

**Fall 2019**

## Mora Early Childhood Newsletter

### **District Wide Open House**

Wednesday August 28<sup>th</sup>  
4:00-6:00 PM

Join with other families to visit  
our Preschool and ECFE  
classrooms to meet the Early  
Childhood teachers and paras.

ECFE and Preschool  
classes will be held at:  
200 N. 9<sup>th</sup> St.  
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320-679-6257

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### ECFE Pool Party

Friday August 2<sup>nd</sup> 10:00-Noon

ECFE will again be kicking off the year  
with a free pool party at the Mora Aquatic  
Center.

The party is for families with children ages  
birth-5 years old, but your older children  
(up to 4<sup>th</sup> grade) are welcome to come  
along.

This will be the first day that registrations  
for ECFE classes and events will be  
accepted.

No registration for this event,  
just show up!

### **National Night Out**

Tuesday Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> 5:00 -7:00 PM

Join ECFE and the Mora Community at the Kanabec County  
Fairgrounds for a free supper and an evening of fun.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign  
that promotes police-community partnerships and  
neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer,  
better places to live.

Look for the ECFE table to pick up information on the  
upcoming year.

### Birth-5 Classes

#101 Mondays 8:45-10:45 AM  
11 weeks Sept.16-Dec.16  
No class Sept. 30, Oct.14, Nov. 4  
See fee schedule below

#102 Wednesdays 8:45-10:45 AM  
11 weeks Sept.18-Dec.4  
No class Oct. 2  
See fee schedule below

### ECFE Evening Entertainment

#### **“Muscle Mania”**

Bring your little ones (ages 1-5) to Mora Elementary to play in the gym on these cold winter evenings.  
Tuesdays Nov.26-Dec.17 6:00-7:00 PM  
Cost: \$2.00 per family/per night  
No registration needed for this class

#### **“Stories and Songs”**

Bring your little ones (ages 1-5) to Mora ECCE classroom to hear a story, sing some songs and help your child do some art activities that go along with the theme of the story.

#103 Tuesdays Sept.17-Oct.8. 6:00-7:00 PM  
Cost: \$10.00 per family for all 4 nights.  
Please register by September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Parent/Child Classes

What happens in an ECCE class?

First . . .Parents & children play together in a room full of toys and learning activities-fun things you may or may not do at home like play dough, painting, blocks, make believe, etc.

Then . . .Children stay in the room with teachers and other children to have a snack, continue practicing their social skills of taking turns, asking for help, and more; while parents move to another room with the parent educator. They have treats and discuss parenting joys and concerns.

### Fee Schedule

A sliding fee scale, according to the adjusted gross income of a household, determines class fees.

Cost for parent(s) & 1 child to attend an 11 week separating class:  
Household income:

Over 50,000.....	\$36.00
35,000-50,000.....	\$30.00
20,000-34,000.....	\$24.00
Under 20,000.....	\$18.00

Cost for each additional child to attend is \$5.00

No charge for infants 4 months and younger, as these children will remain with the parent.

If class fees are a problem, please call 320-679-6257.

### What Is ECCE?

Early Childhood Family Education (ECCE) is a statewide opportunity for families like yours!

- Classes, field trips, and special events for parents and their children, ages birth – 5 years old.
  - Education, support, fun and friendship for parents.
- Guidance and support from licensed early childhood teachers and parent educators.
  - Learning through toys and activities planned especially for young children.

You DO NOT HAVE TO “JOIN” anything, just sign-up for the classes or events that you would like to attend. Any family with young children is eligible to participate. Fees are paid according to a sliding fee scale; however, fees can be waived if you are unable to pay. The Mora ECCE program offers classes and events during two semesters each year, fall and winter/spring. All weather-related closing of Mora Public Schools applies to the ECCE and Preschool Programs. In the event of late start, morning ECCE & Preschool classes are cancelled. In the event of early release, afternoon and evening classes are cancelled.

## Play and Learn

You're invited to come to our Early Childhood classroom to play with your child (ages birth-kindergarten) It's simple, no registration required.

"Open House" format-arrive when you can, leave when it's no longer fun.

\$2.00 per family/per visit or purchase a card \$15/10 visits.

Friday mornings Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> - Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> 8:30-10:30 AM.

(no class 10/18, 11/29).

Classes will be held in our ECFE classroom.

Come to the Early Childhood entrance at Mora Elementary.

"My daughter always looks forward to ECFE, and so do I. It's one of the best parts of our week." Shayna



## LIBRARY STORY TIME

ECFE and East Central Regional Library offer a special story time including songs, stories and simple activities that children, 18 months to 3 years of age, and parents can do together.

**Where:** Mora Public Library

**When:** 11:00-11:30 AM

**Dates:** Oct. 10 & 24, Nov. 7 & 21, Dec. 12

No registration needed, just show up at the Library.

## Parenting Again- Grandparents Support Group

**For:** Grandparents who are raising their grandchildren.

Join us to meet other grandparents with similar joys and challenges.

**Fall meetings:** 9/16, 10/21, 11/18, 12/16.

**Time:** 6:00-7:30 PM

**Where:** Mora Elementary School, Main entrance

**Free childcare.** Dinner is potluck style.

The Grandparents gratefully acknowledge the Mora ECFE Program for sponsoring this group.



# Early Childhood Screening

Parents of 3-4 year olds! Has your child been through screening?

The early childhood years from birth to the start of kindergarten are an important time of rapid learning and growth. Early Childhood Screening is a quick and simple check of how children are doing between the ages of 3 to 4 years. It identifies, at an early stage, possible learning or health concerns so that children can get needed help before starting school. Early Childhood Screening is not an IQ test or a kindergarten entrance test, although *it is required by state law* for children before starting kindergarten. Screening is a free review of your child's vision, hearing, height, weight, development and immunization records.

Children are screened by trained staff at Mora Elementary School. Please enter at door A4.

You should receive a phone call sometime after your child turns 3 1/2 years old. If you do not receive a call, please call us at 320-679-6257 to schedule an appointment.

## Dates for upcoming Fall screenings are:

Monday August 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

Thursday September 19<sup>th</sup> 3:00-5:50 PM

Wednesday October 16<sup>th</sup> 3:00-5:50 PM



## What is the ECFE/SR Advisory Council?

The Advisory Council is made up of people like you; parents of little ones or people who are beyond the "littles" years, who are genuinely concerned about programming for children, ages 0-5 that reside within the Mora school district.

New members are always welcome!

Free childcare is available for children ages 6 months- 5 years old.

Fall meeting dates are:

Monday October 14<sup>th</sup> 9:00-10:30 AM

Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup> 9:00-10:30 AM

Ask how you can earn a \$10.00 credit towards ECFE classes or preschool tuition.

## Remind 101

Attention Families:

Are you looking for a quick and easy place to get current Early Childhood information? Mora Early Childhood has set up a Remind.

Remind is a safe texting system that allows you to receive short text messages from Carrie Sell without sharing any of your personal information. Carrie sends out 5-10 messages a month about important Early Childhood classes, field trips, and special events that are coming up.

Standard text message rates do apply.

Text: @e283d9 to: 81010.

Questions please contact Carrie Sell at 679-6257.



## Dolly Parton's "Imagination Library"

This program has been proven to drastically improve early literacy for children enrolled in the program. The program automatically mails age appropriate books directly to your home for your child's enjoyment. The only requirement is that you reside in the Mora School District.

Register your child for this amazing offer by stopping in the Early Childhood Office or go online to sign-up @ [ImaginationLibrary.com](http://ImaginationLibrary.com)

Questions call 320-679-6257.

"My children love to participate in the variety of activities during ECFE classes; for me, it's so fun to watch them respond to a school-routine, first-hand!"

Anonymous

Infant and Toddler Intervention services are provided for eligible children birth to three years of age who may be experiencing delays in their development for several reasons, including special health conditions. These services are designed to meet the unique needs of each child and their family and are offered at no cost to families. Accessing these services as early as possible will ensure the best development outcomes for the child. If you have any questions call 1-866- 693-4769 Or find us on the web at

[MDE.ECSE@state.mn.us](mailto:MDE.ECSE@state.mn.us)



## Home Visiting

Would you like to participate in ECFE but can't come to us? This service is for families with children birth to kindergarten entrance, who live in the Mora School District. A licensed family educator will come to your home to share information about issues or answer questions that you have concerning your child.

Call Carrie at 320-679-6257 for more information.

## ***Field Trip to Windmill Acres Pumpkin Patch Wednesday*** ***October 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:00-12:00***

Join ECFE as we travel to Cambridge to Windmill Acres. Our field trip promises a leisurely time of fun activities in a beautiful country setting. Corn pit, barrel train ride, hay mountain, farm animals & more.

The bus will leave Mora Elementary School at 9:00 am and return by noon.  
 Call 320-679-6257 to register.

Cost is \$6.00 per person.  
 Each child gets to pick out a small pumpkin to bring home.

Children under 1 year old are FREE.

Registration deadline is Wed. Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>.

Looking for a fun and safe place to enjoy a little Fall Fun?

Bring your little pumpkins to the:

## **Fall Family Festival** **at Mora Elementary School**

on Tuesday October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 6-7:30 pm



Free meal  
 to the first  
 100  
 people  
 registered

**There is no cost for this event,  
 but you must pre-register.**

Call 679-6257 to register for this family night!  
 Deadline for registration is October 22<sup>nd</sup> .  
 Come in costumes and don't forget to bring your camera.

Activities for the evening will be  
 Fall and Halloween related and  
 promises to be fun for all!  
 Activities are geared for ages 1-5,  
 but your older children (through  
 age 8) are welcome to come  
 along.



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