

Families of Preschool Age Children,

The BOLD School District has been awarded a grant to offer an extended, free, summer preschool program this summer. We are going to use this to extend our normal summer rec. preschool program in terms of hours and dates. The intent of this grant is to help preschool age students that have missed out on learning opportunities at times due to covid-19 over the past year and a half. We have 14 students already enrolled in the program and we have space for up to 20 based on our staff and classrooms. If your child qualifies for this program and you would like to enroll, complete the attached enrollment application and send it to the BOLD Community Education Office by Monday, June 15. We will contact families that apply to let them know if they have been accepted into the program by the end of the day on Monday. I understand that this is a very tight window, and that can be tough when scheduling for young children, but the timetable has been forced upon us by the parameters of this grant we received.

- Program Schedule:
 - Dates = Tuesday, June 15* - Friday, July 16
 - *Prior to June 15 we will remain on the normal preschool schedule from 9:00 - 11:30 AM.
 - Times = 8:00 AM - 12:10 PM
- Transportation:
 - Morning pick ups:
 - Bus picks up @ Lake Lillian's United Lutheran Church @ 7:25 AM
 - Bus picks up @ Bird Island School's West Doors @ 7:40 AM
 - Bus Drops off in Olivia @ 7:50 AM - where children will get breakfast
 - Mid-day drop offs:
 - Bus Departs Olivia @ 12:10 PM - after children have had lunch
 - Bus drops off @ Bird Island School's West Doors @ 12:20 PM
 - Bus drops off @ Lake Lillian's United Lutheran Church @ 12:35 PM
- Cost:
 - The extended preschool program will be at no charge to the families that attend.
 - Any child that was enrolled in the original BOLD preschool program will be refunded the tuition that was paid for this summer, as this grant will cover the cost of our entire program.
- Meals:
 - There is no charge for meals at the school over the summer for children under the age of 18-years old.
 - Breakfast will be provided to any student that arrives on the bus, or is dropped off before 8:15 AM.
 - Lunch will be served to all students prior to the end of the day.
- Curriculum & Staff:
 - The curriculum for the class has been developed by licensed BOLD Elementary teachers Susan Henriksen and Tami Steffel. It is designed to work on several aspects of early childhood education to prepare students for the move into kindergarten in the fall. If you would like more detail about the curriculum for the program please reach out to BOLD Community Education at the email listed below.
 - There are additional BOLD students that assist with the program's day-to-day operations under the guidance of the licensed teachers in the room.

- Who is eligible for these additional spaces*?
 - Children who were 4 or 5-years old as of September 1, 2020
 - Children who have not yet attended kindergarten
 - *Any student that was enrolled in the original summer rec. preschool program will be able to remain in the program whether or not he/she meets these requirements.
 - *By the terms of the grant that is funding this program there are certain demographics within the population that we are required to give priority to. Any students in foster care, under child protection, experiencing homelessness, tribally enrolled, or are the children of teenage parents are given priority for the remaining spaces. Any child that is enrolled in Early Childhood Special Education, English Language Learners, or children that qualify for free or reduced lunch rates will also be given the priority to take these spaces. If you qualify for this priority placement please note it on the registration.*

Any children that were enrolled in the original preschool program can maintain their current hours if they would prefer to do that, or they can stay for these additional hours if desired. We do not want to inconvenience families in any way, but we want to make this opportunity available for as many students as possible.

Please contact the BOLD Community Education Office by email at derek.flann@bold.k12.mn.us with any questions and we will get back to you as soon as we can. Please include your telephone number in the email so that we can get back to you with an answer as quickly as we can.

Sincerely,

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BOLD Schools