Wednesday,
October 2, 2024

Welcome!

Robbinsville Preschool Program

Early Childhood Advisory Council Meeting

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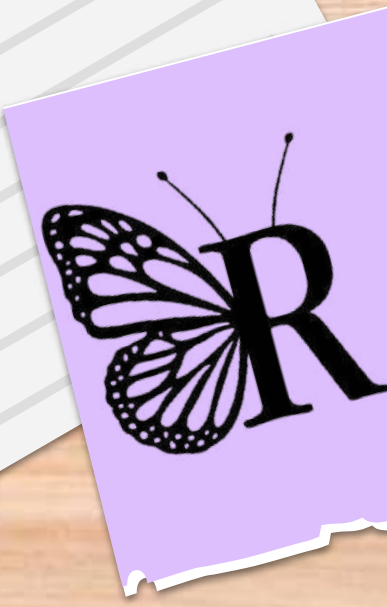
Today's Agenda:

- Preschool Team
- All Things ECAC
- Enrollment Information
- Program Overview
- 2024-2025 Program Goals
- Q&A Session



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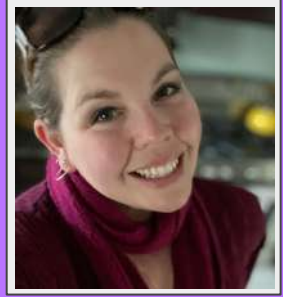

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Preschool Team Members

- Director of Early Childhood Education
- Early Childhood Education Administrative Assistant
- Community & Parent Involvement Specialist (CPIS)
- Preschool Instructional Coach (PIC) & Preschool Intervention and Referral Specialist (PIRS)
- Preschool Case Manager
- Preschool Nurse

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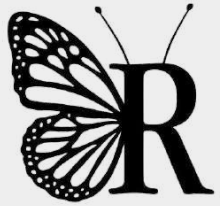
ECAC Definition



What is ECAC?

Early Childhood Advisory Council, or "ECAC", is an advisory group of community stakeholders interested in the education and welfare of children in preschool through grade three that is convened by the school district.

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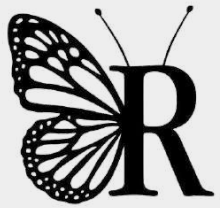
What is the Purpose of ECAC?

ECAC Purpose



- ✓ Review preschool program implementation of high-quality programs
- ✓ Serve as advisory support for the district's preschool program
- ✓ Support transition as children move from preschool through grade three
- ✓ Review data collected from the Preschool Family Needs Assessment (August 2024)
- ✓ Serve as the conduit between family needs and community resources

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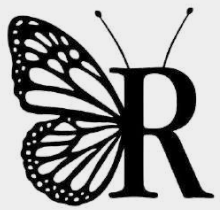
ECAC Mission



Mission Statement

The mission of Robbinsville Public Schools' Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC) is to provide ongoing support to the district's Preschool program by promoting collaboration with community stakeholders and enhancing family involvement and engagement.

The council will provide recommendations for the planning and implementation of programming in an effort to improve family services and the overall well-being of the children and families of Robbinsville.

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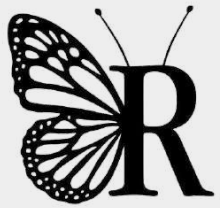
Who is Apart of ECAC?

Council Members



The Advisory Council membership includes representatives of the following groups:

Community & Parent Involvement Specialist (CPIS)

Parents & Guardians

Private Providers

Head Start Agencies

School District Personnel

Community Stakeholders

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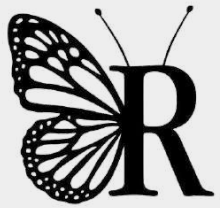

The Advisory Council may also include:

Local Health/Social Service Agencies

Local Business Community

Higher Education Agencies

Child/Family Advocates

Early Intervention Services

Municipal Government

Philanthropic Community

Faith Based Organizations

Family Outreach Programs

District Kindergarten/First Grade Teacher(s)

NJ County Councils for Young Children (CCYC)

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Robbinsville Preschool Enrollment

There are 182 three and four year old students currently enrolled in the Robbinsville Preschool Program:

Program Overview

14 PEA (Preschool Expansion Aid) Integrated Classrooms:

7 classrooms at Sharon Elementary School - 75 total students

7 classrooms at Pond Road Middle School - 85 total students

2 PSD (Preschool Students with Disabilities) classrooms at Sharon Elementary School - 22 total students

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PEA Demographics

Demographics

Race	Count
Unknown	5
American Indian	2
American Indian,Asian	1
Asian	87
Asian,White	7
Black	8
Black,White	1
White	67
Total	**178**

Age	Count
2	6
3	85
4	87
Total	**178**

Gender	Count
Female	74
Male	104
Total	**178**

Language	Count
Akan	1
Bengali	2
Chinese	1
English	113
Guarani	1
Gujarati	12
Hindi	8
Indic languages	1
Kannada	2
Marathi	2
Oriya	2
Panjabi; Punjabi	3
Polish	1
Portuguese	1
Russian	1
Spanish; Castilian	9
Tamil	7
Telugu	11
Total	**178**

As of 09/16/2024

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Program Overview

The Creative Curriculum®

The Creative Curriculum

The Creative Curriculum is an early childhood curriculum that focuses on project-based investigations as a means for children to apply skills and includes developmentally appropriate goals and objectives for children within four main categories of interest:

Social/Emotional - building relationships and identifying, expressing, and managing emotions

Physical - fine motor skills (small muscles - hands, fingers, wrists) and gross motor skills (large muscles - arms, legs, torso)

Cognitive - inquiry, problem solving, making connections, and critical thinking

Language - communication with others, engaging in conversations, and recognizing various forms of print

The curriculum is designed to foster development of the whole child through teacher-led, small and large group activities centered around 11 interest areas - blocks, dramatic play, toys and games, art, library, discovery, sand and water, music and movement, cooking, computers, and outdoors.

The Creative Curriculum also provides teachers with details on child development, classroom organization, teaching strategies, and engaging families in the learning process.

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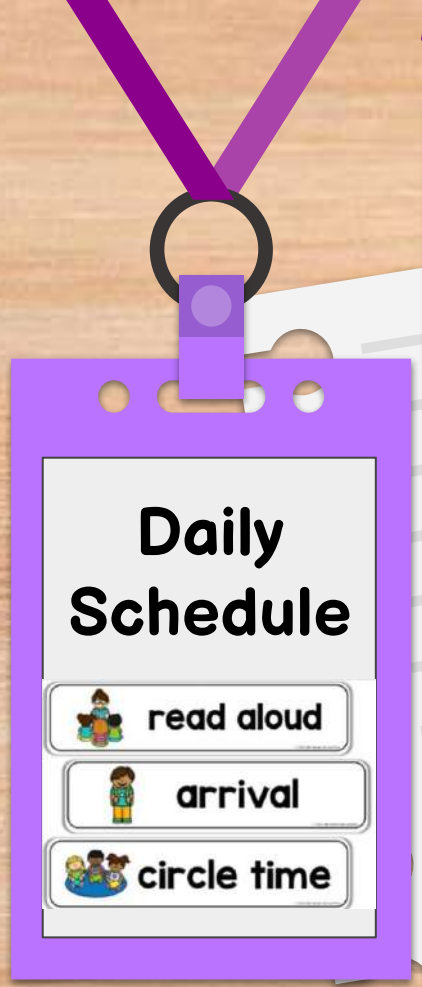
What's the PreSchool Schedule?



9:45-9:55	Student Arrival
9:55-10:15	Breakfast
10:15-10:50	Gross Motor Time
10:50-11:00	Morning Meeting
11:00-11:10	Read Aloud
11:10-12:20	Choice Time - Interest Areas
12:20-12:40	Small Groups
12:40-12:55	Large Group
12:55-1:30	Lunch Time
1:30-2:30	Rest Time
2:30-3:10	Limited Choice Time
3:10-3:20	Read Aloud
3:20-3:30	Large Group Round-Up
3:45	Student Dismissal

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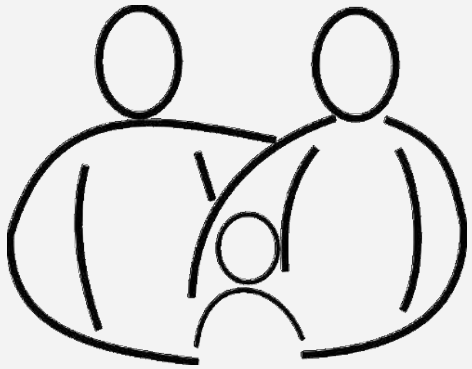
2024-2025 Program Goals



Family Engagement

Goals

CPIS Monthly Newsletter - Butterfly Bulletin and Event Flyers

Parent Academy

District Website - Preschool Tab

ParentSquare

Classroom Celebrations

Pond & Sharon PTA Collaboration

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2024-2025 Program Goals

Needs Assistance & Community Resources

Goals

Family Assistance Request Form

Community Resource Guide

Community Events

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2024-2025 Program Goals

Cultural Competency

Goals

Community Demographics - Registration & Family Needs Assessment

Translation Apps

Classroom Labels

Holidays & Celebrations

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Any Questions?

Q&A Session

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When Are the Other ECAC Meetings

Meeting Dates

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Thank you for joining us!

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Next ECAC Meeting:

Thursday, December 5th

Pond Road Middle School Media Center

2:30pm-3:30pm

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