



Community Connections Preschool at Berlin

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Welcome to Pre-Kindergarten at Berlin Elementary School!

I would like to let you know about Community Connections Preschool, a unique program offered here at Berlin Elementary that supports families and hopes to make your life easier. We have partnered with the school to extend the 10 hour per week Pre-Kindergarten Program into a program that runs every day of the week from 8:45 - 3:45. Community Connections Preschool is a state licensed childcare program located in the school. We accept childcare subsidy payments from the State of Vermont and if you receive subsidies your child may be able to attend our programs at no cost to you.

We are located in the classroom right next door to Berlin's Pre-Kindergarten. Our program allows your child to stay for the full school day, access food services, and take the bus back and forth to school. We eliminate the need to pick up or drop off your child during the day. Your preschooler can have the same schedule as siblings that already attend Berlin.

During the day, students attending CC Preschool can purchase breakfast and lunch (*free or reduced price meals are available*) from the cafeteria, or bring meals from home. Your child will have access to the Berlin campus, which includes the gymnasium, playground, school garden, and nature trail. Our curriculum builds upon children's interests and classroom investigations are based on real and tangible topics for hands-on learning. We play games throughout the day to create learning opportunities and allow social skills to develop.

Daily routines include a balance of structured and unstructured times: free play, circle time, creative arts, small group activities, outside time, meals, and rest time. Community Connections participates in many of the school wide events here at Berlin such as theatrical and musical performances, Community Harvest night, Winter Wellness, Field Day, and more.

In the near future, Berlin Elementary will assign your child to either the morning or afternoon groups for next year. They will attend Berlin's Preschool for 10 hours a week. There is no Berlin Preschool on Fridays but our program is open. If you sign up for Community Connections then your child can stay at Berlin all day, five days a week.

On the next page, I have included a sample schedule for both the morning and afternoon groups. *The Community Connections Preschool part of the day is highlighted in yellow.*

Sample schedule for children assigned to the Berlin Morning Group.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:45 - 11:15	Berlin Pre-K with Mrs. Walczak	Berlin Pre-K with Mrs. Walczak	Berlin Pre-K with Mrs. Walczak	Berlin Pre-K with Mrs. Walczak	Full Day CC Preschool
11:15 - 3:45 (except Wednesday when children are dismissed at 3:00)	CC Preschool	CC Preschool	CC Preschool <i>3:00 Dismissal</i>	CC Preschool	

Sample schedule for children assigned to the Berlin Afternoon Group.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:45 - 12:50	CC Preschool	CC Preschool	CC Preschool	CC Preschool	Full Day CC Preschool
12:50 - 3:45 (except Wednesday when children are dismissed at 3:00)	Berlin Pre-K with Mrs. Walczak	Berlin Pre-K with Mrs. Walczak	Berlin Pre-K with Mrs. Walczak <i>3:00 Dismissal</i>	Berlin Pre-K with Mrs. Walczak	

Community Connections is separate from the school and our programs are supported by the families that use them. Our rates are listed below:

Rates (income based sliding scale)

- Monday - Thursday: \$22-27.00/day
- Friday: (full day) \$42-55.00/day
- Full Week \$130-160.00/week
- Early Drop-off \$5-8.00/day

Suggested Family Income Guideline for Sliding Scale Placement

	Over \$95,000	\$70-\$95,000	\$45-\$70,000	Below \$45,000*
P/T	\$30 per day/per child	\$27 per day/per child	\$25per day/per child	\$22 per day/per child
Fri./FT	\$55 per day/per child	\$52 per day/per child	\$47 per day/per child	\$42 per day/per child
Week	\$160 per day/per child	\$150 per day/per child	\$140 per day/per child	\$130 per day/per child
Early	\$8 per day/per child	\$7 per day/per child	\$6 per day/per child	\$5 per day/per child

*Families at this level should explore whether they qualify for assistance through the Vermont Child Care Subsidy Program.

You can pick any combination of care that works best for your family! We are open every day that the Pre-Kindergarten is open plus a full-day option for Fridays too. We are closed on days the school is closed including school vacations, Holidays and bad weather days. We bill monthly in advance. You will receive a bill based on your schedule in August and the full payment for the first month, or an approved payment plan, will be due on the first day of school.

Please fill out the form on the back of this page to let us know of your initial interest in CC programs.

If you have any questions please email or call me.

Thank you!

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Berlin Community Connections Preschool Response Form

Please fill out this form so that we can add you to our mailing list and keep you updated on our programs at Berlin Elementary School. Please answer the questions below in order to help us plan our programs for next year.

We will enclose more information and a sign up form with the registration packet that will be sent home from school later this spring.

Parent/Guardian name(s): _____

Child's name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____

Phone(s): _____

Email(s): _____

I am interested in having my child attend the CC Preschool on days when they attend the Berlin Pre-Kindergarten Program.

I am interested in having my child attend the CC Preschool on Fridays too.

No thanks, I already have care for my child.

Please let us know of any other details that would make Pre-Kindergarten more convenient for your family:

A final sign up form will be sent home with the Berlin Pre-Kindergarten Registration Packet later this summer!

Thank you!

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