Hopkins Preschool



Who We Are and What We Do







Busy Bees at the Hive

HOPKINS 94 SLOTS DONNA STANFILL SHELBY ARNETT MICHELLE WEIBERG THERESA BUCHANAN LESLIE GADWA DIANE BRAMSTEDT SHARI HYDE JILL MARSH SUZANNE WRIGHT JENNA DOLL JUSTIN ZELEPUZA CRYSTAL SANCHEZ WENDY KOSKI CHANDRA TOY **GINA SALICK** DARBY CARROLL

FAMILY SUPPORT SPECIALIST

SARA CAVIN
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SLP ESTEFANIA MORENO



County-Wide Bees

MISSY SMITH
CASSIE SIMPSON
PAIGE MENDENHALL

CP 10 SLOTS SARAH CHANNEL KELLY GLEASON

PATTY JONES

ELMA 16 SLOTS HAYLEY MYHRE ANGELA HENDERSON

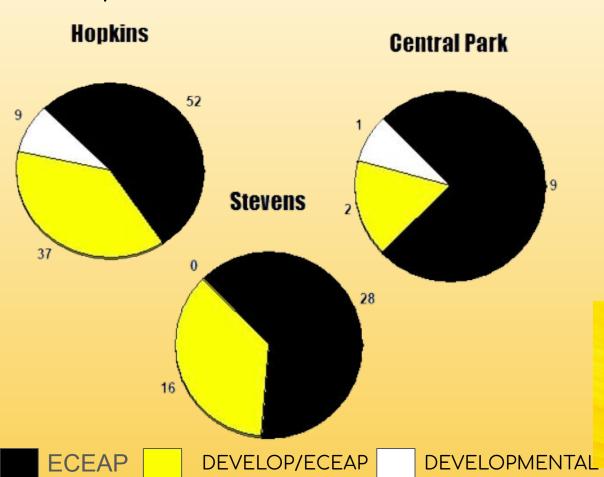
HOQUIAM 28 SLOTS
JESSICA KALAMA
BARB GUINED
SHARA DAVENPORT
JACLIN HAMMEL
MARKI HAMMEL

OCOSTA 17 SLOTS CHRISTINA NOLAN HAVEN PEGG

MCCLEARY 6 SLOTS MINDY GEER JOAN ODEL



Hopkins- District Preschool



ECEAP Headquarters

Hopkins 94 Slots
Stevens 43 Slots
Central Park 11 Slots
Hoquiam 28 Slots
Elma 16 Slots
McCleary 6 Slots
Ocosta 17 Slots

That's **215** Total busy Bees

Welcome to Our Beehive: What makes our hive special?

- We have 5 classrooms that serve 3, 4, and 5 years olds.
- We have a blend of experienced and new staff, most with special education degrees and early childhood degrees.
- We identify and meet developmental needs early to lay the foundation for moving forward and most likely beyond needing special education in upper grades.
- We are often the first school experience for students and families in our district.
- ❖ We serve as the home base for the ECEAP grant, which serves 215 children county-wide and supports Elma, McCleary, Hoquiam, and Ocosta preschool programs with administration of ECEAP and family support specialists. All ECEAP staff are required to follow ECEAP Performance Standards.
- We are the home base for the district therapy staff.





Developmentally Appropriate Instruction

- Creative Curriculum
- Second Step SEL
- Growing up Wild
- Handwriting without Tears
- Foundations in Literacy
- Conscious Discipline
- TS Gold







Intentional play is the foundation of preschool instruction. Every activity in the classroom lays the foundations for grade school: alphabet recognition, literacy, phonemic awareness, pre-writing skills, pre-math skills, counting, social emotional skills, gross motor, and fine motor. Please visit our AM and PM classrooms Monday-Thursday to learn more about how we intentionally make learning fun and engaging. Fridays are used for meeting with parents, IEP meetings, referral meetings, evaluations, planning, and prep time.

Bilingual Support

Crystal Sanchez, Student Family Support Assistant (SFSA) is a valuable asset necessary for our program. Currently, she is part-time for Hopkins as we share her with Harbor Learning Center. We have 53 Spanish speaking families countywide in our ECEAP. There are 17 students ages 3,4, and 5 who are learning English or have limited English skills. A full time SFSA is needed for our program.

SFSA assists in the following areas:

Helps teachers and students communicate needs, feelings, and directions for instruction.
Translates fliers for events, notes home, newsletters, text messages, and transportation needs.
Supports developmental testing (ECEAP standard completed within the first 45 school days for each child)

Answers and returns phone calls in Spanish for the office and family support staff.
Translates for: IEP meetings, home visits, transportation, school visits, parent/teacher conferences, Child Find, Mobility Mentoring assessments, ECEAP Policy Council meetings (ECEAP standard).



How We Provide Wrap Around Services in <u>Preschool</u>

- Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP)
 - South Sound Parent to Parent (SSPP)
 - Child Find







What Are Comprehensive Services in the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP)?

Comprehensive services in ECEAP are designed to embrace the whole child and the whole family and support and respond to their individual needs and circumstances. ECEAP provides these services under one umbrella:

Birth-PreK education, family support, family engagement, health, mental health, and nutrition. Services supporting the whole family have proven to impact the child's development and the family's ability to help the child grow and develop. These services support improved economic, educational, and health outcomes.



Birth-PreK Education

- Research-based and culturally relevant curriculum.
- Individualized planning and instruction
- Developmental screening.
- Ongoing assessment that tracks a child's progress across learning objectives and dimensions.
- Inclusive practices and environments that support access for children.
- Families partner with teachers to develop learning goals based on the child's strengths, skills and needs.



Family Support

- Family support visits, using the Mobility Mentoring® approach to create goals driven by the families.
- Tailored and individualized supports for every family.
- Resources and referrals that respond to family needs.
- Provide a safe space where parents can be themselves to share and build relationships.







Family Engagement

- Strengthening the connections between school and home that enhance and support children's learning.
- Leadership experiences that support parenting, career, or life goals.
- Family engagement opportunities may include:
 - Family events
 - Parenting education
 - Classroom volunteering



Health & Mental Health

- Connections to medical and dental homes and insurance.
- · Preventive health screenings, including vision and hearing.
- Connection to community resources and referrals for child immunizations, overall health and mental health needs.



Nutrition

- · Healthy and nutritious meals at no cost.
- · Learning about healthy snacks and foods in the classroom.
- Connecting families to local community and statewide resources for food such as:
 - SNAP
 - WIC
 - Food Banks



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- There are 6 Family Support Specialists serving 215 children and their families
- They serve in all roles: eligibility and enrollment, family engagement, health advocate
- One FSS is required to be Mobility Mentoring Lead.
- They are required to follow DCYF standards for ECEAP-including professional development requirements
- Needed: One more family support specialist to adequately support the program.

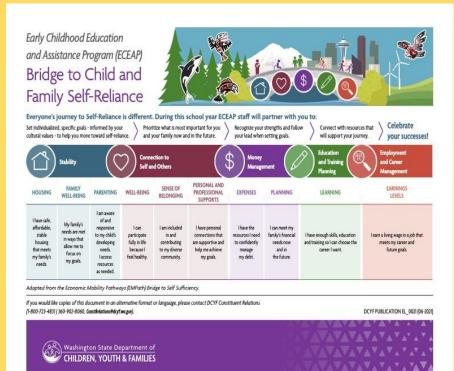
Family Support and Mobility Mentoring

The DCYF Bridge to Child and Family Self Reliance is a strength based tool to engage families in building and using executive functioning skills.

Two formal assessments are completed for each family per year. Due Dates: November 30 and June 30. One informal assessment is due March 30. Family support staff have a <u>MINIMUM</u> of 3 visits per family during the school year.

Families have created 363 goals in 2023/2024. 159 goals have been completed. Goals range from short to long term end dates. The majority of goals are in family well-being.

All family support data is entered into a system called ELMS (Early Learning Management System) and regularly monitored by DCYF. The narratives and data are used for program standard reviews and legislative purposes. Aberdeen is one of the strongest programs in the state.



Winterfest Auction

Led by ECEAP family support, the preschool staff help organize our Winterfest Auction. The auction is a special event that brings current and previous staff from across the district together to support our students and make the community stronger through helping families in need.

The money raised goes towards helping families with the following that cannot come from public funds:

- Utility bills
- Food support
- Transportation support
- Cell phone minutes
- Prescription glasses for students
- Official birth certificates
- Laundry vouchers
- Ordering Scholastic books to send home

*Each request is reviewed and approved by staff and preschool coordinator.

Please join us next year for our 30th anniversary auction!









Little Honeybees

Hopkins preschool partners with South Sound Parent to Parent (SSPP). When a child involved with SSPP turns 3 and developmental concerns are present the child is evaluated at Hopkins. If the child qualifies for special services, they can then attend Hopkins 2 days a week for the remainder of the year. If the child does not qualify for services but has an income at or below 50% SMI (State Median Income) or has a high priority factor, such as being in foster care or involved with CPS, the child can be enrolled through ECEAP.

We anticipate at least 5 more students through the end of the year from this partnership.





Child Find

The Aberdeen School District is responsible for locating, evaluating, and identifying all students with any suspected disability, including students who attend private schools. The child must live within the boundaries of the Aberdeen School District, and are not currently receiving special education or related services. Any child with a disability, from birth through age 21, may be eligible.

Hopkins is responsible for screening children 3-5 years of age. Child find screenings are held throughout the school year.



Social Emotional Supports and Building Community

- Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS)
 - Hopkins Improvement Plan
- Conscious Discipline Professional Development Training









Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS)

Hopkins Expectations (September-January)

- ♦ Be Safe: Walk in the hall, feet on floor; climbing okay outside
- ♦ Be Respectful: Sharing, use an inside voice
- ♦ Be Responsible: Clean up after yourself, hang up backpack and coat

Implementation:

Expectation vocabulary is used in the classrooms to support desired behavior.

Bulletin board with current behaviors listed and pictures of the preschool children doing the desired behaviors are posted in the hallway where all students can see them.

Data was collected from an anonymous parent survey at our November conferences. The same survey will be completed in March at spring conferences.

Positive Behavior Interventions (PBIS) Bulletin Board and Parent Survey



	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	l don't Know
My child enjoys school.	38	6	0	0	1
I like the teachers at Hopkins.	39	6	0	0	0
I like the staff at Hopkins.	42	3	0	0	0
Students & families are treated with respect at Hopkins.	42	3	0	0	0
I know the 3 main rules at Hopkins.	29	10	1	0	5
I know what the behavior expectations are for my child at Hopkins.	37	8	1	0	0
My child has been recognized for good behavior in the last month.	27	8	2	0	8
My child feels safe at school.	37	6	1(bus issue below)	0	1

Parent Climate Survey: What do Families Like about our Hive?*

- Everything, 2x
- Respectful, telling me what my child needs to work on, strengths
- The staff and the environment
- How nice everyone is, and the kids always feel safe/happy.
- All the staff are helpful
- I like most everything. How involved the teachers are and the ECEAP ladies.
- The teachers really care about the children and they know every kid's name by heart. I love it.
- Great community
- Everything
- The staff
- Resources, informed
- Staff
- It is a safe school
- Super close work on multiple things
- Can do attitude, supportiveness for wholeness of family, the education, emotional, and health
- My son is treated fairly and kindly
- The people

- Friendly people
- Good communication, structured routine, very professional
- Teachers are kind and helpful
- I really like seeing my child's face light up when she'd around her friends and sees the staff when she enters the building
- The <u>kindness</u> of the <u>staff</u>
- I love the people here, they are really understanding and they listen
- They are nice and helpful
- I like that the staff are kind and welcoming
- The communication with his teacher is great. He seem happy anytime he enters the building
- I like how the whole staff is involved in my child's education. Everyone cares and is invested in her success.
- Able and willing to work with him at his pace
- The attention of the teachers towards the children
- Everyone is really kind and communicate really well
- Very nice and respectful
- I like/love everything
- The atmosphere is bright and enjoyable, the staff and teachers friendly and my kid always comes home excited about her day.
- I heard good things. She likes it here.
- Everyone is so nice, welcoming. We love Hopkins and all staff $oldsymbol{arphi}$



Beehive Improvement Plan

Increase Parent Involvement:

Hopkins staff will organize events to encourage families to become more comfortable being involved in their child's school building and community at large.

- In October, Chapman Farms collaborated with us to have a family pumpkin patch event. We had over 40 families
 came to Brady to meet their teachers and other classmates.
- ECEAP Policy Council meetings are held 5 times a year at Hopkins. The meetings have lunch and childcare
 provided. Parents meet together to learn and connect on different topics.
- Family Nights include a fall family fun night making crafts and collaboration with Timberland Regional Library for a reading/activity corner; winter family fun night to wear pajamas, hear a story have snacks, and play in the gym; Valentine making family fun night full of crafts.
- In March, we will partner with the YMCA to host two Family Swim nights.

Increase Connections with Community:

Hopkins will continue to partner with community agencies and liaisons to help connect families to resources.

- Grays Harbor Early Learning Coalition
- Timberland Regional Library
- Grays Harbor College, Early Childhood Education Program
- WISE/Community Integrated Health Services
- Coastal Community Action Program
- Aberdeen Lions Club
- YMCA
- South Sound Parent to Parent







Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

Creating a school-wide family

Are you safe?

Are you loved?



Seven Skills of Discipline

Problem-Solving with Social-Emotional Learning

Creating the School Family

Building connections by creating a culture of compassion

Seven Powers for Conscious Adults

Shift perception to see discipline encounters a opportunities to teach new skills

Conscious Discipline Brain State Model

Understanding how internal emotional states dictate our behavior

Conscious Discipline
Professional Development:
February 20

Transition in the Hive

- How many Hopkins honey bees are headed to kindergarten?
 - > 88/158
- How many Hopkins honey bees will buzz to a new Hopkins classroom?
 - > 70/158

Transition is a year long conversation with parents and teachers about what will be best for their child. We share data with the grade schools and try to meet with kindergarten staff in the spring. We have also hosted visits to different grade schools to see kindergarten classrooms. Well planned transitions are a key to success for families and children.





Questions?







PLEASE COME AND VISIT OUR AMAZING PRESCHOOLERS!

