2 per week
- Pre-registration is required for Fun Shops and Sib Care. Sib care is not available for the Outdoor Adventure classes.
- See topics below for classes and dates.

3 - 5 Year Olds MONDAYS, 3:45 - 4:45 PM **ALL IN ROOM #122**

733 Apr 1.....**Dinosaurs**
734 Apr 8.....**Zoo Animals**
735 Apr 15 .....**Nature**
736 Apr 22.....**Pajama Party**
737 Apr 29.....**Rainbows**
738 May 6.....**Ice Cream**
739 May 13.....**Bugs and Butterflies**
740 May 20.....**Summer Fun**

Outdoor Adventures - NEW

Join us as we explore the great outdoors! A place to play and interact with the natural world. We will look to nature and foster curiosity at Kaplan Woods, right here in Owatonna! All children ages birth - 5 years old can come explore. We recommend no strollers, but backpack babies are welcome! An ECFE teacher will lead activities throughout the park, and families will stay with their children during the entire adventure time.

$2 per child, per session.

Thursday April 18th 4:00-5:00 pm at Kaplan Woods

Thursday May 16th 4:00-5:00 pm at Kaplan Woods

Frequently Asked Questions

• **Change your mind?** Please let us know as soon as possible if you decide not to take a class so that we can accommodate other families.
• A current **immunization** record is required for each child. Bring current immunization information with you at the time of registration or to your first class.
• **Full payment** for all classes is required at registration. Checks are payable to: Owatonna Community Education (Mastercard, Visa, American Express and Discover are also taken)

Immunization Law Minnesota law (statute 121A.15) requires children enrolling in early education programs to show they have received immunizations or that they are a conscientious objector. The Owatonna ECFE program will require an immunization on file for every child that is enrolled. Please drop off or send a current immunization to Roosevelt Community School before classes begin or bring immunization records with you to the first day of class. Thank you.

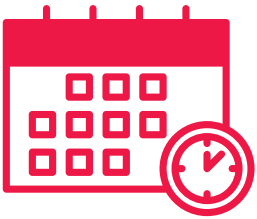
Advisory Council

As a council we advise early childhood by providing advice and counsel to our early learning programs. We host community events such as the Bazaar, Holiday Open House, Blood Drives, and our annual Family Festival.

We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 11:15-12:15 pm. **Child care IS provided.*
Please come join a meeting, and see if you'd like to join!

Community Information

Dates to Remember!



- **February 29:** ECFE registration begins. 6 am online or 8pm in person.
- **April 1:** Classes begin!
- **April 11 and 12:** No classes.
- **May 9:** Family Festival at McKinley Elementary! Save the Date!
- **May 24:** Last day of classes.

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Family Festival

Come Join us for our Free, Annual Community Event!

Thursday May 9th, 2024 at McKinley Elementary Gym
Food trucks, animals, Scholastic Book Fair, children's activities & games, area preschools, & community organizations!

Sponsored by Early Childhood Advisory Council & Early Childhood Staff

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