

Little Rangers Preschool

2019-2020

The Early Childhood Program is an integral part of Forest Lake Area Schools (FLAS). We work together to assure that children transition smoothly into kindergarten. Our high-quality preschool classes focus on each child's social, physical and pre-academic development. We use a play-based curriculum called Big Day for PreK, allowing children to learn through exploration and discovery. Children develop independence and the necessary skills for future success. Children will learn age appropriate math, writing, music, art, language and science while making friends and experimenting with their growing independence. Curriculum outcomes and objectives are aligned with the Early Childhood Indicators of Progress. Classes are taught by professional and dedicated staff who have experience working with children birth to age five.

**Register your child according to their age
as of September 1, 2019.**



Preschool Facts

Registration begins January 14, 2019

- All classes begin the week of September 16, 2019, ending the week of May 18, 2020.
- Orientation sessions will be held the week of September 9, 2019 on one of your child's designated class times.
- Children must be appropriate age by September 1, 2019.
- Many classes are integrated with Early Childhood Special Education.
- Limited transportation options for 4-5 year olds within your elementary school boundaries.
- Immunization forms are due upon registration for all students, including those participating in sibling care. You may fax your child's records directly to us at (651) 982-8375.
- Upon registration, your child's birth certificate or other forms of identification must be submitted to verify the child's birth name and birth date.

Preschool Fees

- Non-refundable registration fee of \$40 is due with registration.
- Invoices will be emailed at the beginning of the month and due by the 10th of the month to avoid a \$10 late fee.
- The Full Day Preschool fee is \$33 per contract day. You will be invoiced the actual number of contracted days per month. Half Day Preschool and Family Learning fees are listed monthly.
- All programs will be invoiced September - May.
- No refunds will be given for an absence or school closing (inclement weather days).
- Class fees and times listed on the following pages are subject to modification.

To register go to www.flaschools.org/preschool click "REGISTER ONLINE" or call (651) 982-8349.

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Full Day 2019-2020

Full Day Preschool is offered at seven locations throughout the district for four and five year old children. It is solely funded through parent fees. Since the Full Day program does not receive any state funding, the program relies on parent fees to offer high-quality programming for our students.

Financial assistance options for Full Day Preschool are income based through:

- Pathway I Scholarship
- Pathway II Scholarship
- Child Care Assistance Program

Location	Age	Day	Time	Rates
Columbus Elementary	Ages 4-5	M/W/F	9:15am- 3:40pm	\$33/day
Forest View Elementary	Ages 4-5	M/W/F	9:15am- 3:40pm	\$33/day
Forest View Elementary	Ages 4-5	T/Th	9:15am- 3:40pm	\$33/day
Forest View Elementary	Ages 4-5	M-F	9:15am- 3:40pm	\$33/day
Lino Lakes STEM School	Ages 4-5	M/W/F	9:15am- 3:40pm	\$33/day
Lino Lakes STEM School	Ages 4-5	T/Th	9:15am- 3:40pm	\$33/day
Lino Lakes STEM School	Ages 4-5	M-F	9:15am- 3:40pm	\$33/day
Linwood Elementary	Ages 4-5	M/W/F	9:15am- 3:40pm	\$33/day
Scandia Elementary	Ages 4-5	M/W/F	9:15am- 3:40pm	\$33/day
Scandia Elementary	Ages 4-5	T/Th	9:15am- 3:40pm	\$33/day
Scandia Elementary	Ages 4-5	M-F	9:15am- 3:40pm	\$33/day
Southwest Jr High	Ages 4-5	M/W/F	9:15am- 3:30pm	\$33/day
Southwest Jr High	Ages 4-5	T/Th	9:15am- 3:30pm	\$33/day
Southwest Jr High	Ages 4-5	M-F	9:15am- 3:30pm	\$33/day
Southwest Jr High Spanish Immersion	Ages 4-5	M/W/F	9:15am- 3:30pm	\$33/day
Wyoming Elementary	Ages 4-5	M/W/F	9:15am- 3:40pm	\$33/day
Wyoming Elementary	Ages 4-5	T/Th	9:15am- 3:40pm	\$33/day
Wyoming Elementary	Ages 4-5	M-F	9:15am- 3:40pm	\$33/day

Spanish Immersion Preschool

Ages 4-5

Forest Lake Area Schools Early Childhood Program is offering a Spanish Immersion preschool class that is available to families who want their child to have the opportunity to learn a world language in the most effective way possible.

Why immersion?

Early language immersion is one of the best ways for children to become bilingual which has shown to have life-long benefits. Spanish immersion is a great option for families who want to give their child the gift of language. Students who learn one world language early in life find it much easier to learn another language in the future. We aim to instill children with the love of learning of a different language, in a space where they can learn and have fun at the same time.

What would the class day look like in an immersion program?

In an immersion class in Early Childhood, literacy skills are taught in English. But several other subjects are taught in Spanish. Students “immersed” in Spanish begin to adjust very quickly to the class format, and their language skills tend to develop very rapidly.

Mon, Wed, Fri
Southwest Junior High

9:15am- 3:30pm
\$33/day



DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Child Care Assistance Program.

In 2018 the Early Childhood Program became a certified site with the Department of Human Services. In order to obtain certification, the Early Childhood Program had to go through extensive training on various health and safety topics. This certification means that we are better prepared to serve families in our district and are able to offer financial assistance through the acceptance of the Child Care Assistance Program.

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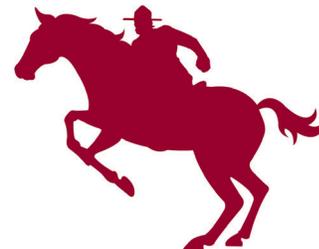
Half Day 2019-2020

Half Day Preschool is offered at a central Forest Lake location for three, four and five year old children. Half Day Preschool is a School Readiness program that is funded by various sources; parent fees, state aid and levy funding. Since there are multiple funding sources, families can apply for an in-house School Readiness Scholarship providing financial assistance to families that have risk factors such as low income, family disruption, emergency circumstances, etc. This scholarship is based on a sliding fee scale adopted by the Early Childhood Program.

All financial options for Half Day Preschool are:

- Pathway I Scholarship
- Pathway II Scholarship
- Child Care Assistance Program
- School Readiness Scholarship

Location	Age	Day	Time	Rates
Southwest Junior High	Age 3	M/W	9:15-11:15am	\$110/month
Southwest Junior High	Age 3	T/Th	9:15-11:15am	\$125/month
Southwest Junior High	Ages 3-5	Tue	6-7:30pm	\$45/month
Southwest Junior High <i>FLP</i>	Ages 3-5	T/Th	11:30am-3:30pm	\$100/month
Southwest Junior High	Ages 4-5	M/W/F	9:15-11:45am	\$190/month
Southwest Junior High	Ages 4-5	M/W/F	1-3:30pm	\$190/month
Southwest Junior High	Ages 4-5	T/Th	9:15-11:45am	\$140/month
Southwest Junior High	Ages 4-5	T/Th	1-3:30pm	\$140/month



Family Learning Program (FLP)

Ages 0-2 attend Sibling Care • Ages 3-5 attend Preschool

The Family Learning Program (FLP) is ideal for parents with young children 0-5 years old. Families enjoy a meal together, participate in guided learning experiences and get ideas for home activities.

Children attend Preschool or Sibling Care (childcare) while parents participate in parent education classes and work on goals such as GED test preparation, improving their English or basic skills in our Adult Basic Education (ABE) program.

Monthly tuition is based on a sliding fee scale. All families are welcome. No child will be turned away because of inability to pay. Please call (651) 982-8300 for more information.

The following resources are available:

- Scholarships are available for preschool tuition.
- Childcare is available for children 0-2 years old.
- Transportation is available upon request.
- Interpreters available upon request.

Tue,Thu	11:30am-3:30pm
Southwest Junior High	\$100/month Preschool
	\$40/month Sibling Care



BIG NEWS WE'RE MOVING!

NEW ADDRESS: 943 SW 9th Ave, Forest Lake

Forest Lake Area Schools Community Education programs are moving from the Central Learning Center to Southwest Junior High before the start of the 2019-2020 school year! We can't wait to show you our new and improved space.

Look for updates in our email newsletters, social media and our website at www.flaschools.org/ecfe

Our program has been awarded a 4 STAR rating from Parent Aware

Parent Aware helps you find child care and early education providers in your area focused on high quality early learning and kindergarten readiness. Our one to four star ratings system – a free service – measures best practices identified by research that help children succeed in kindergarten and beyond.



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Ride the bus! Transportation is available for preschool.

A caregiver, 18 years or older, must be at the bus stop for pick up and drop off.

Four and five year old preschoolers can ride the bus in the morning to school and/or ride the bus home at the end of the day. Parents or care givers will have to transport in the middle of the day. Children who enroll in the Full Day preschool have the option of riding the bus to and from school. Transportation is available for students who attend preschool at the elementary where their home address is assigned. Our hope is that by providing this convenience it will be easier for families to participate in a high quality early learning experience. Space is limited and dependent on availability on existing bus routes. This service is offered free of charge. Please call (651) 982-8349 for further information.

Childcare for Little Rangers Participants

Providing childcare is essential to making preschool accessible for all. Children enrolled in Little Rangers Full Day Preschool now have the opportunity to register for School Age Care (SAC). SAC offers childcare before and after school and will be available on days that your child is enrolled in Little Rangers Preschool at Columbus, Forest View, Lino

Lakes, Linwood, Scandia and Wyoming Elementaries.

For more information or to register for School Age Care, call (651) 982-8365.

Little Rangers Preschool is available district wide!

If you would like to visit one of our preschool locations, please call the site to schedule a tour.

Central Learning Center	(651) 982-8318	Lino Lakes Elementary	(651) 982-8850
Southwest Junior High (Fall 2019)	(651) 982-8318	Linwood Elementary	(651) 982-1907
Columbus Elementary	(651) 982-8900	Scandia Elementary	(651) 982-3300
Forest View Elementary	(651) 982-8200	Wyoming Elementary	(651) 982-8000

Fee Assistance

The Early Childhood Program has a variety of fee assistance options available based on the program your child is enrolled in and your family circumstances. No district family will be excluded from Little Rangers Half Day classes due to the inability to pay. For more information, call Paige Brier at (651) 982-8349.

Pathway I Scholarship

Pathway I Scholarships are awarded directly to families who meet eligibility requirements. Visit <https://goo.gl/gQsdy3> for details on how to apply for this scholarship.

Pathway II Scholarship

Forest Lake Early Childhood receives limited funding from the Minnesota Department of Education to help families cover the cost of preschool for students who are 3 or 4 years old.

School Readiness Scholarship

Through the School Readiness Scholarship we can offer a limited amount of financial assistance to families. There is an application process to complete; children must meet specific criteria based on the sliding fee adapted by the Early Childhood Program to participate. We are not able to assist all families that apply. Aid will focus on the children attending Little Rangers Half Day Preschool enrolled the year before kindergarten entry.

Childcare Assistance Program

All Little Rangers Preschool participants may use county awarded childcare assistance to help cover tuition costs.

Sliding Fee

A sliding fee schedule may be used to determine a class rate, which is based on your family's gross income. All participants requesting a sliding fee must select this option during registration. All payments are confidential.



Community Education
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