



## **Bluejay Beginnings Preschool Lottery** **January 14 – February 28, 2019**

In preparation for the 2019-2020 school year, we are taking applications for placements in the three and four-year-old preschool classrooms. Openings for our programs will be filled by a lottery system. We will begin accepting preschool lottery applications online beginning January 14, 2019. To be considered for the lottery, applications must be submitted online on or before February 28, 2019. Applications will be drawn during the week of March 4, 2019. Families will be contacted with information regarding their status in the program via email beginning March 11, 2019.

For the 2018-2019 school year Bondurant-Farrar was part of the Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program (SWVPP) grant, which allowed us to fund our four-year-old preschool. We are expecting equal funding for students during the 2019-2020 school year and we anticipate being able to serve 116 four-year-olds in our SWVPP program. However, should this funding not be available, the district reserves the right to either cancel the four-year-old program or charge tuition for all four-year-old students. Additionally, in order to help attract and retain the best teachers, priority enrollment will be given to students of district staff members who have demonstrated a quality work history with the district.

The Early Childhood Iowa (ECI) grant is a state funded grant which provides tuition assistance for families of three-year-olds based on income status. The district will utilize the Federal Income Guidelines for Free and Reduced for this determination. Families meeting these income guidelines and who apply for assistance by the lottery deadline will qualify for grant funding and will be given priority enrollment into the preschool program. We anticipate being able to serve 20 three-year-olds through parent funding or ECI grants.

### **Program Information for the 2019-2020 school year**

3 year-old program - scholarships available/monthly tuition TBD

- Tuesday-Friday 8:30-11:30 am
- Tuesday-Friday 12:30-3:30 pm
- Students must be 3 on or before Sept. 15, 2019

4 year-old program - Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program

- Tuesday-Friday 8:30-11:30 am
- Tuesday-Friday 12:30-3:30 pm
- Students must be 4 on or before Sept. 15, 2019

### **Exciting News: Bluejay Beginnings Preschool will be moving locations....**

Morris Elementary will be opening a new academic wing next fall. With this new expansion, the preschool program will be moving to Morris Elementary for the start of the 2019-2020 school year. Be on the lookout for more information in the coming months.

### **Upcoming Changes for 2019-2020**

One of the most notable changes that may be required for the 3 year old preschool program is the monthly tuition fee. Tuition fees have not increased in over 10 years and our \$150 monthly tuition rate is not able to meet our current program expenses. We are in process of evaluating our fee structure to meet state requirements. We do anticipate a significant increase. Once an increase has been proposed and approved by the board of education, families will be informed of the new monthly tuition fee rate.



**Please fill out the Lottery Application to be placed into the lottery.**

To qualify for the three-year-old program, students need to be three years old on or before September 15, 2019. Likewise, for the four-year-old program, students need to be four years old on or before September 15, 2019 to qualify. All students need to be potty trained. Parents are required to provide transportation to and from school. Bluejay Beginnings Preschool follows the Bondurant-Farrar Community School calendar with few exceptions.

Thank you,

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