

BEAR NECESSITIES FOR FAMILIES EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION



Participate in our classes and special events and have some fun with other families this winter! Our staff is looking forward to greeting your family at School Readiness, ECFE classes and BLT classes. Register for a fun new Zumba event in February.

Preschool registration 2017-18, on April 3, is important to attend if you want to apply for a scholarship. Usually, one or more of our classes fill up that night.

Please register for the Spring Field Trip early because our busses have a limited number of seats. We are traveling to Chutes and Ladders Playground and the Minnesota Children's Museum in St. Paul.

Sincerely,
Peggy Starz. Early Childhood Coordinator

To register for classes or special events, please fill out this form and return with fee to:



ACGC Public Schools -
Attn: Peggy Starz
302 South 2nd Street
Atwater, MN 56209

ECFE REGISTRATION

Child's Name _____ Birthdate _____

Parent's Name _____ Phone# _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Register for:

Class letter	Day/Time	Location	Fee
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
Waive Fee _____		Total Fee _____	

Family's Yearly Gross Income	One child in one class 7 week session & Incredible Yrs.
\$50,000 +	\$55.00
\$30,000 - \$50,000	\$40.00
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below \$15,000	\$ 15.00

Payments are confidential. Consider the sliding fee scale and choose what your family can afford. No Atwater, Cosmos or Grove City resident will be denied participation in ECFE due to inability to pay.

We reserve the right to combine, cancel, or relocate classes. All classes are canceled when school is closed.

ACGC SCHOOL READINESS PRESCHOOLS

Classes Offered for

Three to five year olds

Where: ACGC Elementary, Atwater

Cost: \$30 registration fee

Monthly tuition based on sliding fee scale

Instructors: Michelle Behm, Lissa Borchert

Assistants: Pam Narragon, Angela Smith

When: September through May

Register On: Monday, April 3 at 6:00 p.m.

Fees: A \$30 registration fee is required along with registration forms. The registration fee is not refundable.

Tuition is based on the sliding fee scale below and is due by mail the first of each month.



Scholarships are available for families who qualify—fill out a financial aid application when you register.

FAMILY INCOME TO QUALIFY	SCHOLARSHIP	MONTHLY FEE
Pathway I or II	\$100	0
Level 1	\$ 50	\$ 50
Level 2	\$ 20	\$ 80
Level 3	0	\$100

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

At Preschool we sing the ABC's when we wash our hands. First put on the soap and make bubbles—between our fingers, over our thumb, on the top and bottom and around our wrist. Then, we sing the ABC song while we scrub our hands under the water. A B C D . . . Now I know my ABC's and my hands are very clean.



Design a Germ

Create a germ that is as funny looking as you and your child can imagine using any art supplies on hand. Use pom-poms, stickers, buttons, pipe cleaners, popsicle sticks . .

Handwashing Poem



Five nasty germs were eager to play,
But then came the water and washed one away.

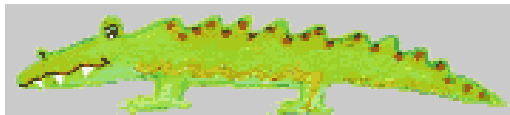
So **four** nasty germs tried to have some fun,
Until the soap came along and one had to run.

The **three** nasty germs tried to make you sick,
But along came the scrubbing and one couldn't stick.

When those **two** nasty germs got into a fight,
The rinse came along and washed one out of sight.

The **last** nasty germ thought it couldn't be seen,
But along came a towel and the hand was clean!

INCREDIBLE YEARS CLASSES



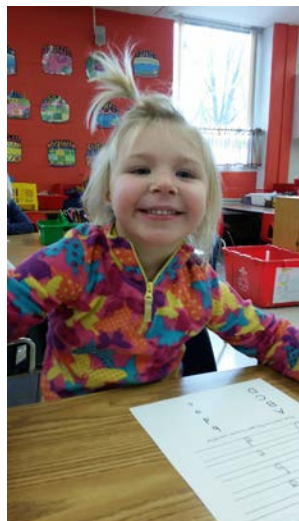
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WHO: This class is for parents, childcare workers, foster parents and other interested persons.

WHEN: 6:00 -8:00 p.m.
Tues, 3/14, 21, 28, 4/4, 11, 18,
25

Registration deadline:
February 28



WHERE: ACGC Elementary,
Atwater



FEES WAIVED

ECFE Classes are offered to all parents and preschool children free of charge if finances are a problem. When you register, check waive fee. No one will be turned away for inability to pay.

Parent's Page:

Getting School Ready

From the moment a child is born, children are on the road to learning and developing. Our district has exceptional preschool programs to prepare children for school. But parents, as their children's first and most influential teachers, can play an even more important role in helping their children learn skills for kindergarten. Some activities that foster the skills important for children's success in kindergarten and beyond---

I need to feel excited and comfortable about starting kindergarten. You can:

- Give me a chance to visit my school before I start.
- Play a game with me to pretend I'm in school already.

I need to get along with others. You can:

- Show me ways to make new friends.
- Teach me what to do when someone hurts my feelings.

I need to know how to talk with others and listen. You can:

- Teach me how to know when it's my turn to speak and when I need to listen.

I need to be excited about learning. You can:

Encourage me to explore with my senses—to see, touch, smell, hear, and taste my world.

- Give me fun, exciting choices.

I need to learn to try things and keep trying even when it seems hard. You can:

- Help me explore and try new activities.
- Teach me that making mistakes is part of learning.

**Early Childhood Family Education
Bear Necessities for Families**
ACGC Public Schools
302 South Second Street
Atwater, MN 56209-0760

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Atwater, MN 56209
Permit No. 30

Look inside for:
**CLASSES OR ACTIVITIES
FOR INFANTS THROUGH
PRESCHOOL. FUN FOR
FAMILIES OF EVERY SHAPE
AND SIZE!**



Atwater Cosmos Grove City Schools will be holding Early Childhood Screening:



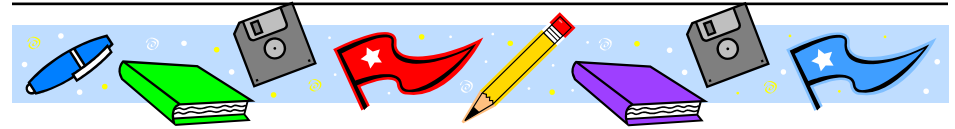
You will receive an invitation and information asking you and your child to take advantage of screening in March if your child is 3 ½ years of age.

Please call the school office to make an appointment to have your child screened.

ACGC Elementary - (320)244-4693

In order for your child to start kindergarten in any Minnesota public school, you will need to provide your school with your child's Early Childhood Screening Summary and an Immunization Record.

BLT and EBLT



School Readiness Component of Early Intervention Literacy Program

Parents and children who attend Kindergarten Connection or New Beginnings must attend one class in each free session of Building Language Together (BLT).

WHO: Children attending Kindergarten in 2017 and parents.

WHAT, WHERE and WHEN:

BLT-3 Opening Windows to the World (Comprehension)



BLT-3A Mon., 1/9.....Atwater.....2:30-4:00 p.m.

BLT-3B Mon., 1/9.....Atwater.....5:30-7:00 p.m.

BLT-4 Structured for Sounds (Phonemic Awareness)



BLT-4A Tues., 3/7.....1:30-3:00 p.m.

BLT-4B Tues., 3/7.....6:00-7:30 p.m.

Parents and children who attend Hop, Skip and Jump or PreK Combo must attend one class in each free session of Early Building Language Together (EBLT)

WHO: Children attending Kindergarten in 2018 and parents.

WHAT, WHERE and WHEN:

EBLT-2 Early Literacy through Play



EBLT-2A Mon., 3/20.....3:00-4:00 p.m.

EBLT-2B Mon., 3/20.....5:30-6:30 a.m.

Reminder: Parent involvement is required by the MN Dept. of Ed. Parents and children must attend BLT or EBLT as part of Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City School Readiness preschool.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

2017-2018



April 3, 2017
ACGC Elementary
6:00 p.m.

Come to our parents only annual registration night, pay the \$30 registration fee, and register for ACGC School Readiness Preschool for 2017-18. We will be on hand to help you fill out your registration packet that evening. Bring: immunization records, income information, and phone numbers for work and emergency contacts.

If you are unable to attend registration night or have someone register for you, you may pick up registration packets in the school office beginning on April 4. Be sure to return materials quickly, as some classes fill up fast and we have a limited number of scholarships.

If you have questions about registration or preschool, please call a member of our staff at:

ACGC Elementary.....	244-4693
Peggy Starz, EC Coord.....	244-4641
Community Education.....	244-4623

Ask for: Peggy Starz, School Readiness Coordinator
Lissa Borchert or Michelle Behm, EC Teachers
Marj Maurer, Community Education Director

ECFE CLASS SCHEDULE



Start winter out right by spending some quality time with your child. ECFE classes are special activities for parents and children that allow children to develop friendships and expand social skills. Parent discussions give adults time to share ideas and assist each other in their challenging role as parents.

Classes have a minimum of 5 and maximum of 10 children enrolled.

Registration must be received by January 15 for F , February 28 for IY.

Session IY Incredible Years

Dates.....Tues., 3/14, 21, 28, 4/4, 11, 18
Time.....5:30 -7:30 p.m.
Location.....ACGC Elementary

Session F

Dates....Mon., 1/30, 2/6, 20, 27
No class on 2/13
Time.....9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Location.....ACGC Elementary



SPRING FIELDTRIP



Join us for a day of playing and learning at the Minnesota Children's Museum and Elm Creek Park Playground. We will begin our day at the MN Children's Museum in St. Paul. Our next stop will be Elm Creek Park Playground. Bring a sack lunch, including

beverage, to eat at a picnic table in the playground. You will get a chance to climb, slide and explore in the Big Woods Play Area. Remember to dress comfortably for the weather.

WHO: Parents and preschool children ages 2 up to kindergarten enrollment.

WHERE: Minnesota Children's Museum and Elm Creek Park Playground.

DATE & TIME: Monday, May 15
Approximate return time: 4:30 p.m.

8:00 a.m. Busses depart
ACGC High School, 27250
MN ST HWY 4, Grove City.

REGISTER BY:
Wednesday,
April 15
Minimum - 52
Maximum - 156

COST: \$18/child or adult

LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED IF SPACE REMAINS and are accepted only on a first come first served basis.

ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Early Childhood Family Education Advisory Council serves as a liaison between the community and the program and assists the staff in planning and promoting program services. If you have any suggestions or ideas for activities, please contact a council member. These council members generously donate their time and efforts for the smooth running of the program. We appreciate their efforts!

Advisory Council members serve a three year term. If you would enjoy being an advisory council member, we meet twice a year for one hour to discuss ACGC's ECFE program. Call Peggy if you have time to serve on the Advisory Council.

Current Members Include:

Marj Maurer Christine Buer
Holly Carlson Christa Forsythe
Krystle Chase Ashley Iverson
Ashley Boeyink



STAFF

The staff for Early Childhood Education Programs are:

Peggy Starz.....Coordinator
Lissa Borchert.....Early Childhood Teacher
Michelle Behm.....Early Childhood Teacher
Angela Smith.....Parent Educator, Paraprofessional
MN Reading Corps
Pam Narragon.....Paraprofessional
Cheyenne Schmidt.....MN Reading Corps

NEW

Zumba for Families



Enjoy an hour of fun in the gym with Michelle Behl, zumba instructor. Zumba is a dance fitness program created by Colombian dancer and choreographer Alberto "Beto" Perez during the 1990s. We all need some fun physical activity during our long Minnesota winters!



Time: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Day and Date: Thurs., February 16
Location: ACGC Elementary Gym.
Enter via south door.
Cost: free
Who: Parents and children

Please register to let us know you will be coming.

ZUMBA REGISTRATION

Child's Name _____ Birthdate _____

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Parent's Name _____ Phone# _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Please return registration to: ACGC Elementary,
attn. Peggy Starz, 302 S 2nd St, Atwater, MN 56209

WHAT IS BOOST UP?

Children in ACGC School Readiness go to Boost Up at least once each week. They may come home and tell you about jumping on a trampoline or hanging from overhead bars. We know physical activity is very important for preschool children, but what is really happening during this time?



The official name for Boost Up is S.M.A.R.T. (Stimulating Maturity through Accelerated Readiness Training). For our children, it's a multi-sensory approach to learning that involves brain stimulation activities to help prepare a child to learn. It develops and improves:

- | | |
|------------------|--------------------------|
| Balance | Fine motor skills |
| Physical fitness | Strength |
| Coordination | Ability to pay attention |

Once these readiness skills are in place, a child will have the foundation necessary to succeed in school.

Exercises your child may do in Boost Up: crawling, spinning, balancing, overhead ladder, creeping, rolling.



Spring Fieldtrip Registration

Monday, May 15 8am-4:30pm

Child's Name _____ Birthdate _____

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Parent's Name _____ Phone# _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Fee enclosed: _____ (\$18 person)

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