



# ECSE Newsletter

Early Education Program & Services Center  
202 West Burnsville Parkway  
Burnsville, MN 55337  
October 2015



## Calendar:

Oct 12	No school - Professional Day
Oct 13-14	No school - Parent-Teacher Conferences
Oct 15-16	No school – MEA Teacher Convention
Oct 21	Fare For All (3-5pm)
Oct 22	ASD Support Group 3:15-4:15pm
Oct 22	ECSE Playgroup 5:30-6:30pm
Oct 29	ECSE Ready for Kindergarten 4-6pm
Nov 5	Curious About Kindergarten session 5pm
Nov 9	No school - Professional Day
Nov 10	Curious About Kindergarten session 10am

## Important Phone Numbers

ECSE Office: 952-895-6610  
 ECSE Supervisor: 952-707-6263  
 Fax: 952-707-6262  
 School Nurse: 952-895-6613  
 Durham: 952-736-8004  
 ECSE website: [www.isd191.org](http://www.isd191.org)

Early Childhood Family Education  
 (Tiny Tots/Project Kids) 952-707-4150

## Hours

Office hours 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM  
 9:00 - 11:30 AM morning classes  
 12:30 - 3:00 PM afternoon classes

## Special Education Advisory Committee - SEAC Meeting

**Oct 5, 2015 6-8pm** We meet in the Special Education offices at 202 W. Burnsville Parkway (enter door 3). For more information, call Stephanie Corbey at 952-707- 6261.

## Conferences October 13-14

ISD 191 parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for **October 13-14**. The ECSE teachers will be contacting parents to schedule conferences. Some conferences, however, may be held earlier or later than these dates depending upon when the student’s IEP (Individualized Education Plan) is due for a review. The ECSE teaching staff will contact parents when IEP team meetings are coming due.



## Need help reading this newsletter?

If you would like some help reading this newsletter in Spanish, contact our Spanish Liaison, Anna-Maria Riveros at 952-895-6642.

## Aquí se habla Español

La traducción de este Boletín Informativo esta disponible en Español. Si usted necesita ayuda para leer el Boletín en su lenguaje/idioma favor de comunicarse con Anna-Maria Riveros al 952-895-6642.

If you would like some help reading this newsletter in Somali, contact our Somali Liaison, Rahma Hassan at 952-895-6658.

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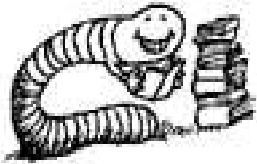
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## Birth to Three News



**No home visits: October 13-19**

The Birth to Three program follows a calendar which is different from the school District calendar of September to June. This calendar involves “stretching” out the 10 month school year over 12 months. As a result, there will be some weeks during the regular school year when the Birth to Three staff will not be making home visits. Families are provided with a calendar that indicates the weeks that Birth to Three services will be provided over the 12 month period.



### **Good Books!**

#### Good Books

Looking for some good Fall books? Check your library for some of our favorites: “**Apples & Pumpkins**” by Anne Rockwell and “**Pumpkin, Pumpkin**” by Jeanne Titherington



### **Wow Websites!**

For fun activities, try this website:

[www.storyplace.org](http://www.storyplace.org) for fun stories and printable worksheets in English and in Spanish



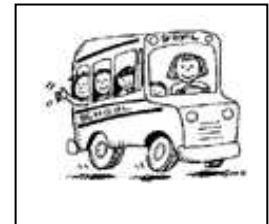
### **What to bring to school?**

Your child should bring a backpack to school for carrying their school papers and projects. Comfortable play clothes and tennis shoes are best for school, which the child can manage independently. Please send a change of clothes, and diapers/pull-ups and wipes, if needed. Remember to label your child’s belongings

**School supply list:** Families are asked to contribute school supplies to your child's classroom, such as: thicker crayons, washable markers, glue sticks, watercolor paints, Kleenex. This is an optional contribution, but will help with our school budget.

### **Bus Changes? Talk to your teacher!**

ECSE teachers are responsible for setting up transportation for your child. Please be sure to inform your child’s teacher of any changes you need to make regarding your child’s bus schedule. The teacher will complete the necessary paperwork to let both the bus company and the ECSE office know your transportation needs. Changes can take up to one week.



However, if your child is sick or does not need a ride on a particular day, call the bus company directly at **Durham 952-736-8004**

## **Community Resources**

### **FARE FOR ALL: Food that makes sense**

Are you looking for a way to stretch your grocery dollar? Save up to 40% on groceries when you purchase packages of fruit, vegetable and frozen meat at Fare For All Express!

**Fare For All** is community supported and open to everyone.

Diamondhead Education Center is open as a

**Fare For All Express** site

There is no need to register in advance, just come between 3-5 p.m. on the following dates to participate:

October 21, 2015

#### **What type of Food is for Sale?**

**Produce Pack - \$10:** Typically includes five varieties of fresh vegetable and two varieties of fresh fruits.

**Meat Only Pack - \$11:** A minimum of four assorted meat items (3-5lbs)

**Regular Pack - \$20:** Save an extra \$1 by combining the Produce and Meat Only Pack.

**Monthly Special - \$25-30:** Watch for Mega meat Packs and Holiday Packs!

Diamondhead Education Center is located at 200 W. Burnsville Parkway  
Burnsville, MN 55337

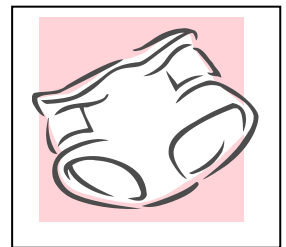
For more information about Fare For All visit [www.fareforall.org](http://www.fareforall.org)

or call 763-450-3880

Contact: [Michele Starkey](#)

### **Diapers & Wipes Reminder**

Parents are reminded to send extra diapers /pullups /wipes, if your child is working on potty training. Please send a daily supply in your child's backpack, plus a change of clothes.



School District 191 does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, gender, disability, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, sexual orientation, age, family care leave status or veteran status

### **In Case of Emergency....**

It is extremely important that we have current numbers on file for your child in the event that he or she becomes sick while at school. Please let your child's teacher or your school nurse know of any updates to home phone numbers, cell phone numbers, or emergency contact information so that we may reach you in a timely manner when your child needs you.

**You may reach the school nurse, Lori Henke, at 952-895-6613.**

## **Early Childhood Preschool Screening**

Students enrolled in Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) are NOT required to go through the preschool/kindergarten screening process. All areas of your child's development are assessed and monitored by his/her education team, including health screenings for: vision, hearing, height, and weight. These screenings are completed *at least once* before your child enters kindergarten.

In addition, students may also receive hearing or vision screenings upon request from their parents/guardians or at the request of a teacher, if the teacher suspects that there may be a hearing or vision concern that is affecting the student's ability to learn.

If your child fails any part of the hearing or vision screening, the health office will re-screen the child within four weeks to verify the results. If the student fails the second screening, a letter will be sent home with the student outlining the findings and recommendation for follow-up with a physician.

If at any time you question your child's hearing, vision, height or weight, feel free to contact the health office at 952-895-6613.

## **Visitors welcome - please sign in!**

Adult visitors and volunteers are always welcome at school. Visitors must make arrangements with the teacher and building principal prior to the visit. All visitors and volunteers must check-in at the front desk upon entering the building. Each visitor/volunteer will be given a badge or sticker that allows access to the building.

## **Pick up and drop off in the lobby please - for a smooth transition!**

For those parents who are driving their child to school, please wait in the lobby for the teacher to come get your child. The teachers are very busy setting up their classrooms and escorting children to and from the bus. In addition, some of our young children are sensitive to changes in their routine. If you need to confer with your child's teacher, please let her know and she will be happy to call you or arrange a time to meet - when it is not as hectic as by the front doors.

# *Dakota Child & Family Parent Support Group*

*For parents raising Challenging/Special Needs children  
(including but not limited to ASD, FASD, ADHD, Anxiety...)*

**Meeting the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 6:30**

*Children are welcome although specialty child care is not always available.*

**Dakota Child and Family Clinic**

**2530 Horizon Drive, Burnsville**

**651-209-8640**

# READY! for Kindergarten for ECSE Families!!!

Parent Education Classes for parents with children newborn to age 5.

Early Childhood Special education is excited to provide our families with Ready for Kindergarten at our location with all Special Education Staff teaching the classes as well as Special Education Staff providing childcare. **Parent can attend any group that matches their child's developmental stage regardless of age.** Please feel free to talk with your child's teacher on the best age group to attend.

If you have more than one child, a caregiver (parent, grandparent, relative, friend, etc) must attend a session for each child in order to receive the materials. Feel free to attend sessions for your children who are not in ECSE.

**Date: Thursday October 29th, 2015 4-6pm**

**Location: Diamond Head Building Door #3 202 W. Burnsville Parkway, Burnsville, MN 55337**

**If you have already attended a Ready session please arrive at 4:30, if this is your first session please arrive at 4pm.**

This program provides parents the opportunity to impact the lively early-learning years before a child enters school, time which lays the foundation for all future learning. READY! teaches parents how to "play with purpose," which builds strong minds and relationships.

Parents learn activities and receive materials to make learning at home fun and effective. Parents should plan to attend one class per season (three for the year), based on the age of their child. Each class builds on the other, encouraging children's skills in literacy, math and reasoning, and social/emotional development, with age-appropriate tools and toys for parents to take home to engage in purposeful play with their children.

**Classes are free to families in ISD 191. Child care is provided for pre-registered children (newborn babies to 12 months are welcome at class with parents). Questions please contact Katie Keller, School Social Worker at 952-895-6619, [kkeller@isd191.org](mailto:kkeller@isd191.org), or Shannon Jorgenson, ECSE Teacher at 952-895-6634.**

**Please return RSVP by Thursday October 22nd so we are able to plan for class sizes and daycare!**

**Student:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Teacher:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle class attending:**      **Birth to 1**      **1-2**      **2-3**      **3-4**      **4-5 (year before Kindergarten)**

**Name of Each parent attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

**# for childcare and ages** \_\_\_\_\_





## Special Needs Family Night Out!

Enjoy a night out while trained staff  
care for your special needs child  
(learning, physical, behavioral)  
and their siblings

**Fri. Oct. 9 5-7:30 PM**

Kids should either eat prior to coming  
or have a bag lunch/supper with them.  
Enjoy a free night off without having to  
find or pay a babysitter. Kids will watch  
a movie, play in the sensory room or  
just enjoy playing with other children.

For more information  
& registration  
contact

Naomi Kurth at  
651.707.6675 or  
fornicoia@hotmail.com

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Deadline for  
Registration

Oct. 7

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Age Group

0-11



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