



Positive Happenings

Forest Lake Area Schools Community Education Early Childhood Programs

September 2014

FULL DAY PRESCHOOL IMPLEMENTED!

Plans to offer full day preschool have been implemented with four sections at three sites in the District.

- At the CLC, Lino Lakes, and Wyoming Elementary, preschoolers attend from three to five days per week from 9:15am to 3:30pm.
- With the cooperation of the transportation and food service programs, children are offered bus transport from home to school as well as the opportunity to eat school lunch. Our goal is to provide these conveniences so that families can participate in high quality early learning experiences.
- We currently have 72 children enrolled in full day preschool and 51 using transportation on existing bus routes.
- Curriculum for all school readiness and pre-school classes is play based and outdoor focused, allowing children to learn through exploration and discovery. We teach letters and printing using district Handwriting Without Tears curriculum.
- Desired Results Developmental Profile assessments focus on the whole child, from social and emotional development, to language and literacy, cognitive, mathematical, physical and health development. Individual Growth and Development Index assessments are also used, comparing student achievements from fall to spring on literacy and numeracy assessments.



If you have questions about Early Childhood Programs contact Early Childhood Coordinator Kate Andersen at **651-982-8315** or **kandersen@flaschools.org**

Browse all Early Childhood Program events and opportunities at: **www.flaschools.org/ce**



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WARGO Nature Center Preschool has openings!

Our five year long partnership with Wargo Nature Center was featured on the front page of the Forest Lake Times on Thursday, September 4, 2014.

- Wargo Nature Center preschool has a licensed preschool teacher and a naturalist on staff.
- This preschool emphasizes learning in an outdoor environment. Children explore and discover nature while working on school readiness skills.
- We currently have 11 children enrolled at the Wargo Nature Center and registrations are still being accepted. Class meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:15am to 11:45am.
- Curriculum and assessments for Wargo are the same as those we use at our other Early Childhood Preschool sites.



- The Wargo preschool classroom features a snake, lizard and turtle as classroom pets, a beaver lodge in the classroom, and miles of wooded trails bordered by the George Watch Lake.