# Early Learning Program Eau Claire 4 Tomorrow, Head Start, & Special Education

Linking Home and School for Success



from the day he or she is born.

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# ELASO EARLY LEARNING





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HEAD START

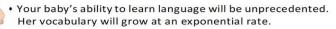
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Si desea que alguien le traduzca esta carta o si tiene preguntas, (715) 852-3614





• From birth to age 5, your baby's brain will make trillions of connections between billions of neurons. Brain size doubles during the first year, and by age 3, a child's brain has nearly reached its adult weight.



Your child will learn new concepts. She will gain pre-literacy skills.
 She will build the foundations for her future knowledge.

But just how much she will learn will be up to you. If you waste this window of opportunity, she may never catch up. If you wait, it's too late.

Nobody is in a position to teach, nurture, talk, sing, or read aloud like YOU can.

No matter your job or your education level. Whether you are the mother or the father. The grandmother or the nanny. The caring neighbor or the family friend. You are the person who can make a difference that will last your child's lifetime.

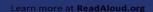
You can — you must — be your child's first and most important teacher.

Start today. Start now. Read Aloud 15 MINUTES, today and every day, and grow your child's brain.



Every child. Every parent. Every day.





### **Contact Information**

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VISIT OUR WEBSITE!! <u>ECASD | Home</u> Click on Schools; Click on Early Learning

If you would like someone to help you with this newsletter for you or if you have questions, call Jill Italiano at (715) 852-3607.

Lus Hmoob \* Yog koj xav tau tus neeg Hmoob txhais daim ntawv no ua lus Hmoob rau koj los yog koj muaj lus nug txog daim ntawv no, hu rau Tia Lor (715) 852-3642.

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# **Note from Principal Laurie Haus**

#### Dear Families,

Do you know families with 3- or 4-year-olds that have questions about enrollment for the 24-25 school year? We would love it if you would pass on this information. The Eau Claire Area School District (ECASD) Early Learning Program is accepting online applications for incoming 3- and 4-year-old students for the 2024-25 school year. The ECASD Early Learning Program includes our Eau Claire 4 Tomorrow (EC4T/4K) and Head Start program, and Western Dairyland Head Start. For additional information, visit our website at: www.ecasd.us, Click Schools, Click on ECASD Early Learning Program. Then click on application for the 24-25 school year on one of the scrolling banner pictures. Any questions can be directed to our Early Learning Office: 715-852-3600.

Our April character focus is **courage**. One way to think about Courage is "choosing what is helpful, right, and kind even when it is hard or scary." You may consider having conversations at home about changes coming up for your child/ren and how having courage can help (going to a new school, trying something new this summer, meeting new friends, etc.).

### Wishing you well,

Laurie Haus
Early Learning Principal



# **Family Events**

# UPCOMING EVENTS & HAPPENINGS IN APRIL

- April 5th ~ Play Group
- April 5th ~ Car Seat Training
- April 13th ~ "Fire Station Tour"
- April 19th ~ Family Play Day at Prairie Ridge
- April 22nd ~ Earth Day Celebration
- April 26th ~ UWEC Planetarium





ECASD Early Learning offers many ways for families to get involved. Family events are FREE and open to any preschool age children and their families, unless specified. If ECASD schools are closed due to the weather, event is cancelled.

Register for any of the events online at this link:

### **Click Here**







ECASD | Community Events/Resource Flyers

Phone: 715-852-3601 <u>ECASD | Monthly Newsletters</u>

April 2023 ECASD & Community Resources



# Raising Resilient Children

April 2nd 6:00 - 7:30 pm



Children's emotional resilience, or ability to cope with their feelings, is important to their long-term happiness, wellbeing, and success in life.

FREE seminar for parents of children ages 0-12 years old









Parent Educator & Presenter



Children's Museum of Eau Claire
126 N. Barstow st. Eau Claire 54703
Registration recommended.
Scan the QR code for registration.



# **SATURDAY APRIL 20, 2024**



Support a fellow ECASD school, Longfellow Elementary by registering for the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Jeanne Richie Memorial Puddle Jump on Saturday, April 20, 2024 at 9:00am. This family-friendly 5k run/walk provides funding for important school initiatives like student enrichment, student scholarships, and for the 2024 race, playground funding. Registration is now open at: https:// runsignup.com/Race/WI/ EauClaire/PuddleJump



# Triple P, Positive Parenting Seminars

For parents and caregivers of children ages 0-12.



Gain tools to help you manage problem behavior, encourage desirable behavior, grow more confident as a parent, and take care of yourself. Attendance at all three seminars is encouraged. Registration required.

Come early and join us for a meal at 5:45 p.m.



- Monday, April 15 6–7:30 p.m. Riverview Room The Power of Positive Parenting Discover the five key principles of positive parenting that form the basis of Triple P.
- Monday, April 22 6–7:30 p.m. Riverview Room Raising Confident, Competent Children Learn the six core building blocks to help children become confident and successful at school and beyond.
- Monday, April 29 6–7:30 p.m. Riverview Room Raising Resilient Children Explore the six core building blocks to help children manage their feelings and become resilient in dealing with life stress.
- · Please register for each seminar you plan to attend.
- This series is intended for parents and caregivers.
   Childcare will not be provided.

#### What local parents are saying about Triple P seminars:

- My daughter loved using the routine schedule from last time
- This program was amazing-it helped a lot!
- Glad I did all 3 seminars as they reinforce each other

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# PLAY N' LEARN - PLAY GROUP

Friday, April 5th 9:30-11:00 am



**Ways to register:** 

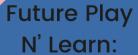
Call Kellie Holliday 715-852-3677

Email kholliday@ecasd.us

Click Here

Event Registration (office.com)
Scan QR Code to register
online





May 10th



All are welcome! Join this fun, free, and interactive play group for pre-school aged children. You and your child will experience story time, hands on activities, and lots of learning through play.

Snack will be provided.

#### ALL WELCOME!

# Carseat Safety



Learn from the experts on safe carseat installation.



FREE Hands-on assistance with your child's carseat.



Explanation of the WHY, followed by Q&A



Presented by: Pamela Johnson R.N. -Mayo Clinic Health Systems

Date: April 5, 2024 Time: 11am-12:30pm

Where: Prairie Ridge

3031 Epiphany Lane



**Event Registration (office.com)** 



# **FIRE STATION TOUR**

ALL ARE WELCOME!





Session 1 - 9:45-10:30

Saturday April 13, 2024

Session 2 - 10:45-11:30



To Register:
Nancy Brenner
715-852-3676
nbrenner@ecasd.us
OR



Fire Station #10 820 Malden Ave. Eau Claire



**SNACK PROVIDED** 



Meet your local firefighters!



Sponsored by ECASD Early Learning



If your child attends Prairie Ridge's PM session, please join us from 9:45-10:45 AM

REGISTRATION is not required but helps us plan. Feel free to attend even if you do not register in advance.



jitaliano@ecasd.us

Event Registration (office.com)

715-852-3607





# EARTH DAY

**CELEBRATION & PARENT MEETING** 

April 22nd, 2024

5:00-7:00 PM

Families & their preschool aged children will learn about ways to take care of Earth through hands on activities, including paper making, recycling, & potting a pine seedling to take home.



Free Dinner Provided

# University of Wisconsin Eau Claire

# L.E. Phillips Planetarium

#### A STELLAR EXPERIENCE

Whether it is cloudy or clear, warm or cold, you can enjoy a star-filled sky in the comfort of the L.E. Phillips Planetarium. Come see the stars with ús!

For parents/guardians and their preschool children.

Two Performances: 10:30am & 11:30 am Space is limited to 50 people per showing.



What to Expect:

Plan to arrive 15 minutes prior to your '
registered showtime. Late arrivals not
admitted once performance starts . Show lasts
about 45 minutes. '



Friday April 26 , 2024
UWEC L.E. Phillips Planetarium
Phillips Science Hall 600
101 Roosevelt Avenue
Eau Claire, WI

Parking available in the Fine Arts lot on Water Street.
Walk across the foot bridge to lower campus. To park in Fine Arts, we will ask you to provide your vehicle and license plate information for Campus Security. Parking maybe also be found in the neighborhood around

Roosevelt Ave.



Ways to Register:

Scan QR Code Call Nancy at 715-852-3676

Email: nbrenner@ecasd.us





# April 2024 School Days Calendar & Menu's

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri		
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Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast Great Breakfast			
Pineapple Tidbits	Applesauce	Chilled Peaches	Fresh Apple	<b>≈ *</b>		
Assorted Cereal, String Cheese	Cheese Omelet & Toast	French Toast	Assorted Cereal & Yogurt			
<u>Lunch</u>	<u>Lunch</u>	Lunch	Lunch	HH H		
Mini Corn Dogs	Cheeseburger Macaroni	Cheese or Peperoni Pizza	Baked Crispy Chicken Sandwich	田り田		
Bush's Baked Beans	Breadstick, Green Peas	Whole Kernel Corn	Sweet Potato French Fries			
Baby Carrots	Tossed Green Salad	Cucumber Slices	Broccoli Buds			
Mixed Fruit	Fresh Orange	Frozen Fruit Cup	Seedless Grapes			
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<u>Breakfast</u>	Breakfast Great Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast			
Mixed Fruit, String Cheese	Chilled Peaches	Mandarin Oranges, Toast	Mango Cubes, String Cheese	A AP		
Banana Breakfast Bread	Waffles	Scrambled Eggs with Ham	Assorted Cereal			
<u>Lunch</u>	<u>Lunch</u>	<u>Lunch</u>	<u>Lunch</u>	H H		
Baked Chicken Strips	Cheese Omelet & Pancake	Hot Dog on a Bun	Rotini w/ Meat Sauce	田口田		
California Blend Vegetables	Hash Rounds	Bush's Baked Beans	Steamed Broccoli			
Baby Carrots, Breadstick	Broccoli Buds	Cauliflower Florets	Tossed Green Salad			
Spiced Applesauce	Banana	Chilled Pears	Fresh Apple			
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)	Assorted Cereal, String Cheese	French Toast Sticks	Lemon Breakfast Bread	a p		
	<u>Lunch</u>	<u>Lunch</u>	<u>Lunch</u>			
	Waffle Chicken Bites	Cheesy Breadstick	Soft Shell Taco	田田		
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	Tossed Green Salad	Cucumber Slices	Broccoli Buds			
	Mixed Fruit	Fresh Apple	Strawberry Cup			
22	23	24	25	26		
<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Breakfast</u>	Breakfast			
Mixed Fruit, String Cheese	Seedless Grapes	Strawberry Cup	Applesauce	<b>₽</b>		
Assorted Breakfast Bread	Cheese Omelet & Toast	Pancakes	Assorted Cereal & Yogurt			
Lunch	Lunch	<u>Lunch</u>	<u>Lunch</u>			
Oven Baked Dilly Nuggets	Cheese Ravioli w/ Breadstick	Sloppy Joe Sandwich	French Bread Pizza	田り田		
Broccoli w/ Cheese Sauce	Mixed Vegetables Cucumber Slices	Bush's Baked Beans	Whole Kernel Corn			
Baby Carrots Chilled Pears		Cauliflower Florets Seedless Grapes	Celery Sticks Mixed Fruit			
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	Pineapple Tidbits, Toast Scrambled Eggs w/ Ham					
Assorted Cereal, String Cheese	Lunch			THE H		
Lunch Fish Sticks w/Breadstick	Corn Dog on a Stick	TBD	TBD	田り田		
Green Beans	Bush's Baked Beans					
Baby Carrots	Tossed Green Salad					
Mandarin Oranges	Mixed Fruit					
Class Times (Monday—Thursday)		If Your Child is Going to Miss School:				
AM Session Start: 8:25 AM—End 11:55 AM		Call Eau Claire Student Transit 715-839-5116				
PM Session Start: 12:45 PM—End 4:15 PM		Call ECASD Early Learning Attendance Line 715-852-3600				

#### **District News**

#### Open Enrollment is February 5 through April 30, 2024

#### What is Public School Open Enrollment?

Wisconsin's inter-district public school open enrollment program allows students and families who don't live in our district to open enroll into the Eau Claire Area School District.

#### Who May Participate?

Wisconsin residents in grades K-12 may apply to participate in open enrollment. Students in pre-kindergarten may participate in limited circumstances; parents should call the Executive Director of Business Services at 715-852-3010 to find out if their preschool-aged children qualify.

#### **How and When May Parents Apply?**

The regular open enrollment application window will be February 5, 2024, through April 30, 2024, for the 2024-2025 school year. Parents may submit online applications beginning February 5, 2024, at the Wisconsin Department of Instruction website at <a href="https://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment">https://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment</a>. Please call 715-852-3127 or email <a href="mailto:districtadministration@ecasd.us">districtadministration@ecasd.us</a> for more information.

#### Have you moved out of the district during the 2023-2024 school year?

If so, you must apply for a Tuition Waiver to continue attending the Eau Claire Area School District for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year. Contact the Enrollment Office at 715-852-3127 or email <a href="mailto:districtadministra-tion@ecasd.us">districtadministra-tion@ecasd.us</a> for an application.

#### Students Currently Attending the ECASD Through a Tuition Waiver

Students who have moved outside of the district during the 2023-2024 school year and are currently attending school under a Tuition Waiver <u>must</u> apply for open enrollment during the regular application window, February 5, 2024, through April 30, 2024, to continue attending during the 2024-2025 school year.

#### **Current Open Enrollment Students**

Students currently attending the Eau Claire Area School District under the open enrollment law do not need to reapply.

#### Other Information

Students who move into the district after January 2024 and anticipate moving out of the district before the 2024-2025 school year will not be eligible for a Tuition Waiver. Students <u>must</u> apply for open enrollment during either the regular open enrollment or alternative open enrollment period to be eligible to attend the Eau Claire Area School District during the 2024-2025 school year.

#### **School Placement**

By completing an open enrollment application, you are applying to attend the Eau Claire Area School District. You have the opportunity to indicate which school your child would prefer to attend; however, the district will determine placement based on space availability.

#### Questions?

If you have any questions about open enrollment or the application process, please contact the Enrollment Office at 715-852-3127 or email districtedministration@ecasd.us.





# Do you have children ages 3 or 4?

The Eau Claire Area School District (ECASD) Early Learning Program will begin accepting online applications for incoming 3 and 4 year old students for the 2024-25 school year on February 1st, 2024. The ECASD Early Learning Program includes our Eau Claire 4 Tomorrow (EC4T/4K) and Head Start program, as well as Western Dairyland Head Start. For additional information, visit our website at: <a href="https://www.ecasd.us">www.ecasd.us</a>, Click Schools, Click on ECASD Early Learning Program.

#### If your child turns 3 on or before September 1, 2024

Applications for Head Start will be accepted.

Please note: there are limited spots and income/eligibility guidelines apply. Please apply online.

#### \*If you are applying for Head Start....

Once your application is received, you will be contacted to complete the enrollment process and verify your income/ eligibility.

#### If your child turns 4 on or before September 1, 2024

Applications for EC4T(4K) and/or Head Start will be accepted. Please enroll your child online.

\*If you are applying for EC4T(4K) and/or Head Start...

Once your application has been received, you will be contacted via letter or phone call confirming receipt of the application & determine if your family also qualifies for Head Start.

Any questions, contact the Eau Claire Area School District Early Learning Office

715-852-3600

Apply online at www.ecasd.us/enrollment

Click the blue 'Early Learning Program' icon, then click the blue 'Click Here to Enroll' icon.









### **District News**

### **Kindergarten Orientation**

The ECASD is excited to welcome your child to Kindergarten! Please see below for Kindergarten Orientation dates. They will be updated as information becomes available. If your school's orientation information is not displayed yet, please check here: <a href="ECASD">ECASD</a> | Kindergarten Orientation</a> . If you have any questions, or have not enrolled yet, please contact the Enrollment Office at enrollment@ecasd.us

Elementary School	Date	Time	
Chippewa Valley Montessori	Monday, April 15th, 2024	12:00 PM—3:00 PM By appointment only	
Flynn Elementary	Wednesday, April 24th, 2024	5:00 PM-6:00 PM	
Sam Davey Elementary	Thursday, August 29th, 2024	4:00 PM-5:00 PM	
Locust Lane Elementary	Thursday, August 22nd, 2024	TBD	
Longfellow Elementary	Wednesday, August 28th, 2024	2:00 PM-2:30 PM Last names A-M	
		2:30 PM-3:00 PM Last names N-Z	
Manz Elementary	Monday, June 3rd, 2024 <b>AND</b> Thursday, August 1st, 2024 (Playground Night)	6:00 PM 6:00 PM- 7:00 PM	
Meadowview Elementary	Tuesday, May 14th, 2024	TBD (Evening)	
Northwoods Elementary	Thursday, May 9th, 2024	2:30 PM-3:30 PM	
Putnam Heights Elementary	Friday, August 30th, 2024	8:00 AM-4:00 PM 15 minute sessions	
Robbins Elementary	Thursday, April 25th, 2024	4:45 PM-6:15 PM	
Roosevelt Elementary	Monday, August 19th, 2024	4:00 PM—5:00 PM	
Sherman Elementary	Wednesday, May 8th, 2024	TBD (evening)	
Lakeshore Elementary	Tuesday, April 16th, 2024	4:00 PM-5:00 PM	
Eau Claire Virtual School	Friday, August 30th, 2024	TBD Condensaries	

# **Family Information-Mental Health**

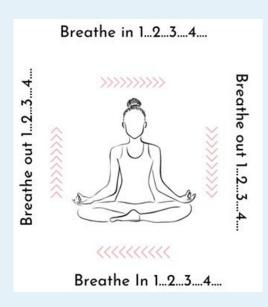
#### **News from our School Based Mental Health Coordinator**

April is National Stress Awareness Month to raise awareness of the negative impact of stress. Here are a few ideas on how to de-stress.

Learn more about our School Based Mental Health program at: <a href="https://go.ecasd.us/schoolmentalhealth">https://go.ecasd.us/schoolmentalhealth</a>

### Try these exercises to relax and decrease stress.

Follow the square with your breath.







### 5-4-3-2-1 Grounding Technique

This technique brings your focus from your mind to your physical body, which may help you refocus on the present moment and calm your anxiety.

#### **Nutrition & Health Information**



# National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

Saturday, April 27th 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Dispose of your expired or unwanted medications at a drop-off location!

Altoona Emergency Services

1904 Spooner Avenue

**Eau Claire County Government Center**721 Oxford Avenue

# National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

Unused or expired medications should never be flushed, poured down the drain, or tossed in the garbage. Safely dispose of prescription medicine, over-the-counter medications, ointments, patches, creams, non-aerosol sprays, vials, and pet medications at a Prescription Drug Take-Back event on Saturday, April 27th from 10a.m. to 2p.m.!

This information is provided by the Eau Claire Health Alliance - Substance Misuse Action Team, which works to prevent alcohol, tobacco, and other drug misuse.

Learn more at: ECHealthAlliance.org/News