



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 at Berlin Elementary that supports families and aims to make your life easier. We have partnered with the school to extend the Tuesday through Friday 10-hour per week Pre-Kindergarten Program. Community Connections offers programming that provides services to families for a full school day, every day of the week, from 8:45 AM to 3:30 PM. Dismissal is at 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. If you receive subsidies, your child may be eligible to attend our programs at a greatly reduced, or no cost, to you.

We are located in the classroom next to Berlin school 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 may have the same schedule as siblings who already attend Berlin.

During the day, students attending CC Preschool may 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 foster the development of social skills. 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.

Berlin Elementary has assigned 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 choose 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. Please complete these forms if you would like to attend or need to make changes to any information you may have previously provided.

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	Berlin Pre-K with Mrs. Walczak	Berlin Pre-K with Mrs. Walczak	Berlin Pre-K with Mrs. Walczak
11:15 - 3:30 (Wednesday children 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 (Wednesday 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): \$45-35.00/day
- Monday: (full day) \$70-55.00/day
- Lunch only (if space is available) \$12-18.00/day

Suggested Family Income Guideline for Sliding Scale Placement

	Over \$99,000	\$75-\$95,000	\$50-\$75,000	Below \$50,000*
P/T	\$45 per day/per child	\$32 per day/per child	\$38 per day/per child	\$35 per day/per child
Mon./FT	\$70 per day/per child	\$65 per day/per child	\$60 per day/per child	\$55 per day/per child
Lunch	\$18 per day/per child	\$16 per day/per child	\$14 per day/per child	\$12 per day/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. Families are billed for each day the student is sign-up to attend unless **72 hours notice** is received. You will receive your first bill based on your selected schedule in August, 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. Billing will be done monthly thereafter.

Some families completed CC forms in the Spring, and should have already received a confirmation. You only need to use this current documentation for changes or to make an initial request for CC services.

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 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	AM
(8:50 AM – 12:50 AM) \$45-35/day	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
(11:15 AM – 3:30 PM) \$45-35/day	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM
Monday-Full Day (8:45 to 3:45) \$70-55/day	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
(check both AM & PM)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
LUNCH ONLY (if space is available) \$18-12/per day	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Please indicate the amount you reasonably afford \$	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
per day/\$ per week per # Children	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Our Programs are open every day that Berlin's Pre-Kindergarten is open. We are open on numerous school vacations or in-service days when we offer Preschool camps, including some summer weeks 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 health 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 or early August, 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. Unless payment arrangements have been made, the invoice is due on August 29th.