



## Community Connections Pre-Kindergarten at Calais

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Greetings,

I would like to let you know about Community Connections Pre-Kindergarten, a childcare center located at Calais Elementary that supports families and works to make your life easier. We have partnered with the school to extend the 10 hour per week Pre-K program into a program that runs Monday - Thursday from 8:30 - 3:30 (3:00 on Wednesdays), an early drop off at 7:30 is available for a fee of \$5-8.00 (see fee details). On Fridays, when the Calais Pre-K is closed, we offer a full day of care at East Montpelier Elementary School from 7:30 AM - 5:30 PM that Calais families may attend.

Community Connections Pre-Kindergarten 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 a reduced or no cost to you.

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 any sibling(s) that already attend Calais.

During the day, students attending CC Pre-K 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 Calais 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. We enjoy offering nature based learning and explorations it is interwoven into many of our activities, inside and outside of the class room.

Later this spring, Calais Elementary will place your child in either the morning or afternoon class for next year. There will be a sign up letter for CC included with the placement letter. Please note that **CC only provides extended day care to the afternoon class. If you are interested in our program, please ask Calais to place your student in the afternoon group!**

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

**Sample schedule for children assigned to the Calais Afternoon Group.**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:30 - 12:50	CC Pre-K	CC Pre-K	CC Pre-K	CC Pre-k	Full Day CC Preschool at EMES from 7:30 AM - 5:30 PM
12:50 - 3:30 (except Wednesday when children are dismissed at 3:00)	Calais Pre-K	Calais Pre-K	Calais Pre-K	Calais Pre-K	

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

Rates

- Monday - Thursday (8:30-12:50) \$22-30.00/day
- Friday: (8:30-3:45) \$42-55.00/day
- Full Week \$130-160.00/week
- Early Drop-off \$5-8/day

Suggested Family Income Guideline for Sliding Scale Placement

	Over \$95,000	\$70-\$95,000	\$45-\$70,000	Below \$45,000*
<b>P/T</b>	\$30 per day/per child	\$27 per day/per child	\$25per day/per child	\$22 per day/per child
<b>Fri./FT</b>	\$55 per day/per child	\$52 per day/per child	\$47 per day/per child	\$42 per day/per child
<b>Week</b>	\$160 per day/per child	\$150 per day/per child	\$140 per day/per child	\$130 per day/per child
<b>Early</b>	\$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 at EMES too. We are closed on days the school is closed or delayed including school vacations. 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 below 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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## Calais Community Connections Pre-Kindergarten 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 Calais Elementary School.

*A final sign up will be mailed to you along with Calais' placement letter*

Parent/Guardian name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

I am interested in having my child attend the CC Pre-K at Est Montpelier 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!

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