Hopkins Early Childhood Programs

Make Childhood Shine

Hopkins Early Childhood Programs: **Newborn to Age 5**
Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE), Preschools & Child care
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Welcome to Hopkins Early Childhood Programs

Parents want their young child to feel safe and build confidence. They know a secure foundation fosters a successful future. Hopkins Public Schools has the same goal for the learners, and this starts with building a stronger community. Hopkins Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) provides a space for parents to connect, share experiences, and create a sense of belonging. ECFE programs help you reserve time from your busy schedule to focus on your family, meet your neighbors, and form friendships with others who will be going to your schools. Hopkins values and welcomes families from every corner of the globe and every walk of life, and the community you create around your family will be stronger because of its diversity.

ECFE offers children a place to socialize and play with open-ended toys and activities so they can build knowledge through their own unique creativity. ECFE offers you an invitation to a rich discussion: many different voices coming together with the same goal — to explore what parenting means. Hopkins ECFE offers families a sense of belonging, strength, and confidence. Your child’s first step into Hopkins Public Schools is a first step toward a stronger community — and a stronger future. You belong in Hopkins!

Sara Chovan, Early Childhood & Parent Education Programs Coordinator

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Lottery & Ongoing Registration

First choice lottery registrations are due April 21
Registrations for summer and fall 2017 ECFE classes received by Friday, April 21 at noon are placed in a lottery for your first choice class.

Registration for classes is ongoing after the lottery
After April 21, registration continues on a space available basis.
Families are welcome to register for classes at any time, space permitting.

Please see page 10 for more registration information, or call early childhood staff at 952-988-5000.

Hopkins Early Childhood Family Education

Our trusted Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) program offers affordable, high quality classes that support you and your young children. A typical class meets once a week and includes:

• Parent-Child Activity. Time for you and your child to enjoy a classroom filled with developmentally appropriate play and learning activities. You’ll take home new ideas for things you can do together.

• Parent Discussion. You’ll meet with other parents and a licensed parent educator to share support, experiences, and information about child development and parenting techniques.

• Children’s Activity Time. While you are in Parent Discussion (in separating classes), children learn and play with licensed early childhood teachers. Children practice social skills and will enjoy music, art, stories, and physical activities.

• And there’s more — join us for Special Topics workshops and fun family events (pages 7-8), and many other exciting activities (page 19 and back cover)! Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are also available for participants.

• Our Mission. The mission of Early Childhood Family Education is to strengthen families and support the ability of all parents in providing the best possible environment for healthy growth and development of their children.

• Our Staff. Our experienced ECFE teaching staff is dedicated to parents and children. Teachers hold a degree and state license in Parent Education, Early Childhood Education, or both.

• Questions about classes or programs? We are happy to help! Please give parent educator, Kathryn, a call at 952-988-5046, or email Kathryn.Moore@HopkinsSchools.org

We look forward to being a trusted resource for learning, connections, and support for your family. We have classes for you and your child from newborn to five years old. Sign up for classes at any time!

*Note: the word “parent” in this publication refers to adult caregivers responsible for the child.

Welcome New Babies!

Hopkins Early Childhood Programs welcomes your new baby and congratulates you on your expanded family. Share your good news with us and receive your free Welcome Packet! Please call Kathryn Moore at 952-988-5046 or email Kathryn.Moore@HopkinsSchools.org
How do I choose the right ECFE class?

With so many options, there is something to fit your needs. Aside from our family events and special topics classes, all of our affordable ECFE classes meet once a week for 3 to 14 weeks. There are day and evening options, and most classes have sibling care. Our classes fall into three categories: non-separating, gradual separating, or separating. Read the descriptions below and then check out our classes on pages 4-9. To determine class fee, see the fee scale on page 11. If you have further questions, please call parent educator Kathryn Moore at 952-988-5046. At Hopkins, families are always welcome! Registration remains open for classes that have already started (if space is available). Please contact us for a prorated fee if you’d like to join an ongoing class that has already begun.

About non-separating classes: You and your child stay together in the classroom for the entire duration of the class, engaging with them in enriching learning and play activities. A licensed parent educator will lead parent conversations on important topics such as child growth and development, transitioning to parenthood, and how children learn and play. Your child has a chance to play during this supportive group discussion.

About gradual-separating classes: In the beginning of gradual-separating classes, you and your child meet in the same room. Parents will move to a separate room gradually as the class progresses. Separate parent meetings begin with short meeting times and are gradually lengthened.

About separating classes: You and your child explore activities together for about 30 minutes. This provides an opportunity to learn new ideas, games, songs, and activities that can be used at home. Then, parents meet in a separate classroom with a licensed parent educator for conversations related to child development and parenting. Parents share ideas, information, and experiences with one another, gaining knowledge, new connections, and support. Meanwhile, your child will participate in age-appropriate activities with a licensed early childhood teacher and a teaching assistant. Children are provided enriching, early learning experiences which encourage social, emotional, physical, and cognitive development.

Sibling Care is available, if needed, for most classes. Siblings from six months through kindergarten are eligible. Babies who are not yet crawling are welcome to come to class with parents. Sibling care cost is half of the class fee. Sign up for it on your registration form, page 12.

Immunization Law: All students in the state of Minnesota must have immunizations up-to-date and schools must have a child’s immunization record when the child starts school.

Dates to note:
Summer & fall daytime and evening classes begin the week of September 11, 2017 and end on January 19, 2018 unless otherwise noted. **ECFE classes will not be in session the following dates:**

- October 16-20, Education MN convention
- November 16, late start
- November 20-25, Thanksgiving week
- December 18-January 5, winter break
- January 15, Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Call the Weather Hotline at 952-988-4019 for weather-related class and activity cancellations. See page 10 or visit the District website, www.HopkinsSchools.org, for more weather-related information.

ECFE Locations
The Hopkins Early Childhood Family Education program holds classes at two locations:

**Harley Hopkins Family Center**  
125 Monroe Avenue South  
Hopkins, MN 55343  
Phone: 952-988-5000  
Fax: 952-988-5037  
School-Year Hours: M-Fr • 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

**Meadowbrook Elementary School campus**  
Look for the Early Childhood Programs building facing Glenwood Ave. This is the most eastern building on the campus.  
Enter Door AA on the backside of building.  
5430 Glenwood Ave., Golden Valley, MN 55422  
Phone: 952-988-5000
ECFE doesn’t stop in the summer! Early Childhood Family Education offers convenient infant and toddler classes this summer; you don’t have to wait until fall to enjoy the benefits of taking a class with your child. While parents and children (newborn through 12 months of age, or 13 through 20 months of age) connect and play, a parent educator leads discussions on topics such as growth and development, sleeping habits, nutrition, brain development, and how children learn and play.

Perfect for parents on maternity/paternity leave — these are short, 6-week sessions.

**Evening** (sibling care is available):

- Tuesdays, June 6-July 18 • 4:00-5:15 pm
  - 0-12 months-old • non-separate • Harley 40
  - #100-A • Fee B
- Tuesdays, June 6-July 18 • 6:00-7:15 pm
  - 0-12 months-old • non-separate • Harley 40
  - #100-B • Fee B
- Wednesdays, June 7-July 19 • 4:00-5:15 pm
  - 13-20 months-old • non-separate • Harley 40
  - #100-C • Fee B
- Wednesdays, June 7-July 19 • 6:00-7:15 pm
  - 13-20 months-old • non-separate • Harley 40
  - #100-D • Fee B

- No class sessions on July 4-5, sections #100 A-D

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### You & Your Infant

**How is my baby’s brain developing?**

**When will he begin to sit up, roll over, crawl, talk?**

**What about the transition to solid foods?**

**How can I get him to sleep?!**

The questions never end during this amazing time of your baby’s development! Our licensed parent educators have the knowledge and experience to field all of your important questions.

Meet once a week and connect with other parents and their infants to get your questions answered by our licensed parent educators. This is the perfect way to meet other parents, learn from others, engage with your child, and discover what is right for you and your family when it comes to all those big questions.

Perfect for parents on maternity/paternity leave — sections #107 and #108 are short, 7-week sessions. Sign up for one or both.

**Daytime** (sibling care is available):

- Tuesdays, Sept. 12-Jan. 16 • 11:00 am-12:30 pm
  - 7-15 months-old • non-separate • Harley 40
  - #106-DF • Fee A
- Wednesdays, Sept. 13-Nov. 1 • 11:30 am-1:00 pm
  - 0-12 months-old • non-separate • Mbk. 135
  - #107-DFMA • Fee B
- Wednesdays, Nov. 8-Jan. 17 • 11:30 am-1:00 pm
  - 0-12 months-old • non-separate • Mbk. 135
  - #107-DFBM • Fee B
- Fridays, Sept. 15-Nov. 3 • 11:00 am-12:30 pm
  - 0-12 months-old • non-separate • Mbk. 135
  - #108-DFA • Fee B
- Fridays, Nov. 10-Jan. 19 • 11:00 am-12:30 pm
  - 0-12 months-old • non-separate • Harley 40
  - #108-DFB • Fee B

**Evening** (sibling care is not available):

- Tuesdays, Sept. 12-Dec. 12 • 5:30-6:30 pm
  - 0-12 months-old • non-separate • Harley 40
  - #109-EF • $25/Family
You &
Your 1-2 Year Old
How can I get her to eat good-for-her foods?
Is his play appropriate?
Why won't she share with others?
He's waking up too early — how can I get more sleep?

Meet and connect once a week with other parents and their toddlers to get your questions answered by our licensed parent educator in these ongoing ECFE classes. This is the perfect way to meet other parents, learn from others, and discover what is right for you and your family with the guidance of a parent educator and research-based information. Enjoy playing and learning with your toddler as you sing songs, read books, get your fingers into art, and more! Non-separating classes: #202, #205. Gradual-separating classes: #201, #204, #206. For an evening option, see class #110 and #207.

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Spotlight on our early childhood staff

Meet Melanie Willett, ECFE Early Childhood Educator

For nearly twenty years, Melanie has taught in the early childhood education field on both coasts. She feels fortunate to now reside in Minnesota where ECFE is unique and so highly valued. Melanie finds that creating developmentally-appropriate curriculum that consists of both Montessori and Reggio Emilia approaches while focusing on open-ended art is exciting to implement. Her philosophy is that it is vital to teach with empathy while valuing diversity and individual learning styles in the classroom. She knows that the newborn through three years age range is an important span of a child's development. ECFE classes are an excellent way to ensure optimal development especially in the social-emotional learning area. Melanie looks forward to having both returning and new families engage in this caring community of experts.

Free event!

Daddy & Me

Free fun reading event at your local police station!

Dads, grandpas, uncles, and friends with children newborn to five years:
• Explore the Minnetonka Police & Fire Stations and the Hopkins Police Station.
• Listen as police officers read stories to the children.
• Jump behind the wheel of their vehicles.

Friday, May 19, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Minnetonka Police & Fire Station, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd.
Thursday, June 8, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Hopkins Police Station, 1010 - 1st Street South

You &
Your 2-3 Year Old

How can I help her be a great big sister?
How do I set limits — and stick to them?
What do we need to do to get ready for school?
How can I help her navigate tricky friend situations?

There is so much fun to be had as your child interacts with the world at ever-increasing levels! Listen to the giggles as you and your toddler enjoy creative activities, sing songs, play with toys, explore new art forms, and more! Each week, the licensed parent educator will lead discussions on topics you are most interested in, such as sharing, routines, temper tantrums, toilet learning, and child development.

Daytime (sibling care is available):
- **Mondays, Sept. 11-Jan. 8 • 9:30-11:30 am**
  - 0-60 months-old • separating • Harley 46 • #302-DF • Fee C
- **Tuesdays, Sept. 12-Jan. 16 • 9:30-11:30 am**
  - 24-35 months-old • separating • Mbk. 135 • #303-DFM • Fee C
- **Wednesdays, Sept. 13-Jan. 17 • 9:30-11:00 am**
  - 22-35 months-old • gradual-separate • Harley 44 • #304-DF • Fee A
- **Thursdays, Sept. 14-Jan. 18 • 9:00-11:00 am**
  - 30-42 months-old • separating • Harley 46 • #306-DF • Fee C

Evening (sibling care is not available):
- **Mondays, Sept. 11-Dec. 11 • 6:30-8:00 pm**
  - 24-60 months-old • non-separate • Harley 44 • #208-EF • Fee A
- **Tuesdays, Sept. 12-Dec. 12 • 5:30-7:00 pm**
  - 18-35 months-old • gradual-separate • Harley 44 • #110-EF • Fee A

You &
Your 3-5 Year Old

How can I help him make friends?
She’s having temper tantrums — what do I do?
Toilet learning — where do I start?
How important is play when it comes to learning?

It is so exciting to see your child explore his growing independence! In these once-a-week ECFE classes, you will have time with your child during the first portion of class. Then, you and your child will separate into different classrooms. Her preschool classroom gives her opportunities with social skills, reading, art, stories, science, and more. Your child will discover rich and varied learning stations that engage him while developing school-readiness skills.

Meanwhile, parents have the opportunity to develop strong connections with other parents. You’ll learn strategies to support your child’s readiness for kindergarten, and the licensed parent educator will lead discussions on your hot topics, such as sibling rivalry, healthy communication, setting limits, and more.

Daytime (sibling care is available):
- **Tuesdays, Sept. 12-Jan. 16 • 9:30-11:30 am**
  - 0-60 months-old • gradual-separate • Harley 44 • #401-DF • Fee C
- **Fridays, Sept. 15-Jan. 19 • 9:30-11:00 am**
  - 36-60 months-old • separating • Harley 46 • #402-DF • Fee C

Evening (sibling care is not available):
- **Mondays, Sept. 11-Dec. 11 • 6:30-8:00 pm**
  - 36-60 months-old • separating • Harley 46 • #309-EF • Fee A
Musics & Movement Together!

FREE! Zumba Dance Event
Zumba is fitness that feels like a party! Be active and dance together in an upbeat musical environment. Enhances memory, creativity, coordination, and balance all while having fun!
Saturday, Nov. 11 • 10:00-11:00 am
4-8 years old • Minnetonka Medical Center, 15450 Hwy. 7, Minnetonka
#713-DF • Free, registration required

Babies, Stories & Songs
Enhance your child’s brain development through stories, songs, sensory experiences, and play. Enjoy reading/ telling stories, singing songs, and doing movements with your child. Join us for the fun!
Sibling care for older siblings through age 5 available, $5/child.
Thursday, Oct. 26-Nov. 9 • 11:30 am-12:15 pm
0-18 months-old • Harley 40
#717-DF • $5/class, $10/series

Introduction to Stringed Instruments for the Very Young
Alison Swiggum, high school orchestra teacher
Little ones will be introduced to stringed instruments and music instruction. Based on the Suzuki Violin Method, this course for parent and child will include clapping rhythms, listening and moving to music, and making a foot chart to learn how to stand when playing the violin. Each family will make a box violin and learn how to hold the violin. Demonstrations by young children who already play stringed instruments will be included in this course.
Wednesday, June 7-21 • 4:00-5:00 pm
3-5 years • Harley 11
#750-A • $15/series

Family Stay & Play
Engage in a fun-filled playtime with your child! Family Stay & Play is for you!
Attend any or all of the sessions. Each 4- or 5-week section has a different exciting theme:

Hands and Feet Fun: Can your fingers do the walking? Experience textures on your toes and make your prints into pictures. Use your hands and feet to unravel mysteries, create art, and explore your world.

Stories that Come Alive: Familiar stories and characters are the inspiration for art, play, projects, and fun.

Young Scientists: Explore STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) concepts through interactive fun, building projects, and art activities.

Registration for individual classes can be made the week prior to the date by calling 952-988-5000.
Two choices are available for registrations: 1) Register for the entire series, 8 spaces available, or
2) Register for individual classes only. Please bring check payable to: ISD #270 or exact dollar amount to each session.

Daytime (sibling care is not available):

| Mondays, Sept. 11-Dec. 11 • 9:30-11:15 am | 0-5 years, Somali • separating • Harley 42 | #413-DF • No cost |
| Fri., Dec. 1-Jan. 12 • 11:00 am-12:30 pm | 0-5 years • Scientists • Harley 44 | #506-DF • Fee: $5 per class |
| Fri., Oct. 27-Nov. 17 • 11:00 am-12:30 pm | 0-5 years • Stories • Harley 44 | #505-DF • Fee: $5 per class |
| Fri., Sept. 15-Oct. 13 • 11:00 am-12:30 pm | 0-5 years • Hands • Harley 44 | #504-DF • Fee: $5 per class |

There is a special rate of $15 for each 4-week series (#505-DF and #506-DF) or $20 for the 5-week series (#504-DF). Sign up for one or all three!

Spanish & Somali classes
Our same great ECFE format for native Spanish and Somali speakers. Explore the classroom, sing songs, read books, create art, and more! Connect with other Spanish speaking or Somali parents on topics such as discipline, nutrition, the importance of play, and language development. Available to Hopkins District families only, these classes are grant funded and are at no cost. A Spanish interpreter participates in the Spanish class.

Daytime (sibling care is available):

| Mondays, Sept. 11-Dec. 11 • 9:30-11:15 am | 0-5 years, Somali • separating • Harley 42 | #413-DF • No cost |
| Miércoles, 13 sept. al 13 dic. • 12:30-2:15 pm | 0-5 años, Español • separación • Harley 42 & 44 | #412-DW • No cost |

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Free for you!
Special Topic Classes

**Baby Sign Language**
Angela Hart, M. Ed., licensed parent educator

Join us for an introduction to baby sign language! It is a great way to communicate with your baby and a strategy for avoiding frustration. The book, *Baby Signs: How to Talk With Your Baby Before Your Baby Can Talk*, by Linda Acredolo and Susan Goodwyn, will be the basis for the workshop. Discuss the way baby signs can help you understand what your baby needs, learn some signs that will help get you started, and end with songs and finger plays that incorporate baby signs. *This class is for parents and babies 4-15 months old.*

**Thursday, Nov. 2 • 6:00-7:00 pm**
Harley 42  #730-EF • Free, registration required

**Baby & Me Yoga**
Kelly Shay, certified yoga instructor, advanced prenatal training, Blooma

Enhance playful interaction between you and your baby. Baby Yoga provides stretching and exercises to strengthen growing muscles, along with the benefits of touch and relaxation. *Babies ages 6 weeks to 9 months are welcome. Please bring a baby blanket and a yoga mat or towel. A limited number of mats will be available for families who do not have one.*

**Monday, Oct. 16 • 6:00-7:00 pm**
Harley 40  #722-EF • Free, registration required

**Monday, Dec. 18 • 6:00-7:00 pm**
Harley 40  #723-DF • Free, registration required

**Toddler & Me Yoga**
Kelly Shay, certified yoga instructor, advanced prenatal training, Blooma

What better way to exert that lively toddler energy than in a class filled with breathing, singing, and movement! We will use musical instruments for little hands and yoga as our foundation while socializing with other toddlers and caregivers. *Appropriate for toddlers crawling to 36 months. Please bring a yoga mat or towel. A limited number of mats will be available for families who do not have one.*

**Thursday, Sept. 28 • 6:00-7:00 pm**
Harley 9  #713-EF • Free, registration required

**Thursday, Oct. 27 • 6:00-7:00 pm**
Harley 9  #728-DF • Free, registration required

**Infant Massage**
Kara Quist, pediatric physical therapist and certified infant massage instructor

The loving touch of parents comforts and soothes infants, and encourages bonding. In addition, infant massage encourages deeper, longer sleep patterns in babies, enhances growing and healing, soothes fussiness and colic, and relieves the discomfort of reflux, teething, and gas. *Babies newborn to crawling are welcome. Please bring a mat or blanket.*

**Thursday, Sept. 28 • 6:00-7:00 pm**
Harley 40  #713-EF • Free, registration required

**Yum! Healthy Nutrition in the Early Years**
Children’s Feeding Clinic

Get your child off to a good start with eating well! We’ll explore feeding patterns of infants and toddlers, types and amounts of food to serve, and ways to avoid pitfalls that lead to picky eating. *For parents of children ages newborn to two years.*

**Tuesday, Oct. 17 • 6:30-7:30 pm**
Harley 25  #719-EF • Free, registration required

**Introductory First Aid for Infants and Children**
Tina Goralczyk, BS, RN, PHN

Bumps, scrapes and bruises – all children get them! Learn basic first aid tips and how to treat life-threatening emergencies such as choking and allergies. Tina Goralczyk, BS, RN, PHN, has more than 15 years experience as both a pediatric and public health nurse. She is also a certified American Heart Association instructor for first aid and CPR. *This introductory class does not offer individual certification. For parents of children ages birth to five years.*

**Tuesday, Oct. 24 • 6:30-7:30 pm**
Harley 25  #731-EF • Free, registration required
Parenting Workshops

So Your Child is Going to Kindergarten!
Rani Murdoch Zappa, MA, M. Ed, licensed parent educator
This parent-only workshop is designed to help parents understand what their kindergarten child will experience in kindergarten at Hopkins Public Schools as they continue their educational journey. Parents will hear from an elementary principal and participate in a facilitated conversation with a licensed parent educator. Learn more about kindergarten curriculum and examples of activities, the importance of social skills, and how to help prepare your child for kindergarten. Parent-only class. For parents of children ages three to five years.
Tuesday, Nov. 14 • 6:30-8:00 pm
Harley 25 #703-EF • $10/person, $15/household

Saturday Series: Meltdowns, Tantrums, and Arguments Be Gone!
Betsey Matas, MA, licensed parent educator
Do you wonder how to reduce the tantrums and arguments? Do you wish you could figure out how to have a calmer, more cooperative child? Do you want a child who is a problem-solver? Learn about why outbursts happen and explore strategies for developing your child’s ability to identify emotions and ways he can calm himself when meltdowns happen. For parents of children ages one to five years.
Saturday, Sept. 30-Oct. 28 • 10:00-11:30 am
Harley 15 #711-DF • $25/series

“You’re Not the Boss of Me!”
Cheryl Forse, licensed parent educator, certified positive discipline trainer
Dealing with a strong willed child can be a challenge. Giving kids positive power can prevent lots of misbehavior, while building healthy skills for a lifetime of success. Your family will feel better, and be able to do better, after learning the positive discipline tools in this workshop. Learning is fun and experiential to help parents learn in their hearts, not just their heads. Parent-only class. For parents of children one to eight years.
Thursday, Nov. 16 • 6:30-8:00 pm
Harley 38 #701-EF • $10/person, $15/household

Family Events

The RAD Zoo — party with the reptiles!
Meet and learn about live reptiles!
Check out reptiles and amphibians with the RAD Zoo (Reptile Amphibian Discovery Zoo). Discover live turtles, a small crocodile, and more! Register early, space is limited.
Friday, May 5 • 5:45-7:00 pm
0-5 years old • Harley 35 #407-EW • $5/family

Fun in the Sun!
Summer activities!
Make bubbles, create art, explore water and sand with sensory tables, and have tons of summer fun! Come with old friends and make new friends. Dress for mess! Childcare available.
Register by noon on Friday, August 18.
Tuesday, Aug. 22 • 6:00-7:15 pm
2-5 years • Harley 42 #406-EF • $5/family

Music with MacPhail
Join MacPhail Center for Music as we explore music and movement through play-based engaging activities! Together we will sing, play, and learn!
Saturday, May 13 • 10:30-11:15 am
0-8 years • Harley Gym #404-DW • Free! Registration required
Saturday, Oct. 14 • 10:30-11:15 am
0-8 years • Glen Lake Gym #404-DF • $5/family
Glen Lake Elementary Gym, 4801 Woodridge Road, Minnetonka

Vroom! Vroom! Vehicle Fair & Open House
Free event! Explore city vehicles, enjoy activities, and more!
Explore a police car, fire truck, front-end loader, and more. Enjoy face painting and fun classroom activities through the Harley Hopkins Family Center. For families with children newborn to 5 years.
Friday, Sept. 8 • 5:30-7:00 pm
0-5 years • Harley • Free event

Young People’s Concert with the Hopkins High School Orchestra
Free concert featuring kid-friendly music and an instrument petting zoo!
Wear your pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal to this popular annual event! Experience an instrument petting zoo and other fun activities. Presented by the Hopkins High School Orchestra. Free event, no registration required. Questions? Contact Hopkins High School orchestra director, Alison Swiggum, at 952-988-4574.
Tuesday, Oct. 24 • 5:45-7:00 pm
Hopkins High School, 2400 Lindbergh Dr., Minnetonka • Free event
ECFE Registration Information

ECFE registrations received online, in-person, or by mail by noon on **Friday, April 21, 2017** are placed in a lottery for your first choice class. **After April 21, registration continues** on a space available basis. Families are welcome to register for classes at any time throughout the year if space is available.

**Online**
Register online with Visa, Discover, or MasterCard at: www.HopkinsSchools.org/Early
Registration Form is on page 12. or visit: www.HopkinsSchools.org/Early

**By Mail or In Person**
Stop by with your completed form along with your check, or mail to:
Harley Hopkins Family Center
125 Monroe Ave. S.,
Hopkins, MN 55343

**Registration Information**
Please select classes based on your child’s age as of September 11, 2017. Registrations will be processed on a lottery basis. All registrations received by noon on Friday, April 21, 2017 will be included in the lottery. Please note: registrations for the lottery are not taken by phone.

Registration continues until classes are full.
Payment can be made by cash, check, VISA, DISCOVER, or MASTERCARD at the time of registration. Checks payable to: ISD #270.
If sibling care is offered for the class for which you want to register, please complete the information on the registration form. Payment is required at the time of registration.
You will be notified by phone and/or email to confirm your enrollment.
Enrollment limits: Families are eligible to register for a second semester-long class for each child on September 19, 2017. There is no limit on special topics, events, or classes less than 12 weeks.
Sibling Care Costs: Sibling care cost is half the class fee for each child in sibling care.
Have twins? Families registering twins for the same class may register the second child for half the class fee. Please call our office to make payment arrangements. 952-988-5000.

**Cancellations & Refunds**
No refunds are given for emergency or weather closings or for days missed due to illness or vacation.
We reserve the right to cancel a class due to low enrollment.
If a class or child care is cancelled due to low enrollment, a full refund will be given, including fees for sibling care.

Cancellation Policy:
12, 13, and 14 week classes: If you decide to cancel within 3 weeks of your start date, a pro-rated refund will be given, less the $25 cancellation fee. All registrations will be considered final after the third week of class, and no refunds will be given after that time.
Ongoing classes less than 12 weeks: If you cancel within 2 weeks of your start date, a pro-rated refund will be given, less a $15 cancellation fee. All registrations will be considered final after the second week of class, no refunds will be given after that time.

**Weather Closings**
Hazardous weather conditions may prevent us from holding classes. When Hopkins Schools are closed or delayed, ECFE classes may not meet. Listen to WCCO radio 830 AM for school closings, call 952-988-4019 or 952-988-5000, or visit www.HopkinsSchools.org.

**Schedule your child’s appointment for an Early Childhood Screening**
Early childhood screenings are a quick, simple check of how your child is growing, developing, and learning during the years before starting school. Screening can be done from ages three to five. Screening early supports your child’s readiness for kindergarten. Make your child’s appointment for an early childhood screening today.

Questions? Please call Lori Abel, RN, LSN, CNP at 952-988-5017.

Screen at 3! Visit HopkinsSchools.org/screen
Early childhood screenings are required by the state of Minnesota for every child prior to entering kindergarten.
Affordable Classes
We know rising costs are a concern. We understand, and we’ve kept costs low. ECFE classes operate on a sliding fee scale, so you pay what you can afford — no one is turned away for inability to pay. There is no better investment than your child!

Sliding Fees
Fees are determined according to a sliding fee scale. Locate your gross yearly family income on the scale. The fee listed is your fee for the class. Please enter that fee on the registration form. The sibling care fee must be paid at registration.

No family will be turned away because of inability to pay. Please call 952-988-5000 if the fee is a problem for your family.

Sliding Fee Scale
(sibling care is one-half the cost of the class)

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Fees are per child/class. No one will be turned away because of inability to pay.

Have twins? See the twins discount policy page 10, listed in General Registration Information.

New for Fall 2017!
Preschool extended day options or drop-off care when you need it!

We are excited to offer families flexible extended care options at three sites starting in Fall 2017. Families of 4-5 year olds who choose the Kaleidoscope preschool program at the Harley Hopkins Family Center or Meadowbrook sites can add a-la-carte care options before and/or after their child’s preschool session. Ready 4 K families will also have before and after preschool care options at the Eisenhower site.

Need drop-off care but not enrolled in preschool? We have the solution! Choose our afternoon drop-in childcare at one of three sites. Your child will enjoy this engaging social experience and develop familiarity with our Hopkins early childhood programs.

Find more details at HopkinsSchools.org/preschool or call us at 952-988-5000.
### Family Information

- **First Parent Name**: [Name]  
  - [First Name] [Middle Initial] [Last Name]
  - [Gender Option]

- **Second Parent Name**: [Name]  
  - [First Name] [Middle Initial] [Last Name]
  - [Gender Option]

- **Child's Name**: [Name]  
  - [First Name] [Middle Initial] [Last Name]
  - [Gender Option]

- **Date of Birth**: [Date]

- **Address**: [Address]
  - City: [City]
  - Zip: [Zip]

- **Phone**:  
  - Home: [Number]
  - Work: [Number]
  - Cell: [Number]

- **Email**: [Email]

- **Child's Country of Origin**: [Country]

- **Check here to receive our E-News**: [Yes/No]  
  - [Parenting Information, Special Offers, Promotions]
  - [Email Address]
  - [Permit to Share]

### Additional Siblings in Family

- **Name**: [Name]  
  - [First Name] [Last Name]
  - [Date of Birth]  
  - [Gender Option]

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### Course Registration Information

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*Sibling fee is $1/2 the class fee

**TOTAL**: $[

### If your 1st or 2nd choice is not available, please list two alternate class choices:

- [Wait List Class #1]: [Class]
- [Wait List Class #2]: [Class]

### Sibling Care Registration

- **Name**: [Name]  
  - [Birthdate]
  - [Class No.]

- **Name**: [Name]  
  - [Birthdate]
  - [Class No.]

- **Is your child receiving Early Intervention Services (optional)**: [Yes/No]

### Payment Information

- **Check**: Checks payable to ISD 270
- **Cash**: (Do not mail cash)

Register online at any time! www.HopkinsSchools.org/Early
Dear Parents,

The State of Minnesota is requesting personally identifiable data about your family that is similar to the same data for students enrolled in kindergarten through grade 12. Data will always be handled and protected by state and federal education data privacy laws.

Only aggregated information that does not identify individual children will be published. The information from this data will help the Minnesota Department of Education demonstrate the benefits of investing in young children by increasing reading and math scores, establishing a strong foundation for lifelong achievement and success.

Student (*required Information)

*Student name: ____________________________________________________________

*Immunizations Up-to-Date: (Yes/No): ________ *Ethnicity: Hispanic/Latino (Yes/No): __________________________

*Race: Check all that apply:  
- American Indian or Alaska Native  
- Asian 
- Black or African American  
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander  
- White  
- Other __________________________

*Primary Language: ____________________________________________  
*Birth Country __________________________________________

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): ___________________________  
McKinney-Vento Homeless (Yes/No): ____________

Person Registering (*required Information)

*Name ____________________________

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): __________________________

*Relationship to child, check one:  
- Foster Father  
- Father  
- Foster Mother  
- Mother  
- Guardian-Male  
- Guardian-Female  
- Other Relative-Male  
- Other Relative-Female

Education Background, check one: 
- Doctoral Degree  
- Master's Degree  
- Bachelor's Degree  
- Associate's Degree  
- Some College, but no degree  
- High School Diploma  
- Some High School, no diploma  
- Some elementary and middle school, none beyond eighth grade

Employment Status, check one:  
- Employed more than 25 hrs/week  
- Employed less than 25 hrs/week  
- Unemployed, seeking employment  
- Unemployed, not seeking employment

Yearly Household Income: ____________________________  
Number of People in your Household: ____________________

*Receiving Interpreter Assistance (Yes/No): ____________________

*Classroom Volunteer Type, check one:  
- Not volunteering  
- Classroom volunteer  
- Parent Advisory Council volunteer  
- Other __________________________

PROGRAM REGISTRATION (to be completed by District)

* State Student I.D. # __________________________________________

* Program Name: Circle One: ECFE  ECSE  Registration Date: ________________

Count of Classes: __________________________

*Fee Status, check one:  
- Full Fee  
- Reduced Fee  
- No Fee

* Funding Source: Circle One:  
- Parent Fee  
- ECFE  
- ECSE

* Special Needs or Delay NOT eligible for Special Education: Check one below:  
- Child has special needs but is not eligible for special education services  
- Child does not have special needs; is not eligible for special education services

Immunization Information Needed, No Shots, No School:
For classes 6 weeks or more in length, updated immunization records for your child are due before you and your child participate in the ECFE class. In order to attend ECFE classes, parents must show that they're in compliance with Minnesota School Immunization Law requirements. The Hopkins School District has adopted a "No Shots, No School Policy," which states that students who are not up to date on their immunizations will not be allowed to start school until an updated immunization record is provided. Please note: ECFE classes or events shorter than 6 weeks do not require immunization information.

There are two ways you can submit your child's immunization record:
1) Ask your child's physician for a copy of the current immunization record: Fax it to 952-988-5349, attn: ECFE
2) Drop it off at Harley Hopkins Family Center, 125 Monroe Ave S, Hopkins

Parents/guardians may choose to decline immunizations for their children by filing a legal exemption with the school. Copies of the Immunization Record, with directions for filing an exemption, are available in the office at Harley Hopkins Family Center.

UPDATED IMMUNIZATION RECORDS FOR YOUR CHILD ARE DUE BEFORE YOU AND YOUR CHILD PARTICIPATE IN ANY ECFE CLASSES SIX WEEKS OR MORE IN LENGTH.
Ready for a world of discovery and learning?

Hopkins Preschools
Your Preschool choice does make a difference.

Stepping Stones Preschool: For your year-before-kindergartner (4-5 year old)
- Monday-Friday, open 6:45 a.m.-6:00 p.m., year-round or school year options.

Kaleidoscope Preschool: For your 3-5 year old
- Half-day, full- and part-week options, school year and summer program.

Ready 4 K: For your year-before-kindergartner (4 year old)
- Free, half-day preschool option for qualifying families.

What makes our Hopkins Preschools exceptional:
- **Curriculum.** Our guided, discovery-based, developmentally appropriate curriculum is inspired by the signature Reggio Emilia Approach. The curriculum adapts to the interests of the children and allows them to plan, think, experiment, evaluate, and amend their ideas.
- **The environment.** We boast creative, engaging classrooms and nature-oriented playgrounds that encourage exploring and inspire learning.
- **Our teachers.** Not only do all of our lead teachers hold a master’s or bachelor’s degree, they have extensive experience in creating nurturing surroundings that kindle curiosity and boost learning.
- **Social and emotional growth.** Children make the social, academic, and physical connections to school, while creating long-lasting relationships.
- **Readiness for kindergarten.** We provide a strong foundation for success in elementary school.

Families love our flexible options, including full- or half-days, 2-5 days a week.
We’re conveniently located at seven sites in Minnetonka, Hopkins, and Golden Valley. Our full-day option is open 6:45 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Choose from school-year, summer, or year-round options.

NEW! Extended day and wrap-around care at Eisenhower R4K and select Meadowbrook and Harley Kaleidoscope programs.

2017-18 Registration Information
Registration for the 2017-18 school year is ongoing. Families are encouraged to inquire about openings at any time. Please call 952-988-5000 for current preschool openings, or email: Liz.Hinds@HopkinsSchools.org

2017 Summer Preschool Information. See page 16 to register for a summer preschool option and start your child’s summer learning adventure!

Register: HopkinsSchools.org/Preschool  Schedule a tour: Call 952-988-5000

engaging classrooms • natural playscapes • discovery-based curriculum • extended-day child care
**Stepping Stones**

**M-F, 6:45 a.m.–6:00 p.m. • Year-round**

**Year-Before-Kindergarten, 4-5 year olds**
Stepping Stones Preschool provides full-day programming, with school-year or year-round options. Children must be four years old by September 1. Program runs from Sept. 6, 2017 to June 8, 2018 (school-year) or August 22 (full year).

**3 Locations:** Tanglen Elementary, Gateway Elementary, and Meadowbrook Elementary. Please note: Tanglen and Meadowbrook sites will combine in summer 2018.

**Stepping Stones tuition:**
2017-18 full-year tuition is twelve payments of $970. School-year-only tuition is nine payments of $1,005.

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**Kaleidoscope**

**Half-Day • 2-5 days per week • 3-5 year olds**

**Saturday Preschool options!**
Kaleidoscope Preschool offers classes that are two, three, or five half-days per week for children ages 3-5. The Kaleidoscope school-year program runs September 18, 2017 to May 25, 2018.

**3 Locations:** Harary Hopkins Family Center, Meadowbrook Elementary School, and Glen Lake Elementary.

**Tuition:** Tuition for Kaleidoscope ranges from $175 per month to $390 per month depending on chosen section (see section choices below). Current Kaleidoscope families have priority registration for 2017-18.

**5-day-a-week option:** See Section J below.
Tuition assistance may be available for qualifying families.

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**Kaleidoscope School Class Section S is eligible for wrap-around childcare**

**Hopkins ECSE programs. Dates and prices are subject to change.**
TEAM classes are jointly taught with staff from Kaleidoscope Preschool and Kaleidoscope at Harley Hopkins Family Center

**Wed & Fri 9:00-11:30 am**

**Section S - 3's and 4's TEAM $175/month**

**Tu & Thur 9:15-11:45 am**

**Section E - 3's and 4's TEAM $175/month**

**Mon, Wed, Fri 9:15-11:45 am**

**Section D - 3's and 4's $240/month**

**Tu & Thur 9:15-11:45 am**

**Section C - 3's and 4's $240/month**

**Tu, Wed, Thur 9:30-11:30 am**

**Section B - 3's to 5's $175/month**

**Tu, Wed, Thur 9:00-11:30 am**

**Section A - 3's to 5's $240/month**

**Mon, Wed, Fri 9:00-11:30 am**

**Section G - 3's $175/month**

**Tu, Wed, Thur 9:00-11:30 am**

**Section F - 3's and 4's $240/month**

**Wed & Fri 9:15-11:45 am**

**Section H - 3's and 4's $240/month**

**Tu, Wed, Thur 9:15-11:45 am**

**Section GL - YBK $240/month**

**Tu, Wed, Thur 9:30-11:30 am**

**Saturday Preschool options!**

**Year Before Kindergarten (YBK) Classes**
Children must be 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2017 to enroll in a YBK section.

**Section I - YBK $240/month**

**Mon, Tu, Thur 9:00-11:30 am**

**Section J - YBK $390/month**

**Mon, Tu, Wed, Thur, Fri 9:15-11:45 am**

**Section K - YBK TEAM $240/month**

**Tu, Wed, Thur 9:30-11:30 am**

**Saturday Class: 3-5 years**
Children must be 3 years old by the first day of class.

**Section SAT - 3's to 5's**

**$125/8 sessions, see options on chart at left.**
Tuition assistance may be available, 952-988-5000.
Register online under “Kaleidoscope Preschool.”

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**STEM in all Hopkins Preschools**

**STEM: Science, technology, engineering, math.**
Children are natural explorers, problem-solvers, and sense-makers. What they explore depends on the materials, experiences, and support we provide them. All Hopkins preschool programs incorporate STEM curriculum.

The STEM for Preschool project provides our preschool classrooms with the tools and knowledge necessary to assist children in an elevated beginning exploration and understanding of STEM concepts. This will give preschoolers STEM base knowledge, ready to be expanded upon, as they move into deeper STEM concepts through the Hopkins Public Schools curriculum.

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**What will my child learn?**
Our preschools are designed to provide a foundation for lifelong learning. Our curriculum is inspired by the signature Reggio Emilia Approach, meaning we foster academic and critical thinking skills – as well as social, physical, and emotional growth – in a guided, discovery-based setting that helps prepare children for kindergarten. Learning is individualized.

**Activities and areas of exploration:**
- Music
- Science
- Art
- Cooking
- Math Skills
- Social Skills
- Literacy Activities
- Problem Solving
- Cooperative Activities
- Large Muscle Activities
- Fine Motor Skills
- Creative Dramatics

**What a typical day may look like:**
Children participate in a variety of experiences designed to develop the whole child. Topics of exploration are developed out of children's interests, as well as from teacher provocations. This curriculum includes:
- Individual, small, and large group activities.
- Learning center/choice time.
- Outdoor play on our natural playscapes.

**Stepping Stones also offers:**
rest time, field trips, nutritious breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack.

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**Ready 4 K**

**Half-Day • Full-Week • Year-Before-Kindergarten for qualifying families**
Ready 4 K Preschool is a free preschool for four-year-olds who may not have an opportunity for a preschool experience. Families must meet eligibility guidelines.

**3 Locations:** Alice Smith Elementary, Eisenhower Elementary, and Gateway Elementary Schools.
To see if you qualify, call 952-988-5000.

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**Saturday morning Kaleidoscope Preschool: 3-5 years**
Our same high-quality Kaleidoscope preschool experience in a Saturday morning format! Ideal for families looking for an alternative to a Monday to Friday preschool schedule, or for those looking to enhance their current preschool experience. Saturday Preschool is open to 3 to 5 year olds.

**$125/8 sessions, see options on chart at left.**
Tuition assistance may be available, 952-988-5000. Register online under “Kaleidoscope Preschool.”

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**HopkinsSchools.org/Preschool**
Now enrolling for Summer 2017

Kaleidoscope Summer Adventure Classes
(half-day, 3-days-a-week, 3-5 year olds)

Fill your child’s June mornings with preschool fun! Join us for hands-on experience with books, writing activities, songs, games, art, STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) experiences, dramatic and outdoor play.

Classes are held at Harley Hopkins Family Center. Limited financial assistance is available for qualifying families. Sections may be divided by age, depending on enrollment.

Dates & Time (open to ages 3-5): Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, June 5-30 • 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Stepping Stones Summer Before Kindergarten
(Monday-Friday, 6:45 a.m.- 6:00 p.m., summer-before-kindergarten for 4-5 year olds)

Make the most of your child’s summer-before-kindergarten! Stepping Stones offers an enriching summer preschool opportunity for children entering kindergarten in the fall.

Summer program dates:
The summer program will run from June 7 – August 23, 2017. Stepping Stones is open from 6:45 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and is a five-day-per-week (M-F) program.

Tuition:
Summer tuition is 3 payments of $900, which includes breakfast, lunch, snack, and field trips.

Summer Registration Information:

Kaleidoscope Summer Adventures is accepting registrations on a space-available basis. Families are encouraged to contact us for availability.

Stepping Stones Summer will fill 2017 Summer-Before-Kindergarten openings on a space-available basis. Families are encouraged to contact us for availability.

Questions? Please call 952-988-5000. Or, contact Liz.Hinds@HopkinsSchools.org

Register online at: www.HopkinsSchools.org/Preschool
Transforming Learning

Gearing up for the Hopkins Class of 2030! For our youngest learners, our free, all-day kindergarten program provides a strong foundation in literacy, math, science, social studies, Spanish, music, art, STEM, and physical education. The expertise and experience of our talented kindergarten teachers prepares students for a successful experience in first grade and beyond. Our all-day program recognizes the needs of individual learners, and will provide developmentally appropriate instruction, and social and emotional activities tailored to promote the growth and development of each child.

Discover what makes Hopkins a leader in innovation, and how we are transforming learning!

See our elementary schools in action! Scan the QR Code at left.

Learn more about Hopkins Public Schools: www.HopkinsSchools.org
One-to-One Visits — Free!
Education and support for parents
A licensed parent educator can work with you by phone, e-mail, a home visit, or by appointment at Harley.

Visits can include:
• Current information on parenting and child development.
• Activities for young children.
• Information about local resources.
• A Welcome Packet and much more.

This helpful service is free to parents with infants, toddlers and preschoolers, ages birth-5, living in the Hopkins School District.

For more information, or to arrange a visit, call Kathryn at 952-988-5046 or Kathryn.Moore@HopkinsSchools.org.

Complimentary Class Visit
Come check out a Hopkins ECFE class!
Want to try an ECFE class before you sign up? Yes, you can! Check out a class along with your child and experience the fun and learning happening in our classrooms. Meet other parents and enjoy conversations with our licensed parent educators. Try us! Contact Kathryn Moore to set up your free class visit.

Schedule your free classroom visit today!
To schedule your complimentary class visit, please call Kathryn Moore at 952-988-5046 or send an email to: Kathryn.Moore@HopkinsSchools.org.

New baby in your life?
Get your free Welcome Packet!
Call Kathryn at 952-988-5046 or email Kathryn.Moore@HopkinsSchools.org to receive your complimentary Welcome Packet from Hopkins Early Childhood Family Education.

We want to know you better
We are so happy you are part of the Hopkins Public Schools community — let us know who you are!
Visit www.HopkinsSchools.org/census or call us at 952-988-4100 if:
• Your family has grown with addition of another child.
• You do not receive this publication in the mail.
• You are a new resident to Hopkins Public Schools.
If your child is in the district’s database, you will receive all mailings from the school district that are pertinent to your family, including this Early Childhood catalog.

Check out our Infant & Parent classes
These classes are designed to help you navigate the exciting time of your child’s first year of life. See page 4.

We have one-time workshops for busy parents:
• Yum! Healthy Nutrition in the Early Years
  Tuesday, Oct. 17 • 6:30-7:30 pm, page 8
• So Your Child is Going to Kindergarten!
  Tuesday, Nov. 14 • 6:30-8:00 pm, page 9
• “You’re Not the Boss of Me!”
  Thursday, Nov. 16 • 6:30-8:00 pm, page 9
See pages 8-9 for details and to see more great classes and family activities.

Try a Class!
### TLC-The Lending Closet

**It’s like having new toys every week!**

Open to all individuals and families. Membership is $10.00 per year.

Depending on availability, you can check out:
- Port-a-critas, baby equipment.
- Slides, riding toys, infant, toddler and preschool toys and games.
- Puzzles, games, and the best parenting books and tapes.

**At:**
Harley Hopkins Family Center, Room 30
125 Monroe Ave S., Hopkins, 952-988-5000

### Story Time & Dinner

Helping Us Grow (HUG) and Hopkins Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) invite you and your family to join us!

Come for a meal, a chance to visit with other parents with infants (birth-24 months) from Hopkins Public Schools, and share a story and play time with the children. Older siblings are welcome. Choose a new, free book for each child to take home.

Led by parent educator, Kathryn Moore, M.A. and early childhood teacher, Katie Clark, M.A.

**At:**
Hopkins Public Library
22 - 11th Ave. N., Hopkins

**Story Time & Breakfast at the Library:**
Friday, Jan. 5, 2018, 9:30-10:45 a.m.
**At:**
Harley Hopkins Family Center
125 Monroe Ave S., Hopkins
Thursday, Sept. 28, 5:45-7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 8, 5:45-7:00 p.m.

**Story Time & Breakfast at Harley:**
Saturdays, Aug. 19, Dec. 2, 9:30-10:45 a.m.

An RSVP is required:
To make a reservation, call Kathryn at 952-988-5046 or email Kathryn.Moore@HopkinsSchools.org

Watch for future invitations in your mail! These dinners are offered until your baby is 24 months old.

### Park Nicollet & Hopkins ECFE: Infants and Parents classes

Join a combined education class with your community Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) program and Park Nicollet Clinics!

Get help on the topics of concern to new parents. While you and your baby connect and play, a licensed parent educator will lead discussions on topics such as your baby’s growth and development, transitioning to parenthood, infant sleep, and more! A family medicine/pediatric clinician from the St. Louis Park Clinic will answer your general baby health questions.

These ongoing classes meet on Fridays for parents with children ages birth to 4 months. Saturday classes meet for parents with children ages 4 to 10 months old. All classes meet at 11:00 am-12:15 pm.

**For more information and to register:** please call Kathryn Moore at 952-988-5046 or email her at Kathryn.Moore@HopkinsSchools.org

**At:**
Park Nicollet Clinic St. Louis Park, 4th Floor Pediatrics, 3850 Park Nicollet Blvd., St. Louis Park

**Questions about Park Nicollet/Hopkins ECFE classes?** Call Kathryn for information, 952-988-5046.

### Stay Connected!

Want to keep up on issues Hopkins parents are talking about?

Check out all the early childhood action on our blog: www.HopkinsParent.com

Our early childhood experts share the parenting tips, topics, and local news and events that you find in our classes.

Convenient and on your schedule!

**HopkinsParent.com**

### Hop-Kids Play and Learn!

Preschool-age activities brought to you by Hopkins Public Schools Community Education and Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation Services.

Hop-Kids classes offer an introduction to sports, play adventures, and STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) skills with passionate instructors in a stimulating, structured, and fun environment. Visit www.Hop-Kids.com to browse our summer classes and to sign up for super fun activities!

Check out Hop-Kids for dance, T-ball, golf, art, crafts, drama, science, music, and more.

**Reserve your space today:** www.Hop-Kids.com or 952-988-4070
Family Fun Events

Fun in the Sun!
Tuesday, August 22
6:00-7:15 pm
It's time for summer fun!
Make bubbles, create art, explore water and sand with sensory tables, and have tons of summer fun! Dress for mess! For families with children ages 2-5. More information on page 9.
Register by August 18. #406-EF: $5/ family.
At: Harley Hopkins Family Center
125 Monroe Ave S, Hopkins

Stay & Play Classes
Engage in a fun-filled playtime with your child! Explore STEM concepts, create fun art projects, and more! See page 7 for more information.

Hands and Feet Fun:
Fridays, Sept. 15-Oct. 13
11:00 am-12:30 pm
Stories That Come Alive:
Fridays, Oct. 27-Nov. 17
11:00 am-12:30 pm
Young Scientists:
Fridays, Dec. 1-Jan. 12
11:00 am-12:30 pm

Vehicle Fair
Friday, September 8
5:30-7:00 pm
Explore city vehicles and more!
Join us for the free Open House & Vehicle Fair! Explore a police car, fire truck, front-end loader, and more. Enjoy face painting and fun classroom activities through the Harley Hopkins Family Center. For families with children newborn to 5 years.
Free event! Visit: www.HopkinsSchools.org/vehicle
At: Harley Hopkins Family Center
125 Monroe Ave S, Hopkins

Early Childhood Fest
Saturday, October 7
10:00-11:30 a.m.
A free fun-filled celebration
Family-friendly entertainment, including live music and other activities at the Hopkins Library.
Mark your calendar for this free event!
At: Hopkins Public Library
22 - 11th Ave N, Hopkins

NEW

Child Care Options!
Preschool extended-day options and drop-off care when you need it.
Families of 4-5 year olds who choose the Kaleidoscope preschool program at the Harley Hopkins Family Center or Meadowbrook sites can add care options before and/or after their child's preschool session. Ready 4 K families can choose before and after preschool care options at the Eisenhower site.
Need drop-off care but not enrolled in preschool? Choose our afternoon drop-in childcare at one of three sites. Your child will enjoy this engaging learning and social experience.

Register today!
www.HopkinsSchools.org/early
952-988-5000
Schedule your child's early childhood screening appointment:
HopkinsSchools.org/screen
Screen at 3! See page 10 for more details.