



**PRINCETON**

**COMMUNITY EDUCATION**



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**FAMILY CENTER**

## Princeton Public Schools

Brian Julson, Director of Community Education

### The Pledge: Own Your Stripes, Strengths & Needs

At Princeton Public Schools, it is our mission to develop in EVERY learner the ability to succeed in an ever changing world, which is why we are asking you to take part in the Princeton Tiger Pledge.

# Princeton Community Educations Mission Is To...

- Support lifelong learning
- Engage all residents in learning, recreation, and enrichment in their school community
- Involve the public in the building of quality community life and services through use and participation
- Create new leadership opportunities and/or try something new
- Provide safe spaces for youth, families, and residents
- To create your 3rd place
- HAVE FUN!



# CE By The Numbers....

- 52 years serving our Community
- 37 years of Tiger Club
- Almost 1,000 classes offered each year
- Over 270 instructors servicing over 7,000 participants
- 54,000+ catalogs sent to our community in a year
- Over 58,000 hours of facilities use schedule
- Over 1 Million social media views/hits in the past year



# The many areas we serve...

- Adult Basic Education
- Youth - Adult Enrichment
- Youth - Adult Recreation
- Aquatics
- Catalogs
- Community Outreach Programs/Events
- Community Sign
- Drivers Education
- Early Childhood Screening
- Early Childhood
- Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)
- Extended Field Trips
- Facility Scheduling
- Hand in Hand Preschool
- Tiger Club
- Adults with Disabilities (ROAR)



# A Strong Start To The 2026-27 School Year

- Great start to the year despite a number of transitions within our CE programming
- Welcomed Sonja Govednik to lead Tiger Club programs
- Welcomed Aubrey Zins to lead the Recreation team
- Fall programming is underway while Winter/Spring 2027 catalog planning is in progress
- Winter/Spring Proposals were due on by October 1st
- CE Annual Report and Statement of Assurances were also due by October 1st



# Community Education Annual Report

## Due 10/1 Annually

- Licensed Community Education Director
- Youth Development Plan serving district youth
- Programming partnerships with community volunteer programs
- After-school enrichment supporting academics, social skills, interests, skills and friendships
- School-Age Care (SACC) program, including foster-care priority
- Adults With Disabilities (AWD) programming
- Adult enrichment programming
- Community use of school facilities during non-school hours



# Adult (Basic) Education

Angie Sanders, ABE instructor - Partner with ISD #911

- Prepare for your GED
- Complete your high school diploma
- Prepare for the ACCUPLACER (college placement exam)
- Brush up on reading and math skills - Adult Education/Enrichment not just ABE
- Increase involvement in your child's education
- Partnerships with businesses and neighboring communities



# CE Enrichment

## Jackie Longhenry, Enrichment Specialist

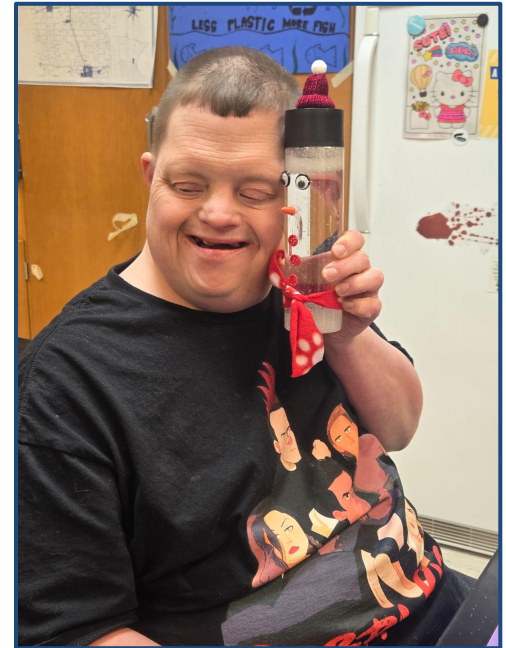
- 1,672 Enrichment enrollments in 2025-26
- **Enrollments can include more than 1 participant, ex. family events, teams, etc.**
- Programs that consumers want = increased enrollments
  - Expanded Adult and Intergenerational opportunities
  - Strong after school enrichment offerings
  - Something for everyone, a wide variety of content and experiences
    - New this year: Gingerbread Creations, Ceramics, Fused Glass, STEM/Culinary with Ms. B
  - Classes in-person or online
- Building local partnerships
  - Ex. Cocoa with a Cop sponsored by AFP, Paw Panty sponsored Middle School programs
- Middle School Early Risers serves 33 students



# Adults with Disabilities - ROAR

## Jackie Longhenry, Enrichment Specialist

- Growing ROAR: Adults with Disabilities program
  - 23/24 Participants = 19
  - 24/25 Participants = 106
  - 25/26 Participants = 87 YTD Summer & Fall 2006-27
- Monthly events offer social connection and activities
- Annual June trip to Camp Confidence - started in the 80's - is a highlight of the year for many participants
- Caregiver participation encouraged
- Sponsorships/partnerships with local organizations to keep this program low cost for those on fixed incomes



# CE Recreation

## Aubrey Zins, Recreation Specialist

### Overview in 2025-26:

- 67% of recreation classes ran (not including Aquatics)
- 3,928 recreation enrollments
  - enrollments can include more than 1 participant, i.e., families or teams
- Using different marketing strategies to promote recreation programs
- Offer new classes in 2027 to “different” age groups (20-40 year olds)
  - Many individuals who sign up for classes/camps are either youth or older adults... Not many 20-30 year olds sign up
  - Example of what is hoping to be started- A cornhole league and a few tournaments, alumni volleyball tournament
- Increasing partnerships:  
Ex: Ice Arena & Flexed Mettle



# Aquatics

Lindsay Paurus, Pool Manager

2025-26 Aquatics overview:

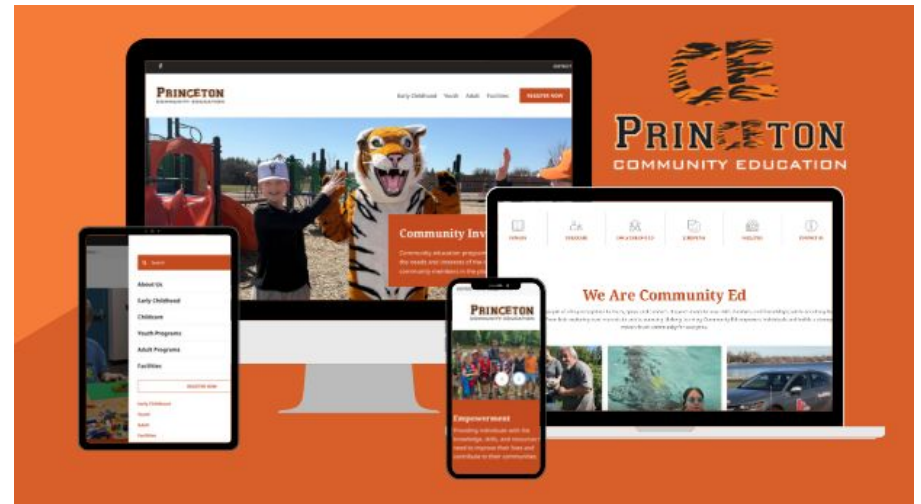
- Largest single Recreation program
- 828 Aquatic enrollments
- 199 sections
- 88% of aquatics classes ran
- Pulls enrollments from surrounding communities



# Community Sign/Communication

## CE Office Team

- We have made many website updates to our [CE webpage](#) and [ARUX](#) page for improved user experiences
- Implementing ADA best practices for accessibility for all in our communications
- CE Connect E-Newsletter distributed to approx. 4,500 monthly
- The Community Sign out by Coborns is shared with the City of Princeton.



# Community Education Outreach and Marketing

## CE Office team

- Annual CE events: Family Bingo Night, Parade Pre-party, Puzzle Night
- Increase awareness of CE in the community by participation in local events and organizations
  - Ex. Homecoming, Health Fair, Age Friendly Princeton, Nonprofits United, PACC, Ice Arena partnership, Gingerbread Contest, Historical Society
- Strong and growing social media presence both drives enrollments and increases awareness
  - Over 1 MILLION views in the past year!
- Working with ISD 477 staff to increase understanding of CE programs, grow the number of staff teaching/coaching CE programs and garner them as advocates for promoting CE



# CE Catalogs

## CE office team

- Three printed catalogs per year
  - Summer: March 30 - August 2, 2026
  - Fall: August 3 - December 6, 2026
  - Winter/Spring: December 7, 2026 - March 28, 2027
- Costs between \$8,000 - \$10,000 to print and mail/catalog
- Costs around \$2,500 to print and mail postcards
- Partner with district to produce district pages
- The printed catalog goes to over 18,000 households in the City of Princeton and Baldwin and the surrounding townships we serve.



# Driver's Training

## A+ Driving School

- A+ Driving School partnership in it's 2nd year
- 240 students in 25/26
- Shifting class preferences
  - A+ offers an online, at-your-own-pace, course that has been popular
  - Enrollment is now equally split between in-person and online courses
  - Enrollment is more spread out throughout the full year, rather than summer in-person heavy



The graphic features a young man in an orange shirt smiling from the driver's seat of a car. To his right, the text 'CE PRINCETON COMMUNITY EDUCATION' is at the top, followed by 'Drivers Education' in large orange letters. Below that, it says 'Starting Soon' and 'Ages 14 -18'. A QR code is present. A black banner with an orange triangle contains the text 'Upcoming Sessions' followed by three bullet points: 'In-person @ PHS', 'Monthly online start dates', and 'Online options: Zoom with Instructor or at your own pace'. At the bottom left, it says 'Visit For More' with a globe icon and the URL 'https://aplusdrivingschool.net/'. On the right, a silver car with 'A+ Driving School' branding is shown next to an orange traffic cone.

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Ages 14 -18

**A+**  
Driving School

**Upcoming Sessions**

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# Extended Field Trips

## ISD #477 and CE Staff

- Work with ISD #477 staff for extended, overnight trips
- Work with District Administration and School Board for approval process. [Policy 610 - Field trips](#)
- Oversee fundraising efforts using Fund 10 - Student Activities
- Typically have 2-3 trips per year



# Facilities

Brian Julson, CE Director

- Process facility requests and billing for all ISD 477 buildings and outdoor spaces
- 70% of revenue goes to Fund 1 to cover custodians, utilities, etc..
- 30% of revenue goes to Fund 4 to cover software and administration costs.
- ARUX is the software program we use
- We have 230 active accounts and over 1200+ requests entered each year, including a partnership with BOUND
- Weekly and weekend schedules emailed to Building Administration, secretaries, and custodians



# Tiger Club

## Sonja Govednik, Child Care Specialist

- **Tiger Club is currently serving 229 participants**
  - Before and After School Care (Grades K-5)
  - School Day Child Care (Ages 3-Preschool)
- All Day Summer/Non-School Day Child Care
- Program activities include health and wellness, arts and crafts, technology play and learning, building relationships and friendships, and developing social skills
- **Summer we serviced 224 students from Prek to Gr 8**, bringing back Tiger Club Encore to students entering Gr 7-8. TC Encore give students the opportunity to learn from community businesses and explore new things.





# PRINCETON

FAMILY CENTER

Family Center updates: 2026-27

“Setting the Foundation to a Rock  
Solid Education”



# Who Makes Up The Family Center?

7 CE Office staff

16.5 Teachers (7 classrooms)

- 3.5 - School Readiness (PreK)
- 5 - Special Ed
- 2 - ECFE teachers
- 3 - Part C (Birth to 3)
- 3 - Speech (2 SLP and 1 SLPA)

12 Paraprofessionals

2 Custodians

1 Nurse

2 Tiger Club Staff



# FC Site Goals:

- **(ATPPS) SEL GOAL:** The percentage of all students showing growth ages 4-5 at Princeton Family Center who are meeting or exceeding on the Teaching Strategies GOLD in Social Emotional will increase from **70%** in 2025-26 to **72%** in 2026-27.
- **(ATPPS) READING GOAL:** The percentage of all students showing growth ages 4-5 at Princeton Family Center who are meeting or exceeding on the Teaching Strategies GOLD in Literacy will increase from **64%** in 2025-26 to **66%** in 2026-27.
- **Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness**  
CACR Goal: All students are ready for Kindergarten.



# Early Childhood

Stefanie Middendorf, EC Coordinator

- Parenting Education and Parent/Child Classes (ECFE)
- Home Visits
- Special Events
- School Readiness
  - Administers Early Childhood Scholarships
- Early Childhood Screening
- Early Childhood Advisory Council



# Hand in Hand Preschool

3-5 and 4-5 year old options, 1-5 day options, Half or Full day

## **Total of 122 General Ed Prek students as of 10/1/26**

- \* 60 All-day students and 62 Half-day students
- 5 - All-day Pre-K is full (these are all K-eligible for next year) - 20 students
- 3 - All-day Pre-K is full (these are all K-eligible for next year) - 20 students
- 2 - All-day Pre-K is full (mixture of 3 and 4) - 20 students
- \* Half-day GE students - mixture of 3 and 4's - 62 students

## **Total of 109 Special Ed Prek students as of 10/1/26**

- \* Part C students (birth to 2): 42 students
- \* Part B students (3-5): 45 students (mix of 3 and 4's)
- \* Level 3 students: 16 students (mix of 3 and 4's)
- \* Speech-only IEPs: 6 students (mix of 3 and 4's)



# Early Childhood Screening

- Is a free program in Minnesota that checks how children are growing and developing, ideally beginning at age 3.
- It helps identify potential health or developmental concerns early and connects families with resources and support.
- We work to make screening accessible by offering appointments at a variety of times and bringing screening directly to daycares and preschool settings.
- Screening data from past 5 years:
  - 2025-26: 150
  - 2024-25: 191
  - 2023-24: 198
  - 2022-23: 245
  - 2021-22 235



# ECFE - Early Childhood Family Education

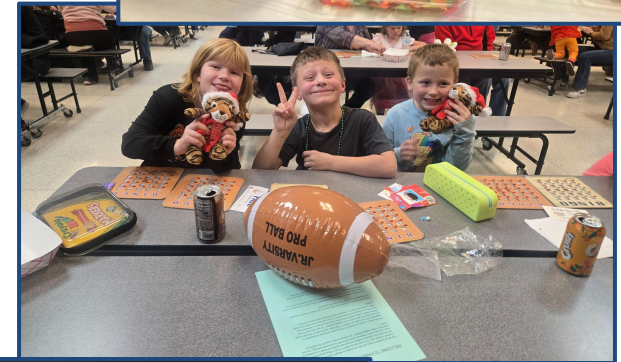
Tiffany Glaser and Amy Korkemeier

- Morning, Afternoon, and Evening ECFE options are available to families
- Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) classes are designed to help support, inform, and educate parents and children ages birth to 5
- Most ECFE classes provide time for parent/caregiver and child interaction as well as a separation time where parents enjoy a group discussion regarding child development and parenting issues



# Upcoming events:

- **October 6-7:** Picture Day
- **October 9:** Homecoming  
Community Event at HS (4-7pm)
- **October 23:** CE Bingo at PMS  
(6:30-8pm)
- **October 26:** Fall Family Night  
(4:30-6:30pm)
- **December 3:** Light Up Princeton -  
EC Event (6-9 pm)





# PRINCETON

EARLY CHILDHOOD

PRINCETON HOMECOMING

COMMUNITY

TAILGATE

Free Meal for Child wearing Early Childhood T-Shirt

Family members get a special price of \$3 per meal

**Come to the Early Childhood booth at  
event to get meal tickets.**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2026**

**4:00 - 7:00 PM**

OUTSIDE STADIUM  
PRINCETON HIGH SCHOOL



**PRINCETON**  
EARLY CHILDHOOD

CALLING ALL KIDS  
ESPECIALLY THOSE BIRTH - FIVE YEARS OLD

## It's THE Early Childhood FALL PARTY

LET'S DRESS UP IN COSTUMES, DANCE AND PLAY.  
OCTOBER 26TH | 4:30 - 6:00PM | FAMILY CENTER

**FREE ENTRANCE**

**FOOD FOR PURCHASE**

**DONATIONS FROM**



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# Early Childhood Holiday Party



**4:30 - 6:30PM**  
**December 3rd, 2026**

**Photos with Santa,  
Activities, Games,  
Cookies and More**

**Planned by the  
EC Advisory  
Council**

**Make a Gift \$5**  
**Sign up Today**

**Pre-Register by 12/2**

\$5 for Party

\$10 for Gift & Party

**After 12/2 after 3:00PM**

\$10 for Party

\$16 for Gift & Party

# Community Education: Moving Ahead

- Assess needs and desires of community to improve programing
- Use various marketing techniques for programs and services to increase participation and growth.
- Coordinate/collaborate within district and with area agencies and organizations
- Promote and support ISD 477 efforts through high quality publications, services and programs
- Commitment to serving our community
- Be fiscally responsible

