Registration for ECFE classes must be received by AUGUST 14th for the random draw!

Preschool class options for 2017-2018 school year — include a Year Before Kindergarten, 5 days/week class!

Transportation available for ALL morning preschool classes.

Tilden Community Center, 310 River St, Hastings, MN 55033
Dear Early Learning Community,

Welcome to the 2017-18 school year! We are excited for the new school year and excited to be a part of your child’s learning. Tilden Community Preschool—Home of the Little Raiders will be offering transportation for all of our morning classes! It is a great opportunity for families who want their child to have a preschool experience, but are unable to transport their child. Busing will be for children who live or go to daycare within city limits. An additional monthly charge will be added to those who use this service. Please contact me if you need further information.

Our preschool continues to work very closely with Hastings Public School to help prepare children for kindergarten. We continue to align our work in early childhood to meet the expectations of kindergarten readiness. This has proven to be extremely beneficial to the students we serve.

ECFE will once again be offering a Daddy and Me class on Tuesday nights! We loved having the dads join our program and be involved with their child in a classroom setting. We invite you to get involved in an ECFE class where you are able to not only work with your child in an educational setting, but also have time to join other parents for parent education time.

Our hope is to serve families in a capacity that fosters growth and development for our youngest learners in a positive, nurturing environment. We look forward to a wonderful school year!

We look forward to working with your family!

Sincerely,

Angie McGinnis

Early Learning Advisory Committee

Early Learning Advisory Committee members are: Jaci Hansey (Chairperson), Carrie Estensen, Lisa Hurley, Amy Buechler, Aimee Lane, Lindsey Letendre, Lisa Ciro, Megan Wojcik and Vanessa Haltvick. Currently, this talented and generous group of parents are focusing their efforts on:

- Planning and implementing our 5th Annual Little Learner Fundraiser!
- Reviewing and advising current program offerings and policies.

The ELAC parents offer their time and talents to make our early childhood programs the best! If you are interested in being a part of this committee, please contact Angie McGinnis at 651-480-7678.

Welcome to ECFE!

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) is a family education program unique to Minnesota and is offered in most all school districts within Community Education programming. ECFE helps to support parents through community and early school connection and provides information and ideas that support children’s growth and development from birth to kindergarten.

What is Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)?

The ECFE program in Hastings Public Schools Community Education provides a variety of opportunities that support foundational learning, parent involvement and the healthy development of children:

- Parent/Child Classes with Parent Discussion
- Parent/Child Activity Classes
- Family Events
- Home and Phone Consultation Opportunities for Parents Community Connections (Allina Health-Regina Hospital, Dakota County Libraries, Hastings Family Service, WIC).

A typical ECFE class with parent discussion has 3 components:

Parent/Child Interaction
During this time, parents and children will participate in activities taught by a licensed early childhood teacher that support foundational learning. Parents will discover new ideas that can be replicated at home.

Parent Discussion/Education
Parent discussion provides an opportunity for parents to connect with other parents and discuss and gain relevant information on topics related to supporting children’s growth and development. A licensed parent educator facilitates the parent discussion component.

Early Childhood Education
As parents participate in parent discussion, children are enjoying learning activities planned by a licensed early childhood teacher. The activities that your child will participate in will support your child’s development in primary areas such as: social/emotional, language and literacy, creativity, cognitive, and physical and motor development.

Cover photo of the Hansey Family courtesy of Photography by Nick Werner.
The education your child deserves...

K-12 is your child’s first career. Get it off to a great start!

- Tilden Community Preschool is recognized as a Parent Aware 4 Star Rating — their highest possible score.
- Tilden Community Preschool is the only Hastings preschool directly affiliated with Minnesota’s District 200 Public School System. That continuity builds confidence when K-12 begins.
- Every Tilden teacher is licensed by the Minnesota State Department of Education. All our teachers and experienced classroom aides meet or exceed every Minnesota state requirement.
- Our adult-to-student ratio is 1 to 10 — with no class larger than 20 students — so every Little Raider gets plenty of personal attention.
- We provide the latest education technology. Most important, at Tilden, technology is never a babysitter or a distractor. It’s a powerful tool, used by teachers trained to make the most of it.
- We offer a research-based curriculum of hands-on learning and full-time fun, designed to foster cognition, language skills, social-emotional and physical development.

Preschool class offerings for the 2017-2018 school year

- 5 half days per week
- More 3 days per week options
- 2 days per week offered
- All classes are offered in the morning or afternoon

Transportation available for ALL morning classes!

Call Angie McGinnis at 651-480-7678 or amcginnis@has thats.k12.mn.us

Interested in Touring Tilden Community Preschool?

All preschool classes will be held in the Tilden Community Center, 310 River St, Hastings, MN 55033. To make an appointment to tour the school and learn more about Tilden Community Preschool, contact Angie McGinnis at 651-480-7678 or email her at amcginnis@hastings.k12.mn.us.

District 200 Early Childhood Screening Information

All children ages 3-5 in Minnesota are required to attend a district screening prior to attending kindergarten (preferably between the ages of 3 - 4 1/2 years old.)

CONTACT INFORMATION:
If you have questions or would like to sign up for a developmental screening, please call: (651) 480-7381

United Way of Hastings provided a grant of $3000 to our Little Learner scholarship fund. This grant will be solely used to provide early learning scholarships to qualified families for fee assistance.

Thank You!
Please indicate children’s names for EACH class!

I am using Level A B C D (circle one) to calculate fees.

Registration & Materials Fee: Fee $10.00 (once per child/semester; nonrefundable)

**CLASS 1:**
Sec. #
Child/ren attending: Fee $ 
Child/ren attending: Fee $ 
Sibling Care Fee $ 
Parent(s) Attending Fee $ 

**CLASS 2:**
Sec. #
Child/ren attending: Fee $ 
Child/ren attending: Fee $ 
Sibling Care Fee $ 
Parent(s) Attending Fee $ 

**CLASS 3:**
Sec. #
Child/ren attending: Fee $ 
Child/ren attending: Fee $ 
Sibling Care Fee $ 
Parent(s) Attending Fee $ 

TOTAL: $ 

--- Method of Payment ---

Cash (please send no cash through the mail)
Check or Money Order, payable and mail to: Hastings Community Education
Tilden Community Center, 310 River St, Hastings, MN 55033

Credit Card: Visa or Mastercard accepted!

16-Digit Card Number
Exp. Date

Signature
Date

Please consider helping families who qualify for partial fee assistance to attend our classes!

☐ I would like to help another family by contributing $5.00 to the “Little Learners Scholarship” fund.
☐ “Round up” my tuition to help another family. (i.e. if your tuition is $168, by rounding up to $170, you would be contributing $2 to the “Little Learners Scholarship” fund.)

• If you do not qualify for the sliding fee, based on income, but have other circumstances affecting your family, please call to explore fee reduction options (i.e. temporary layoff, special factors). Some classes in this brochure are funded by fees only. In those cases, no sliding fee is indicated.

• If class or sibling care fees are a barrier for you to register in ECFE classes, please contact us!
ECFE REGISTRATION OPTIONS
-------------------------------------  Please read carefully!  ------------------------------------

ECFE registrations will be accepted and processed through the lottery system to ensure all families have an even opportunity to participate.

1. **Online**: [www.hastingscommunityed.com](http://www.hastingscommunityed.com)
   a. If you register online prior to August 14th, you will immediately be put on a wait list in our computer system. On the registration deadline (August 14th) our computer system will automatically randomize families and place them in classes.
   b. When you register, please specify an alternative class in the event that your first choice is not available.
   c. When you register you will have the opportunity to specify an income range.
   d. Unless otherwise stated, children must be the stated age by September 1, 2017.

2. **By Mail**:
   a. You may still register by mail, using the form included in the ECFE brochure, however you must have your registration in to our office prior to the registration deadline of August 14th.
   b. Your choices will be entered into the computer and processed along with all online registrations on August 14th. (See 1a above.)

3. **Siblings & Sibling Care**
   a. Sibling care is available for many ECFE classes. However, sibling care is **NOT** meant to be a drop in service. For staffing purposes, you are expected to register your child in advance and attend regularly.
   b. Children must be 5 months for sibling care, children 4 months and under will be considered “lap babies” and attend class with their parent.
   c. If sibling care is full, parents will need to find alternative care for siblings.
   d. If you have children that are in the same age range that you would like to have attend the same ECFE class, your fee would be discounted. One child would be full cost and the second child would be half the price of the class.

4. **CLASS CANCELLATION**: If classes are cancelled due to insufficient enrollment, you will be notified and your money will be refunded. If cancelling out of a class, please notify the Community Education office prior to class. When requesting to cancel, there is a $5 processing fee for cancellations made by the registrant. No refunds after class start date.

5. For program information or questions about fee scale, please call: Community Education at **651-480-7670** or Angie McGinnis, ECFE Coordinator at amcginnis@hastings.k12.mn.us or **651-480-7678**.

6. **Non-district residents** will be accepted on a space available basis only, one (1) week following the registration day, August 21st.

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**FEES**: Class fees listed are full fees. A sliding fee scale is listed based on family income. If you qualify for a reduced fee, please indicate the amount on your registration form and send a check for the reduced amount.

### ECFE 2017-18 Sliding Fee Scale

**A $10 non-refundable registration and materials fee** must accompany your registration. Sorry, no sliding fee. This registration fee is a **one-time charge, per semester, per family** and will be refunded if your enrollment is not drawn in the random selection process. If registering **only** for special events, this fee does not apply.

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- **Fees listed with class descriptions are based on Level A.** If you qualify by income for another level, please use this example to calculate the cost of your class.
- **If a class meets weekly for 10 weeks,** (see class description for number of times a class meets), the cost of the class at **Level B = $80.**
- **At Level D = $50.** Add $10 registration fee + $30 for sibling care = $90

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**SIBLING CARE**

**Flat Rate for All Participants**

- $30/Family Per Class for a Full Semester
- $15/Family for a Partial Semester
- $5/Family for a scheduled, one-time class
Parent & Child Daytime Classes

These classes held at Tilden Community Center, 310 River Street, Hastings.
NO PARENT/CHILD CLASSES OCT. 19-20, NOV. 20-24, DEC. 25-JAN. 2, 15, and 26th.

New Baby at Your Home?
We want to welcome your little one to School District 200!
Please contact us to schedule a free “Welcome Baby Visit” and a free gift for families with babies birth to 4 months old. Call Angie McGinnis, ECFE Coordinator, at 651-480-7678 or email her at amcginnis@hastings.k12.mn.us

Baby Talk!
Infants birth-12 mos. & parents
I’m a new parent...now what? Join other families to visit and play. Time to discover...
• Your baby’s amazing abilities.
• Growth and development in the first year.
• Playtime activities to help your baby learn
• Helpful ways to interact, comfort and encourage your baby.
• Reliable websites for information about children.
Parents and children do not separate for this class.

SEC. 580203A: 9-10 am FEE: $80
Fridays, Sep 8-Nov 3 Room #168
SIBLING CARE AVAILABLE; $15/FAMILY 8 Sessions
SEC. 580203B: 9-10 am FEE: $90
Fridays, Nov 10-Jan 19 Room #168
SIBLING CARE AVAILABLE; $15/FAMILY 9 Sessions

Busy Bodies!
Children that are 12 months to Age 3 years by Sep 1st & parents
Toddlers are busy...which means so are parents! Join other families to play and learn together.
• Active play using the climber, balls, tunnels and more.
• Sensory activities that invite discovery and exploration.
• Short structured activities that invite you and your toddler to be part of the action!
• Stories and songs that toddlers will LOVE to hear again and again at home.

SEC. 580213A: 9-10:15 am FEE: $180
Thursdays, Sep 7-Jan 25 Room #168
SIBLING CARE AVAILABLE; $30/FAMILY 18 Sessions

Wonderful 1s & 2s
Ages 1-2 years by 9/1/17 and parents
D. FLEMING, PARENT EDUCATOR; A. TLOUGAN & NEW INSTRUCTOR
• Great for older ones and younger twos.
• Playful learning experiences to choose from.
• Time to talk with other parents about a variety of parenting topics.
• Parents and children separate gradually in this class.
• Enjoy a morning with your toddler!

SEC. 5805A: 9-10:30 am FEE: $200
Wednesdays, Sep 6-Jan 31 Room #168
LIMITED SIBLING CARE AVAILABLE; $30/FAMILY 20 Sessions
SEC. 5805B: 10:45 am - 12:15 pm FEE: $180
Thursdays, Sep 7-Jan 25 Room #168
LIMITED SIBLING CARE AVAILABLE; $30/FAMILY 18 Sessions

Together with 2s & 3s
Ages 2-3 years by 9/1/17 and parents
D. FLEMING, PARENT EDUCATOR; A. TLOUGAN & NEW INSTRUCTOR
Between 2 and 3 your child will gain many skills and abilities, one is a greater control of their physical movement. This child enjoys:
• Playful learning experiences to choose from.
• Talk with other parents about parenting topics.
• Parents and children will separate gradually in class.

SEC. 5802A: 8:45-10:15 am FEE: $170
Mondays, Sep 11-Jan 29 Room #167
LIMITED SIBLING CARE AVAILABLE; $30/FAMILY 17 Sessions
SEC. 5802B: 10:45 am -12:15 pm FEE: $200
Wednesdays, Sep 7-Jan 31 Room #167
LIMITED SIBLING CARE AVAILABLE; $30/FAMILY 20 Sessions
**Parent & Child Daytime Classes**

**Threeples!**

NEW INSTRUCTOR
AND D. FLEMING
Just for parents and their children who have turned 3 by Jan. 1, 2017!

Many parents have been wishing for an ECFE class that is designed for those children who turn 3 in the fall. So, here it is ... an early step toward school success and a transition to attending preschool “on their own”! **Parents are required to attend with their child.**

Children will:
- Learn/practice self-help and school readiness skills
- Experience hands-on success and an “I can do it” attitude
- Enjoy participating in group activities for an increasing length of time (stay in circle, listen and respond to group directions, join in singing etc.)

Parents will learn:
- About balancing structured/unstructured play/learning
- Which readiness skills are developmentally appropriate for 3 year olds
- That children need extra time to think, respond and do things for themselves
- To support and encourage children’s independent problem-solving

**SEC. 580246A:**
10:45 am-12:15 pm  FEE: $190
Tuesdays, Sep 5-Jan 30  Room #167
LIMITED SIBLING CARE AVAILABLE; $30/FAMILY  19 Sessions

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**Storytime for Babies**

INSTRUCTORS, B. SIMMONS & A. TLOUGAN
For children newborn to 24 months and their parents/caregivers. Stories, songs, bounces, and playtime make this storytime perfect. Join us and find ways to make early literacy a part of every day! **Registration at the door!**

Location: Pleasant Hill Library  10:45-11:30 am
Mondays:  Sep 11, 18, 25, Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, Nov 6, 13, 20, Dec 4, 11, 18 and Jan 8, and 22.

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**Adventure Series for Preschoolers!**

INSTRUCTORS, B. SIMMONS AND M. FORREY
For children 3-5 years and their parents/caregivers. Join us and enjoy great stories and rhymes, art exploration and circle time with songs and games! **Must register for this event by calling 651-438-0200.**

Location: Pleasant Hill Library, Fridays, 11 am-12:15 pm
- October 13th - G is for Grow
- November 10th - H is for Hat

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**Every Child Ready to Read!**

(For parents, grandparents and caregivers with children ages birth to 6 years old)

Presented by Barbara Simmons, Dakota County Librarian and District #200 ECFE Parent Educator, Debbie Fleming.

- Parents and caregivers will help children learn more about the world, acquire new vocabulary and develop the early literacy skills that lead to success in school.
- Early Literacy practices will be presented along fun, interactive activities.
- Children will learn about words, sounds and letters through games, songs and activities.
- Activities will include messy stuff - like science experiments and sensory experiences including playdoh and sand!

Each session will focus on different skills and activities to support them. Each session will run from 6:00-7:00 pm.

Thursday, Sep 28 - Fun with Letters
Thursday, Nov 30 - Fun with Words
Thursday, Jan 25 - Fun with Science

FREE - Please register by calling the Pleasant Hill Library at 651-438-0200.
Parent and Child Options

These classes held at Tilden Community Center, 310 River Street, Hastings.
NO PARENT/CHILD CLASSES OCT. 19-20, NOV. 20-24, DEC. 25-JAN. 2, 15, and 26th.

Positive Parenting Discipline Series
D. FLEMIN, PARENT EDUCATOR
• Brain Development - How brain development effects behavior
• Problem Solving - Techniques for challenging behaviors
• Decoding the message of your child's behavior
SEC. 580250A:  1-2:30 Pm  FEE: $10
Tuesdays, Oct 3-Nov 14 (no class Oct. 31)  Room #125
CHILD CARE AVAILABLE; $15/FAMILY  6 Sessions

Evening Parent & Toddler Activity Nights
Children ages 18 months to 3 years old by 9-1-17 and their parents
New Instructor
Join other families to play and learn together.
• Time to move around and explore motor and sensory activities.
• Music and rhymes.
• Stories, songs, and finger plays...the parachute, too!
• Messy stuff like painting and pasting...and best of all, we clean up the mess!
SEC. 58008A:  6-7:30 pm  FEE: $170
Mondays, Sep 11-Jan 29  Room #167
LIMITED SIBLING CARE AVAILABLE; $30/FAMILY  6 Sessions

Evening Storytime at the Library
INSTRUCTOR, BARB SIMMONS
Evening stories and activities ideal for families. Children ages birth to 6 with their parent(s) are welcome. Come in your jammies and listen to stories. (Min. 12 children; Max. 20)
Location:  Pleasant Hill Library  6:30-7:00 pm
Mondays:  Sep 12, Oct 10, Nov 14, Dec 12 and Jan 9

Daddy & Me Toddler Activity Nights
NEW Class for children ages 15 months to 5 years old by 2-1-17 and their parents
New Instructor
• Non-separating
• Quality time with a male role-model (dad, grandpa, uncle, etc.)
• Time to ask questions and get ideas from other men and teacher
• Laugh, play, have fun, be silly, make a mess, while encouraging learning and development
SEC. 580261A:  6-7 pm  FEE: $45
Tuesdays, Sep 5-Nov 7 (no class Oct. 31)  Room #167 & #168
NO SIBLING CARE  9 Sessions
SEC. 580261B:  6-7 pm  FEE: $45
Tuesdays, Nov 14-Jan 30  Room #167 & #168
NO SIBLING CARE  9 Sessions

Evening Storytime at the Library
INSTRUCTOR, BARB SIMMONS
Evening stories and activities ideal for families. Children ages birth to 6 with their parent(s) are welcome. Come in your jammies and listen to stories. (Min. 12 children; Max. 20)
Location:  Pleasant Hill Library  6:30-7:00 pm
Mondays:  Sep 12, Oct 10, Nov 14, Dec 12 and Jan 9
Special Events & New Class!

Let’s Go to the Gym!
Children 2-5 years and parents
Are you looking for a way to use some energy with active playtime? We have reserved the gym space on (some) Fridays during January thru March. This space is large enough so children can run and jump...work on large muscle motor skills and get rid of the wiggles! We will bring balls and the parachute, plus a few other surprises to get us all moving. So, find your sneakers and dress comfortably...you’re in for some active fun! Sign in and pay at the door. Correct change, please. Sorry, no sliding fee for this event. Maximum attendance: 25 children “First there ~ first in!”
FRIDAYS, JAN 5, 12, 19, FEB 2, 9, 23, MAR 2, 9
Tilden Community Center Gym • 11 am - 12 pm
$5 at the door each time you attend. Groups over 5 are $10 at the door.

Trips to Stages Theatre Company

Spookley the Square Pumpkin
Based on the film by Joe Troiano and Tom Hughes, the book “The Legend of Spookley the Square Pumpkin.”
Music composed and arranged by Jeffrey Zahn.
Spookley the Square Pumpkin arrives in the pumpkin patch and he is teased by all the other pumpkins because of his odd shape. Even after his new friends — the boisterous spiders Edgar, Allen and Poe — try to convince him to run for the Pick of the Patch contest, Spookley still isn’t sure he has what it takes.
Wednesday, October 4, 2017
Registration deadline: Sep 29th!
Sec. 5801A • 10:00 am • $20/person

Sorry, no sliding fee for trips!

Beauty & The Beast Jr.

Join us this holiday season for a “tale as old as time!” The fantastical story of transformation and true inner beauty enchants our main stage with some of the most popular songs ever written. Based on the original Tony Award nominated Broadway production and the Academy Award-winning motion picture, this classic story of Belle and the Beast who must learn to love and be loved will fill your heart and stir your imagination throughout the holidays. “Be our guest” to share in celebrating the love and joy of this timeless tale.
Wednesday, December 6, 2017
Registration deadline: Nov 22nd!
Sec. 5803B
10:00 am
$20/person

~ TRANSPORTATION TO THE THEATRE ~
✓ Parents and children, ages 3-5 years old
✓ Bus will leave Westview Center at 8:45 am and will return at approx. 12:30 pm. (Please park on the North side of the parking lot, just across from Wells Fargo Bank).
✓ You may want to bring a bag lunch (peanut-free, please) to eat on the way home.
A few spots still remain in some preschool sections. To request additional information, please call 651-480-7670.

Transportation available for all morning preschool classes!

New Class Offering!

Infant Pop-In and Play!
For children birth through 12 months

This is a time for babies and parents to play together in an infant environment. Come and explore new toys, sing songs, and enjoy other fun activities led by an ECFE teacher. It is a great time to meet other parents and families. The class is a non-separating class. No preregistration is needed.

SEC. 580263A: 10:45-11:30 am
Tuesdays, Sep 5-Jan 30
FEE: $5 per time per family
Room #168
School Supply Assistance

Hastings Family Service assists families in school district 200 who are struggling with the cost of school supplies and helps them with this extra financial burden.

Receiving School Supply Assistance - School supplies are distributed in late August by appointment only.

To receive school supplies the parent or guardian is required to show a picture ID and a current piece of mail postmarked within the two weeks or a current utility bill. They must also have knowledge of income and expenses for the household. For each child receiving supplies proof of enrollment in school is required. If a child is attending school outside of ISD 200 Hastings Public Schools area the proof of enrollment MUST show an address within our service area. Please check back in July for distribution dates for 2017.

Helping with School Supply Assistance

School supply donations are accepted at Hastings Family Service. Our most needed items are large backpacks (no wheels), sturdy folders in plain colors, markers, colored pencils, bottles of glue (not "school glue), and both wide and college ruled notebooks.

Please check back in early August for volunteer opportunities with School Supply Assistance through Hastings Family Service at 651-437-7134.

MOMS Club

The MOMS Club of Hastings is one of the local chapters in Minnesota. It was founded in February 1999. For more information, visit www.momsclubhastings.weebly.com or send us an email at momsclubhastingsmn@gmail.com.

Community Education’s Fall Program Catalog will be out in late August

Scheduled to reach your home the week of August 21st with a variety of courses available for your 3-5 year old child. See www.HastingsCommunityEd.com

Letter from Santa

Send a personalized “Letter from Santa” to a special child this holiday season! It’s easy – complete a form with recipient’s address and special notes, and we will tailor a letter specially written by Santa and postmarked from the North Pole! Each letter is $5.00, and all proceeds support the Youth Impact Council Scholarship and the Hastings Public Schools Angel Fund! Watch for information this fall. Contact Sara Lawrence with Hastings Community Education for more info at 651-480-7673, slawrence@hastings.k12.mn.us or www.HastingsCommunityEd.com
Welcome Autumn!

Early Childhood Family Event

Tuesday, October 3rd

Registration deadline is September 29th

Sec. 580254A • 6:00-7:00 pm
• Tilden Community Center •

For children ages birth to 5 years old & their parents.

This event will celebrate everything wonderful about Fall! Each room will feature different activities to learn about and enjoy. Come join other families and have some fun!