

**Bemidji Area Schools
ISD 31**

**3, 4 & 5-Year-Old
PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS**



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Inspiring and engaging families one child at a time...

Our Early Childhood Programs are a pivotal part of the Bemidji Area Schools. Preschool classes are taught by licensed teachers who have an abundance of experience working with children birth to age five.

We work to assure families and children transition smoothly into Kindergarten and focus on social emotional skills, play-based learning and pre-academic skills. Our classrooms use Pearson's Big Owl preschool comprehensive curriculum to learn age appropriate math, writing, music, art, language and science.

Why Choose Us Our Mission and Vision

Bemidji Area Schools Early Childhood Program is based on the idea that parents provide their child's first and most significant learning environment. The parents are children's first and most enduring teachers. Early Childhood Programs work to support you as a parent/caregiver and to strengthen and empower families. The goal is to enhance the ability of all parents and other family members to provide the best possible environments for their child's learning and development.



Welcome to the Lumberjack Family!

Preschool Locations:

- JW Smith Elementary
- Jack & Jill Preschool on the BSU Campus
- Paul Bunyan Center

Please call Community Education to schedule a tour or to register.
(218)333-3119



*Registration
Begins May 3, 2021.*

School Readiness Preschool Registration Information:

- **Online registration begins May 3, 2021 at 8:00am.**
Visit www.bemidjicommunityed.com and click the **Early Childhood Family Education and School Readiness** tab at the top of the webpage.
- Most classes begin September 7, 2021 and end on June 3, 2022.
- Welcome letters will be mailed the later part of August.
- Orientation sessions will be held with the teacher will be held the week of August 30, 2021.
- Preschool classes are integrated with Early Childhood Special Education.
- We have limited options for bus transportation. Please call Janelle at 333-3119, ext. 46303 for more information.
- A non-refundable registration fee of \$30 is due upon registration (*There is no registration fee at our JW Smith location*)
- Invoices will be emailed at the beginning of the month and due by the 15th of that month to avoid a \$10 late fee.
- Your child must be independent with toileting without the use of a pull-up or diaper by September 1 of the school year. (Students with a disability, which may prohibit independent toileting, are exempt from this requirement)

Financial Assistance:

- If a financial situation is limiting your child's participation in our preschool program, please contact Rachel at 333-3284, ext. 35311 to discuss a reduced tuition rate and how we might support you.
- You may have the option to apply for an Early Learning Scholarship from the Minnesota Department of Education. Family income must meet the scholarship guidelines. This scholarship will cover preschool tuition.



School Readiness Preschool Classes to Choose From:

- **Preschool Collaboration with Bemidji Bi-Cap at JW Smith Elementary - (VPK)**
 - Meets 5 days a week, M-F from 7:55am to 2:40pm
 - Must live in the JW Smith attendance boundary
 - 4-years-old on or before September 1, 2021
 - No registration fee, plus free tuition.
 - Bus transportation and free school lunch is available.
 - After school care is available until 6:00pm. Cost is \$8.00 per day and you must pre-register.

- **Jack & Jill Preschool at BSU Campus**
 - Must be 4 or 5-years-old by September 1, 2021
 - 5 days a week, M-F from 8:15am to 2:45pm (\$450 a month)
OR
 - Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 8:00am to 2:30pm (\$250 a month)
OR
 - Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00am to 2:30pm (\$200 a month)
 - Non-refundable \$30 registration fee
 - Student must bring a lunch each day.
 - Parent drop-off and pick-up only. (No bus transportation)
 - Before school drop-off begins at 7:45am
 - After school care is available until 5:30pm. Cost is \$8.00 per day and you must pre-register.

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- **Paul Bunyan Center Preschool (by the Bemidji Airport)**
 - 5 days a week M-F from 8:00am to 2:30pm (\$450 a month)
OR
 - Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00am to 2:30pm (\$200 a month)
 - Must be 4 or 5-years-old on or before September 1, 2021
 - Non-refundable \$30 registration fee
 - Student must bring a lunch each day.
 - Busing is an option for children that attend 5 days a week. Please call Janelle at 333-3119, 46303 for more information.
 - Before school drop-off begins at 7:45am
 - After school care is available until 5:30pm. Cost is \$8.00 per day and you must pre-register.

- **Paul Bunyan Center 3-Year-Old Preschool**
 - Must be 3 or 4-years-old by September 1, 2021.
 - Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:15am-10:45am OR 11:30am-2:00pm (\$125 per month)
 - Tuesday & Thursday 8:15am-10:45am OR 11:30am-2:00pm (\$100 per month)
 - Non-refundable \$30 registration fee
 - Parent drop-off and pick-up only.

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Sample Schedule of a School Readiness Classroom:

- Arrival
- Breakfast
- Bathroom Break
- Story
- Morning Meeting
- Table Centers
- Reading
- Snack
- Bathroom Break
- Outside Recess
- Play-based Learning
- Lunch
- Gym
- Bathroom Break
- Rest Time
- Calendar
- Social Emotional Curriculum
- Play-Based Learning
- Closing Circle Time
- Dismissal



After School Childcare

After school childcare is available at all of our preschool sites. Hours are 2:30pm to 5:30pm at Paul Bunyan Center and Jack and Jill. Our JW Smith site hours are 2:30pm to 6pm. A variety of activities will be offered for your child to choose from such as quiet/free play, playground or gym activities, art, board games, reading, and imaginary play. A donated snack is also provided.

The fee for after school care is \$8 per day and you will be billed every 2 weeks.

Please set up an account at:

<https://bemidji2.sacc.rschooltoday.com>

After school childcare is only available on days classes are in session. Please refer to the Bemidji Area Schools 2021-22 calendar.

Bus Transportation

Bus transportation is only available to 4 & 5-year-old preschool classes at attend school 5 days a week at JW Smith Elementary and at the Paul Bunyan Center.

If you have questions about busing or would like to sign up, please contact Janelle at (218)333-3119, ext 46303.

EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING

In Minnesota, all children are required to complete Early Childhood Screening before they enter Kindergarten in a public school. Ideally, children should be screened at 3 years of age. The screening is a check of the child's health and development. Results of the screening help identify health or learning concerns that may require special attention before the child enters Kindergarten. There is no cost for this screening.

Screening Involves:

Hearing & Vision Checks
Height & Weight Measurements
Speech & Language Assessment
Developmental Observations

Call Community Education at
(218)333-3119 to schedule your screening appointment.

Screenings are held at the Paul Bunyan Center near the Bemidji Airport.



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