

Gutkin Children's Center



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Aitkin Children's Center



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Aitkin Public School/ISD #1

Aitkin Children's Center

225 2nd Ave SW
Aitkin, MN 56431
218-927-7735



Aitkin Children's Center Office Hours:

Monday - Friday

8:00 am - 3:00 pm

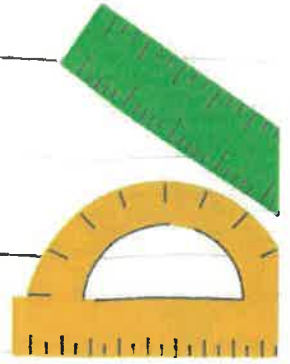
August 15th- May 31st



Parent 
Aware



Top Reasons to Choose Aitkin Children's Center:



- Children become familiar with the school building (gym, lunch room, hallway) prior to entering kindergarten
- Children will make friends that they will move onto kindergarten with
- All teachers possess a Bachelor's Degree in Education & a Minnesota Teaching License
- Children have an entire class of peers that are their same age
- Children can access Free and Reduced Breakfast and Lunch Programs, busing for Jakes Preschoolers, and other support services such as speech and other therapies
- Preschool staff collaborate with Kindergarten teachers to ensure skills taught are aligned with Kindergarten entrance skills



Aitkin Children's Center
Rippleside Elementary
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ENROLL NOW





Preschool 2023-2024



Registration
Opens May 5th
@ 7:00pm

Junior Jakes (3's) Preschool

Junior Jakes (3's)

Children need to be 3 on or before Sept. 1st

At the Aitkin Children's Center, children will discover a welcoming, safe and fun environment designed to create excitement for school and learning. Large and small group activities emphasize social emotional development as well as pre-academics. Parents can choose from one half-day or two half-day per week options, mornings or afternoons.

Class Options:

Monday AM	Sept 13 - May 20	8:05 - 10:55	\$240-\$340
Wed/Fri AM	Sept 13 - May 22	8:05 - 10:55	\$430-\$630
Mon/Wed PM	Sept 13 - May 22	12:05 - 2:55	\$430-\$630

Early Learning
Scholarships
Available for those
who qualify for
free/reduced meals

Register ONLINE at Aitkin Public Schools under Community Education or if you have any questions call 218-927-7735





Preschool 2023-2024



Jakes (4's) Preschool

Jakes (4's) Children need to be 4 on or before Sept. 1st

In Jakes Preschool, highly educated and nurturing staff plan large and small group experiences that combine learning with play. Children build confidence, independence, and other valuable social & emotional skills while working on math and reading readiness that will help prepare them for kindergarten. Parents can choose from half days as well as all day options.

Early Learning Scholarships
Available for those who qualify
for free/reduced meals



All Day spots fill quickly.
The Center will be holding a lottery
for those spots. Lottery closes April
28th @ noon. Please see page 5 for
more information.

Class Options:

Tues/Thurs All Day	Sept 12 - May 23	8:05 - 2:55	\$860-\$1260
Tues/Thurs All Day	Sept 12 - May 23	8:05 - 2:55	\$860-\$1260
Mon/Wed/Fri AM	Sept 11 - May 24	8:05 - 10:55	\$620-\$920
Mon/Wed PM	Sept 11 - May 22	12:05 - 2:55	\$430-\$630

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Early Childhood Family Education (E.C.F.E.)



Mid-Day Movers & Night Owls

(Designed for parents & children 2yrs - pre kindergarten age, siblings welcome)

In this multi-age, separating class, parents and children engage in crafts & games, a short circle time, and snack together. Then, parents and children separate. Parent conversations are led by a parent educator in a different room while children engage in structured play with Center Staff.

Mondays | Jan. 9-May 15 | 9:00 - 10:45am Mid-Day Movers

Mondays | Jan. 9-May 15 | 5:00 - 6:45pm Night Owls

Registration opens Dec. 15th

No one will be turned away for an inability to pay

Register ONLINE home.isdl.org/community-education.html or by calling 218-927-7735

E.C.F.E



Jakes (4's) Preschool All Day Lottery:

The Children's Center will hold a lottery to award spots in its all day preschool sections for the 2023-2024 school year. The lottery opens March 15th. If you are interested in an all day spot for your child, contact the Children's Center at 927-7735 or go online and register your child in the all day lottery. Children's names must be entered into the lottery by Friday, April 28th at noon. Parents will be notified of their child's enrollment status in an all day session by Monday, May 1st. Online registration for other Jakes (4's) sections will open on Friday, May 5th at 7:00 pm. Call 927-7735 with questions.



2023-2024 Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration for all eligible children will take place on Tuesday, April 25th from 4:30PM-6:30PM in the Rippleside cafeteria and old gym. This event will be a combination of our former program Passport to Kindergarten, along with the registration process for the 2023-2024 school year. Children who are 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2023 are eligible to attend. Invitations for this event will be mailed to families in the district, but if you know of a family that is new to the area please send them to Rippleside on April 25th or have them call the Rippleside office at 218-927-4838.

Information

Refer a New Family



Do you know someone who is new to town that has younger children? A new family at church? At the park? Refer them to the Aitkin Children's Center. By calling the Children's Center office at 218-927-7735, new families can insure that they are added to the schools database. By doing so, families will be made aware of early childhood programming and events such as early childhood screening and kindergarten registration.



Family, Friends, & Neighbors Play and Learn

Who are Family, Friends, and Neighbor (FFN) Caregivers?

They are a large and important group of Minnesotans who provide childcare for the children of family members, friends, or neighbors on a regular basis.

Are you or someone you know a FFN Caregiver?? Then this event is for you!

Come to the Aitkin Children's Center for an Open-House style Play and Learn with the children you care for. We will have toys, crafts, and activities ready for them to explore, as well as valuable information for the Caregivers to take home. The first 10 Caregivers to register for each event will receive a gift bag valued at over \$50. This program is grant-funded and completely FREE!

SAVE THE DATE FAMILY FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS PLAY AND LEARNS 3:30 - 5:00PM	
FEBRUARY	MOVE IT MOVE IT THURSDAY FEB. 23RD
MARCH	CREATIVE CONSTRUCTION TUESDAY MARCH 21ST
APRIL	FEELINGS THURSDAY APRIL 27TH
MAY	NATURE TUESDAY MAY 23RD
JUNE	TBD

Week of the Young Child Event

Mini Magic 4 Munchkins

Join the Aitkin Children's Center in Celebrating the Week of the Young Child with a fun filled night of Magic and Entertainment.

Who is invited: Children Birth to Pre Kindergarten Age

Where: Rippleside Cafeteria

When: Tuesday April 11, 2023 6:00 - 7:30pm

What: A magic show that will keep you wondering "How did they do that?"

Cost: FREE

Each child will receive a gift to take home



Swingin' into Summer 2023



Dear Parents,

Your child is invited to participate in the Aitkin Children's Center's Summer Program. This 6-week program will provide fun enrichment activities with a focus on pre-literacy and pre-math skills. This summer program is only for students who will be attending kindergarten in the fall of 2023.

Parents will have the option to choose a Monday/Tuesday session or a Wednesday/Thursday session. Class will begin at 8:30 am and end at 3:00 pm each day. Transportation to and from school will be the parents' responsibility. Children will be served breakfast in the Aitkin Children's Center. Lunch will be served in the Rippleside Cafeteria. Both are free of charge.

Class Options:

Mon/Tues. | June 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27 July 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25 | 8:30 – 3:00
Wed./Thurs. | June 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29 July 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27 | 8:30 – 3:00

There will be no classes the week of July 3rd-7th

Supplies:

Backpack, change of clothes, water bottle, sunscreen

Registration opens Thursday, May 5th

To register, go online to home.isd1.org/community-education

Sincerely,

Aitkin Children's Center Teachers



Women, Infants & Children Nutrition Program

Aitkin County WIC

927-7201

You already qualify for WIC if you participate in the following programs:

- MnCare or Medical Assistance
- Head Start
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP)
- Reduced or Free School Lunch Program
- Energy Assistance



Information

Clinic Locations & Dates:

- Aitkin: Every 1st consecutive Tuesday & Wednesday
Hill City: Every 3rd Tuesday @ Assembly of God Church (downtown)
Malmo: Every 3rd Wednesday @ Bethesda Lutheran Church
McGregor: Every 3rd Thursday @ the M.O.R.E. Building

Help Me Grow - When Parents Know, Children Grow

Help Me Grow (helpmegrowmn.org) is Minnesota's system for connecting children and families with early intervention professionals in the child's school district. Within a school district there are experts in the area of communication, cognition, social-emotional skills, self help skills, and motor skills. The website also provides a means for referring a child whom you may have concerns about. Referrals are as easy as 1, 2, 3.



Lakes and Pines Head Start

We are a NO COST Early Childhood and School Readiness Program that provides support to parents in their roles as their child's teacher. In the Aitkin Area we offer a Home Based Program which includes a 1 ½ hour home visit one time per week and monthly socialization opportunities to promote all areas of learning

Head Start offers In-Home or Virtual Visits for Families. Head Start is now taking applications ages birth to 5 and expectant mothers. Call for more details 320-679-1800 ext. 144 or 800-832-6082 ext. 144



We Rally Around Parents

Do you live in Aitkin County?

Do you have a child who is 0-5 or in K-2?

Could you use support getting in touch with resources?

Could you use help to reduce the stress in your life?

If you answered yes to these questions, the WRAP program is here to help support you and your family! Janet Watson, Resource Coach can assist in connecting you with resources that can help with navigating many barriers or transitions. Contact Janet by phone at 320-364-3344, or email janetw@lakesandpines.org.

Lakes and Pines CAC, Inc. in Partnership with Aitkin County Health and Human Services.



Setting Up or Updating Your Account with Community Education

Eleyo is the convenient, mobile-friendly, online tool to register and manage your child's registration at the Aitkin Children's Center or for Community Education classes. Below are steps for creating your family account profile in anticipation of upcoming registration:

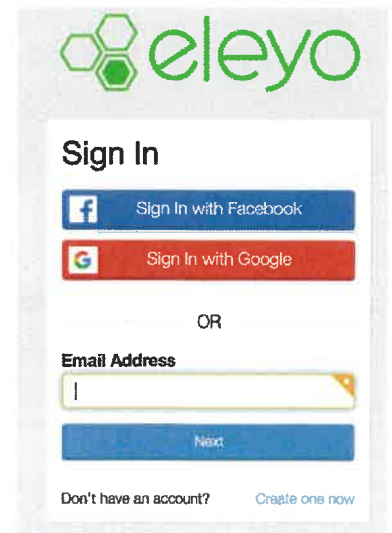
Create your Account Profile

1. Browse to the website: <https://isd1.ce.eleyo.com>
2. Create your profile by selecting **Sign In** (top, right corner).
3. To create a new profile, log in with Facebook or Google
-or-
select **Create One Now**.

1. When creating an account within the system, you will be required to enter your basic contact information including an email address (used for logging in) and a password. If your email address is recognized, use the Send Forgot Password Email to receive a password set email.

2. Select **Manage All Relationships** to add family members and emergency contacts.

An email will be sent from **Eleyo** with a link to verify your account. Use the **Verify Your Email Address** button on that email to verify your account.



See inside!!!

**2023-2024 Preschool
Enrollment Information**