

The Family Connection

Important Dates

Jan. 25	Half-Day School Elementary Extra Care Available for Kid's Club
February 15	Re-Enrollment Begins (See Additional Information)
Feb. 15 - March 5	Complete Re-Enrollment Process
Feb. 15	Half-Day School Elementary Extra Care Available for Kids' Club
Feb. 18-19	Mid-Winter Recess No School
March 5	Pre-K Open House (for New Families)
March 6	New Family Enrollment Process Begins

Kids' Club Extra Care Spring Recess Reminder . . .

Registration for Kids' Club Extra Care during Spring Recess is due by Thursday, March 7th. Registration is online. The registration form can be found on our website:
<https://earlychildhood.northvilleschools.org>

Kids' Club Spring Recess Extra Care will be held at Ridge Wood & Thornton Creek Elementaries.

Full-Day Pre-K will be open at Thornton Creek, OVS & Ridge Wood. Children who typically attend Full-Day Pre-K at Winchester will attend at OVS.

Mid-Winter Recess . . .

All Programs will be closed for Mid-Winter Recess on Monday & Tuesday, February 18 & 19, 2019.

From the Coordinator . .

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had the opportunity to spend some quality time together with their families.

Even with the excitement of the New Year, you may be experiencing some difficulties during drop off. Returning to school after winter break can be stressful as children readapt to the routine and structure of their classroom. A few strategies from NAEYC regarding this transition are 1) review the daily schedule with your child before leaving – refer to the picture schedule and let them know when you will be back, 2) re-establish your goodbye routine, 3) give your child tools to use when they are missing their family – like looking at a family photo, and 4) talk about feelings – it is okay for your child to be upset and you can validate those feelings.

As many of you know, we are preparing for our NAEYC Accreditation Renewal. Teachers have been working hard putting together their classroom portfolios to display all the rich learning experiences that are taking place every day with your children.

Looking forward to an exciting 2019!

~Chelsea Simons

Re-Enrollment Registration Process for Returning Families including Pre-K, Kids' Club & Club Mid . . .

- Beginning **February 15th**, re-enrolling families will receive an **email** containing the email link to **register** your child for the 2019-2020 school year.
- This email will also include for the 2019 **Summer programs including Full-Day Pre-K Summer Camp – offered at Ridge Wood and Old Village School and Summer Kids' Club (offered at Ridge Wood only).**

You will have the ability to pay your registration fees online. You will have until March 5th to complete this re-enrollment process.

We anticipate that all returning children and new incoming siblings will be placed.

Accreditation Pre-K Family Survey . . .

As we begin to prepare for the reaccreditation process for NAEYC we will be emailing our Family Survey to **Pre-K** families in January. We would appreciate your response to this survey as the results will be used for improvement purposes.

Office is located at Ridge Wood Elementary School on Six Mile Road west of Ridge Road.

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Registration Placement Guidelines . . .

The guidelines for placement of children in the Early Childhood Education And Extended Day Programs are:

Pre-K Programs: First are those children living in the NPS district (Early Childhood Education families currently enrolled are placed first, new families are placed second); next children of NPS employees who live outside the district; and lastly all other children from outside the Northville Public Schools district. In keeping with best practice, returning Pre-K children will be placed with their 2018-2019 teacher to the extent possible.

School Age Programs: First are those children living in and attending a NPS district school (Early Childhood Extended Day families currently enrolled are placed first, new families are placed second); next children living within the Northville District not attending a Northville Public school; then children of NPS employees who live outside the district; and lastly children who live outside the NPS district.

Current Class Openings . . .

Full-Day Pre-K
Various Locations

2019 –2020 PROGRAM ENROLLMENT INFORMATION FOR NEW FAMILIES . . .

It's as easy as 1, 2, and 3!!!

Step One - **View our Online Curriculum & Registration Informational Webinars**

Families can access informational webinars on our programming options for the 2019 Summer and 2019-2020 School Year, curriculum specifics and the registration process.

To access the Webinars, visit our website beginning **February 1st** at <http://earlychildhood.northvilleschools.org>

Step Two - **Attend a New Family Pre-K Parent Night Open House (PRE-K ONLY)**

A Pre-K Parent Night Open House will be held at each of our four Pre-K locations – Old Village School, Thornton Creek, Ridge Wood and Winchester on **Tuesday, March 5, 2019 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.** These Open Houses are intended for potential **new** families to visit our classrooms and meet Early Childhood staff. They are designed for parents/guardians so we respectfully request that children not attend. Once enrolled, opportunities are provided for parents and

children to attend an Open House together before school starts.

We request that you watch the webinars referenced above prior to attending the Open Houses.

Step Three – **Submit a Program Request Form**

Program Request Forms will be available on our website beginning **March 6th** for **new** families. You will be able to submit this form Online. Please complete and submit a Program Request Form if you are interested in enrolling your child in any of our programs:

- Parent/Child
- 3's - Half-Day Pre-K
- 4's - Pre-K PLUS & School Day 3-Day & 5-Day
- Full-Day Pre-K
- Kids' Club
- Club Mid
- Summer Kids' Club
- Summer Full-Day Pre-K Summer Camp

Our office staff will contact new families regarding the registration process once placement is confirmed.

