



Community Connections Preschool at Berlin

Berlin Elementary School

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Welcome to Pre-Kindergarten at Berlin Elementary School!

I would like to let you know about Community Connections Preschool, a unique program offered here at Berlin Elementary that supports families and hopes to make your life easier. We have partnered with the school to extend the 10 hour per week Pre-Kindergarten Program into a program that runs every day of the week from 8:45 - 3:30, 3:00 PM on Wednesdays.

Community Connections Preschool is a state licensed childcare program located in the school. We accept childcare subsidy payments from the State of Vermont and if you receive subsidies your child may be able to attend our programs at no cost to you.

We are located in the classroom next door to Berlin's Pre-Kindergarten. Our program allows your child to stay for the full school day, access food services, and take the bus back and forth to school. We eliminate the need to pick up or drop off your child during the day. Your preschooler can have the same schedule as siblings that already attend Berlin.

During the day, students attending CC Preschool can obtain breakfast and lunch from the cafeteria, or bring meals from home. Your child will have access to the Berlin campus, which includes the gymnasium, playground, school garden, and nature trail. Our curriculum builds upon children's interests and classroom investigations are based on real and tangible topics for hands-on learning. We play games and sing songs throughout the day to create learning opportunities and allow social skills to develop. The daily routines include a balance of structured and unstructured times: free play, circle time, creative arts, small group activities, outside time, meals, and rest time.

In the near future, Berlin Elementary will assign your child to either the morning or afternoon groups for next year. They will attend Berlin's Preschool for 10 hours a week. There is no Berlin Elementary Preschool on Mondays but our CC program is open. If you sign up for Community Connections your child is able to stay at Berlin all day, five days a week.

On the next page, I have included a sample schedule for both the morning and afternoon groups. *The Community Connections Preschool part of the day is highlighted in yellow.*

You can pick any combination of care that works best for your family! We are scheduled to be open every day that the Pre-Kindergarten is open plus a full-day option for Mondays too.

Sample schedule for children assigned to the Berlin Morning Group.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:45 - 11:15	Full Day CC	Berlin Pre-K with Mrs. Walczak			
11:15 - 3:30 (except Wednesday when children are dismissed at 3:00)		CC Preschool	CC Preschool 3:00 Dismissal	CC Preschool 3:00 Dismissal	CC Preschool

Sample schedule for children assigned to the Berlin Afternoon Group.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:45 - 12:50		CC Preschool	CC Preschool	CC Preschool	CC Preschool
12:50 - 3:30 (except Wednesday when children are dismissed at 3:00)		Berlin Pre-K with Mrs. Walczak	Berlin Pre-K w/ Mrs. Walczak 3:00 Dismissal	Berlin Pre-K w/ Mrs. Walczak	Berlin Pre-K with Mrs. Walczak

Community Connections is separate from the school and our programs are supported by the families that use them. Our rates are listed below:

Rates (income based sliding scale)

- Tuesday - Friday (1/2 days): \$42-32.00/day
- Monday: (full day) \$67-52.00/day
- Full Week (full & 1/2 days) \$220 -165.00/week

Suggested Family Income Guideline for Sliding Scale Placement

	Over \$95,000	\$70-\$95,000	\$45-\$70,000	Below \$45,000*
P/T	\$42 per day/per child	\$38 per day/per child	\$35 per day/per child	\$32 per day/per child
Mon./FT	\$67 per day/per child	\$62 per day/per child	\$56 per day/per child	\$52 per day/per child
Both - All Week	\$220 per wk/per child	\$200 per wk/per child	\$180 per wk/per child	\$165 per wk/per child

*Families at this level should explore whether they qualify for assistance through the Vermont Child Care Subsidy Program.

We are closed on days the school is closed including school vacations, Holidays, bad weather days and health related days. We bill monthly, in advance through our attendance and billing software ChildPilot. You will receive a bill based on your schedule in August and the full payment for the first month, or an approved payment plan, will be due on the first day of school unless a payment arrangement is made with the Site Coordinator or CC's Director.

If you have any questions please email or call us. Thank you!

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To sign up for the Community Connections Pre-Kindergarten at Berlin:

Please:

1. Return this form along with the required registration form to the Berlin Elementary main office, or
2. Scan and email it to ddeforge@u32.org and kbolduc@u32.org , or
3. mail it to:

*Community Connections
 C/O WCUUSD
 1130 Gallison Hill Rd
 Montpelier, VT 05602*

Parent/Guardian name(s): _____

Child's name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____

Phone(s): _____

Email(s): _____

My child is eligible for VT state childcare subsidies at _____ %

Day (Please check box)	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
<u>CC Preschool at Berlin Preschool Program</u> (per child)		AM	AM	AM	AM
(8:50 AM – 12:50 AM) \$42-32/day	<input type="checkbox"/>				
(11:15 AM – 3:30 PM) \$42-32/day	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Monday-Full Day (8:45 to 3:45) \$67-52/day (check both AM & PM)		PM	PM	PM	PM
Full Week- \$220-165/week	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Please indicate the amount you reasonably afford	<input type="checkbox"/>				
\$ _____ per day/\$ _____ per week per # _____ Children					

Our Programs are open every day that EMES' Pre-Kindergarten is open. We are not open on school vacations or in-service days with the exception of summer when we offer a Preschool summer camp program at a local elementary school if there is enough need by the families in the district. We follow the school's decisions on weather or pandemic related closures and delays.

Upon final placement and receipt of these forms you will be billed the first \$100 to reserve your child's spot. In late July you will be emailed a detailed letter and a dismissal plan form. The first bill will be invoiced in August and will include the days in August and September. The \$100 will be credited toward the first bill.