
Elk Rapids Schools Child Care Programs

~ “Wee” Are E.R. Preschool~

~ Kids’ Club ~

~ Summer Kids’ Club 2021 ~

Participant Handbook 2020 - 2021

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Vision Statement:

**Where each child, each day, feels warm, wanted,
welcome and wonderful – and the excitement of learning!**



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Welcome to the Elk Rapids Schools Child Care Programs!

We are happy to have your child with us in our program and look forward to creating a lasting relationship with you and your child. Thank you for choosing the “*Wee” Are ER Preschool Program, Kids’ Club* or *Summer Kids’ Club* program for your educational and child care needs. All of our programs are licensed by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) and provide outstanding care.

We are excited for the school year and look forward to helping your child grow and learn about the world around us. In keeping with this charge, we are providing our “*Participant Handbook 2020-2021*” to better acquaint you with the Policies and Procedures related to the programs we offer.

The rules and guidelines included are necessary to make our programs safe, effective places in which your child can grow socially and emotionally. Please be sure to read this handbook carefully and keep it handy for future reference; the Participant Handbook can be found on the www.erschools.com website under “*Schools - Lakeland Elementary or Mill Creek Elementary*” → “*Early Childhood Programs*” → “*Wee” Are ER Preschool*” → “*Handbooks/Forms*”. Program specific information and policies are found at the end of the handbook. You will receive a hardcopy of the handbook at the initial program enrollment, unless Parent/Guardian elected to receive all enrollment forms online. For any additional programs you enroll in, refer to the initial handbook received or review the handbook online.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Program Handbook policies, please contact your Program Director.

Welcome to the ELK Family!!

POLICIES & PROCEDURES: All programs

The Elk Rapids Schools Child Care Programs are designed to provide a nurturing and enriching experience for *Preschool, Kids' Club* and *Summer Kids' Club* students. The programs are sponsored by Elk Rapids Schools and are licensed by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA). Both Lakeland Elementary and Mill Creek Elementary Schools host programs. All children in the "*Wee*" Are ER *Preschool, Kids' Club* and *Summer Kids' Club* must be registered.

This Participant Handbook is provided for Parents to review Programs Policies for *Preschool, Kids' Club* and *Summer Kids' Club*. Supplemental program specific policies and information are located at the end of the handbook.

DEFINITIONS: All programs

- ❑ "All Programs" means "*Wee*" Are ER *Preschool, Kids' Club* and *Summer Kids' Club* for both Lakeland Elementary, licensed as "Lakeland Child Care #DC050097673", and Mill Creek Elementary, licensed as "Mill Creek Child Care, #DC280097674".
- ❑ "Parent" means a child's parent, parents, guardian, legal custodian or other legally responsible person.
- ❑ "Program Director" means a director who is at least 21 years of age, earned high school or GED diploma, has verified accredited college or university education with credentials recognized by the United States Department of Education, and has child-related field experience to be qualified and approved as Program Director.
- ❑ "Principal" means designated elementary school Principal.
- ❑ "Staff" means any compensated employee of the child care center.

ADMISSION: All programs

For **Preschool**, children/families will have priority based on previous enrollment in the program, previous waitlist status, number of days enrolled per week, and timely return of completed Enrollment Registration Form and non-refundable deposit to the Program Director. *

For **Kids' Club** and **Summer Kids' Club** - Open registration will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis until the program reaches capacity*. *** Pre-registration is necessary.**

Each child enrolling in the program must have the following completed forms on file before he/she can attend:

- Child Information Record (*BCAL-3731 Rev. 7-18 ed.*)
- Program Enrollment Registration Form
- Non-refundable Deposit
- Signed "Written Information Packet Documentation" form, one per family (*BCAL-4340*)
- *Preschool*: Health Appraisal (*MDHHS/BCAL-3305 Rev. July 2015*) with up-to-date immunizations AND signed/dated by Licensed Healthcare Professional
- *Preschool*: Copy of Birth Certificate (Staff can make a copy from original)
- *Summer Kids' Club*: Swimming/Suntan Release

WITHDRAWAL: All programs

The Program Director and the Principal reserve the right to remove a child from the program if his/her presence is deemed harmful to the welfare of the other children and/or staff. The Parent will be billed for the time in which the child was in attendance prior to removal. At the discretion of the Program Director and Principal, a student who has been removed from the program may be permitted to return on a probationary basis.

A Parent may elect to remove their child at any time, we would appreciate a one-week advance written notice when possible.

CALENDAR & HOURS - Schedule of Operations:

“WEE” ARE ER PRESCHOOL

“Wee” Are ER Preschool begins on the official first day of school for the district and ends on the last day of the school year, adhering to the yearly school district calendar. Completed Preschool Enrollment Registration form with non-refundable deposit is required. Separate enrollment registration form and non-refundable deposit required for *Kids’ Club* program.

Preschool is offered **Monday through Friday**
AM Half Day Preschool: 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM
Full Day Preschool: 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

“Wee” Are ER Preschool is **closed** on Professional Development Days, snow/weather days, and holidays according to the school district calendar.

KIDS’ CLUB

AM and PM Kids’ Club

AM/PM Kids’ Club begins on the official first day of school for the district and ends on the last day of the school year, adhering to the yearly school district calendar. Completed Enrollment registration form with non-refundable deposit is required. *Kids’ Club* is available for AM/PM, Professional Development Days, and Snow Days; check with the Program Director to confirm availability. **NOTE:** For “Wee” Are ER Preschool students, a separate *Kids’ Club* completed enrollment registration form and non-refundable deposit are required.

Kids’ Club is offered **Monday through Friday**
Kids’ Club Morning **AM Session:** 7:00 AM to 8:45 AM
Kids’ Club Afternoon **PM Session:** 3:48 PM to 6:00 PM

Lakeland:& Mill Creek: First half day of school: AM & PM KC are available for **enrolled/registered students**

Kids’ Club PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT Days

Kids’ Club will be available on **Professional Development Days** and will follow the school district calendar. Being enrolled in *Kids’ Club* is required; a separate sign up sheet will be available for each Professional Development Day. ★ Parent must provide a home lunch

Kids’ Club PD Day **Half Day Session:** 12:10 PM to 6:00 PM
Kids’ Club PD **Full Day Session:** 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Kids’ Club SNOW DAY

Kids’ Club will be available on **Snow/Inclement Weather Days** at the Mill Creek Elementary location. Being enrolled in *Kids’ Club* is required with a separate SNOW DAY enrollment form. ★ Parent must provide a home lunch

Kids’ Club Snow Day **Full Day Session:** Open 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM

“Wee” Are ER Preschool and AM/PM Kids’ Club: A snow day session credit will be given unless enrolled in *Kids’ Club* SNOW DAY option.

SUMMER Kids’ Club 2021

Summer Kids’ Club generally begins the Wednesday after the last official day of school. The program is offered **Monday through Friday**, June to August, exact dates to be determined. Completed Enrollment registration form with non-refundable deposit is required.

Summer Kids’ Club **Full Day Session:** Open from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Summer Kids’ Club **Half Day Session:** 5 hours or less of attendance per session

School year district calendar can be found online at: www.erschools.com

SCHOOL CANCELLATION:

In the event of a school cancellation because of severe weather, notification will be broadcast, usually by 7:00 AM, over the following radio and/or TV stations:

RADIO: WKHQ (106) Charlevoix; WKLT (97.5) Kalkaska; WLDR (102) Traverse City; WTCM (93.5) Traverse City; WCCW (107.5) Traverse City; WSRT (106.7) Traverse City and **TV Stations:** TV 7 & 4 and TV 9 & 10 Traverse City

DISCIPLINE POLICY: *All programs*

All programs have been developed to provide a warm, positive environment which meets that children's daily needs. There are times when discipline problems occur and need to be dealt with. The following discipline guidelines have been developed in support of this environment.

The Child Care Bill of Rights outlines the behavior expectations for all programs:

- ★ *We have the right to be safe at child care:* this means do not hit; do not push; do not hurt anyone.
- ★ *We have the right to be treated with kindness and respect at child care:* this means to be kind to all; be fair to all; do not hurt others' feelings.
- ★ *We have the right to hear and be heard at child care:* this means do not interrupt; do not disturb others.
- ★ *We have the right to have personal property respected at child care:* this means be careful with all things; do not take or mistreat things that belong to others.
- ★ *We have the right to attend a clean and orderly child care:* this means show respect for school property; clean shoes before entering the building; do not litter.
- ★ *We have the right to know that everyone is respected at child care:* this means be considerate; cooperate with adults and children; do not talk back.

Staff will use positive redirection and other methods of discipline, which will be handled on an individual basis with special emphasis on positive reinforcement that encourages self-control, self-direction, self-esteem, and cooperation. Verbal encouragement is used to reinforce positive behavior. If a problem arises, Parent will be notified and every effort will be made to improve the situation. The children are encouraged to solve problems through the use of words rather than through physical means.

The following means of punishment are prohibited:

- Hitting, spanking, shaking, biting, pinching, or inflicting other forms of corporal punishment.
- Restricting a child's movement by binding or tying.
- Inflicting mental or emotional punishment, such as humiliating, shaming, or threatening.
- Depriving a child of meals, snacks, rest, or necessary toilet use.
- Excluding a child from outdoor play or other gross motor activities.
- Excluding a child from daily learning experiences.
- Confining a child in an enclosed area, such as a closet, locked room, box, or similar cubicle.

Non-severe and developmentally appropriate discipline or restraint may be used when reasonably necessary, based on a child's development, to prevent a child from harming himself/herself or to prevent a child from harming other persons or property, excluding those forms of punishment prohibited and listed above.

In the case of unacceptable behavior, the Staff will help the child understand the situation and restate the limits. If the behavior continues, the child will be removed from the situation. Parent will be contacted if the behavior continues to be a problem. If the behavior problems persist the Program Director will consult with the building Principal in order to determine appropriate actions up to and including dismissal from the program.

If we feel that a child is not adjusting to the program, we will advise Parent and suggest other options.

SNACK, LUNCH and NUTRITION POLICY: *Specific programs*

SNACK:

Preschool students: A nutritious snack and drink will be provided each AM (10:00 AM) and PM (3:00 PM) session.

Kids' Club students: A nutritious snack and drink will be provided for the PM session (4:00 PM).

Summer Kids' Club and Snow Day students: A nutritious snack and drink will be provided for each AM (8:45 AM) and PM (3:00 PM) session.

If your child is on a special diet or is allergic to any type of food, please inform the Program Director so complications can be avoided.

Parent may provide an appropriate **snack** for special dietary needs or cultural preference (i.e.: low or no sugar, gluten free, dairy free, dye free, etc.) that may be kept at school and given to the child at snack time, a written agreement signed by the Parent is required. The program will ensure that a child is not deprived of a meal or snack, if the parent fails to provide it.

A daily menu for breakfast, lunch and snack will be visible and posted in the classroom with any food substitutions noted. (*Continued*)

SNACK, LUNCH and NUTRITION POLICY: *Specific programs (continued)*

LUNCH:

Preschool Full Day students @ 12:00 PM: Lunch is the parent's responsibility and should include a drink. We advise the use of a cold pack such as "Blue Ice" or freeze an extra juice box if items like lunch meat or yogurt are included in your child's lunch. If Parent fails to provide a lunch, the child will receive a school lunch and additional lunch fee will be added to child/Parent "Elk Rapids Schools Preschool Food Service" account.

During the school year, your child may participate in the school breakfast and/or hot lunch program, milk only or juice only option, there is a charge for this service. The "Elk Rapids Schools Preschool Food Service" account is separate from the "school-age children food accounts (students TK-5)" and each school will handle payment for Preschool food accounts separately.

Breakfast: \$1.00 Lunch: \$2.95 Milk Only: .40 Juice Only: .50

Summer Kids' Club and Snow Day Full Day students @ 11:30: Lunch is the parent's responsibility and should include a drink. We advise the use of a cold pack such as "Blue Ice" or freeze an extra juice box if items like lunch meat or yogurt are included in your child's lunch. **SKC** - Mill Creek Elementary School offers the Lunch Program "Meet up and eat up" FREE breakfast and lunch for all students under 18 years of age for select dates in June, July and August.

All school provided meals will be in accordance with the minimum meal requirements of the Child & Adult Food Program.

PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY: *All programs*

Our philosophy is to provide a safe, secure and stimulating environment. All programs will provide an atmosphere that will be conducive to meeting the physical, social/emotional and cognitive needs of the children it serves. The programs will exist in an open, relaxed setting that includes an underlying structure with flexibility in order to meet the individual needs of each child.

HEALTH REGULATIONS: *Program specific*

"Wee" Are ER Preschool students: All students are required by the State of Michigan to have a **completed Health Appraisal form/physical examination** with up-to-date **immunizations**, signed and dated by Licensed Healthcare Professional (*MDHHS/BCAL-3305 Rev. July 2015*) and **completed Child Information Record on file** (*BCAL-3731 Rev. 7-18 ed.*) prior to attending school.

Kids' Club, Snow Day, and Summer Kids' Club students: All students are required to by the State of Michigan to have a **completed good health/immunization/participation statement** (*health statement is located on Enrollment Form*) and **completed Child Information Record on file** (*BCAL-3731 Rev. 7-18 ed.*) prior to attending program.

ALL Allergies, Special Needs and Special Instructions must be noted on Child Information Record.

ALL immunizations must be up- to-date (or an authorized waiver on file) with Program Director or on-file in school office.

Children without proper paperwork will be EXCLUDED from the program until documentation is obtained.

We cannot provide care for your child if he/she is ill. If your child should become ill while in our care, Parent will be notified by phone (first option) or email (second option) when Staff observes changes in the child's health, experiences an accident or injury, or when a child is too ill to remain in the program. A child too ill to remain in the group will be placed in a separate area and will be cared for and observed until the Parent or other designated person arrives to pick them up.

A doctor's release may be requested before the child is readmitted to the program.

Parent will be notified in writing if any of the illnesses or diseases below have been experienced by any child in the classroom. Parents must notify the school and Antrim County Health Department (231-533-6255) or Grand Traverse County Health Department (231-995-6111) when a child has a communicable disease. Immediate warning permits the school to promptly notify Parents whose children may have been exposed so that preventative measures can be taken.

HEALTH REGULATIONS: *Program specific (continued on next page)*

HEALTH REGULATIONS: *Program specific (continued)*

A child or Program Staff should not attend ANY program if he/she has symptoms of illness. **To protect themselves and others, children should stay at home if they have ANY of the following symptoms:**

- Severe sore throat
- Runny nose that is thick, cloudy, green or yellow in discharge
- Temperature (Parent will be contacted if student temperature is 100 degrees or higher)
- Earache/discharge
- Lice
- Nausea or vomiting within the previous 12 hours
- Severe chest cough
- Skin rash
- Swollen glands
- Overly tired
- Diarrhea within the previous 12 hours
- Inflamed eye/discharge
- Sores on skin such as ringworm
- Any draining sore – until drainage stops or it can be properly treated/covered
- Any communicable disease, including, but not limited to: chicken pox, Fifth's disease, head lice, impetigo, mumps, pink eye, rubella, scabies and scarlet fever/strep throat

ABSENCES and SICK DAYS: *All programs*

If your child is sick or will not be attending, please notify us in advance whenever possible. You can report absences during school hours to the Program Director at school by direct phone contact or leaving a voicemail message. **Reminder: *Preschool, Kids' Club, Snow Day, and Summer Kids' Club Sessions - tuition fees are charged based on enrollment, not attendance. There is no credit for sick days and no "sick-day exchanges" and no "day swapping"*.**

It is important that we know when your child will not be attending the program. If we are not notified of your child's absence, the Staff will begin trying to locate the child by calling Parent or Emergency Contacts listed on the Child Information Record.

MEDICATION POLICY: *All programs*

Medication, prescription or non-prescription, will be given to a child by Adult Staff only and only with prior written permission from a Parent. All medication shall be in its original container, stored according to instructions, and clearly labeled for named child. Prescription medication shall have the Pharmacy label indicating the following: physician's name, child's name, instructions, and name and strength of the medication and will be given according to those instructions* (*unless notified in writing by physician of change in label dispensing directions).

Medication Authorization form must be filled out and signed by the Parent (*Form BCAL-1243 (Rev. 1-16)*) and on file before medicine can be administered. The program will maintain a record as to the time and amount of medication given with the signature of the Adult Staff administering the medication. Topical nonprescription medication, including, but not limited to sunscreen and insect repellent, requires written parental authorization annually. Emergency medication for Preschool students will be kept in the classroom in a secure location (ie. epi pen).

EMERGENCY PROCEDURE for Accidents, Injury, Illness or Incident: *All programs*

The *Child Information Record (BCAL-3731 (Rev. 7-18))* is very important in case an emergency occurs and contact with the Parent is necessary. All phone numbers, release of child and medical information must be up-to-date, including any allergies, special needs or special instructions in order to facilitate our contacting you. Please notify us of any changes that may occur throughout the year.

In the event of accident, injury, illness or incident, every effort shall be made to verbally notify Parent by phone or provide written communication by email with the Parent or designated person indicated on the Child Information Record as soon as accident, injury, illness or incident occurs. If we are unable to contact the Parent, Emergency Contact instructions on the card will be implemented. The Parent will be responsible for any incurred medical expenses. For serious injury, illness, or incident, Parent notified immediately by phone (first method) or email (second method); Minor injury, Parent will be notified at pick-up or dismissal time.

In the event of an **emergency**, the following steps will be taken:

- Immediate first aid will be provided as necessary
- Staff will evaluate the situation and call for backup assistance as needed. Assistance could be from the office, classroom assistant, custodian, or any staff member, depending on the urgency of the situation. (*Continued on next page*)

EMERGENCY PROCEDURE for Accidents, Injury, Illness or Incident: *All programs (continued)*

- Contact the main office and building Principal (during school hours and summer program).
- Call 9-1-1 if the situation is critical.
- Notify the Parent immediately by phone or email. If not able to reach the Parent, call emergency contact as listed on Child Information Record.
- Determine what action Parent or emergency contact would like taken.
- Complete and Incident/Accident Report Form (BCAL-4605)

In the event of an **incident**, the following steps will be taken:

- *Verbal report* to licensing within 24 hours and *written report* to licensing within 72 hours of the verbal report using Incident Report (BCAL-4605) if:
 - A child is lost or left unsupervised
 - An incident involving allegation of inappropriate contact
 - The death of a child in care
 - A fire on the premises of the center that requires the use of fire suppression equipment or results in the loss of life or property
 - The center is evacuated for any reason (not including drills)
- Within 24 hours after child care center receives notice that a special investigation by Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) classified as high risk is being conducted, center will make a good faith effort to *verbally notify* each Parent: (a) If child was in center care at site and time of incident being investigated; (b) If individual being investigated is still present at center at time of investigation, children who have or will come into contact with individual being investigated as long as that individual is present at the child care center. The center shall send *Written notification* to each Parent within 1 business day after good faith attempt of verbal notification will be given by 1 of the following: mail service, facsimile transmission or electronic mail. If after completion of special investigation, LARA makes a determination there are no substantial rule violations, LARA shall provide center with written notification that the center may share with Parents who received initial notice. LARA shall make the information provided available to public on their website.

EXTENDED TIME OFF REQUEST (7 DAY PRIOR WRITTEN NOTICE): *Program specific*

All program tuition is billed a week in advance and allows for pre-planned "Extended Time Off". This option can be used for pre-planned doctor appointments, vacation day, etc. "Day-swapping" is not allowed. By submitting appropriate form to Program Director (*form titled "Request for "Extended Time Off"* located in the classroom), 7 days ahead of desired time off, your account can be adjusted as follows:

- ***For PRESCHOOL:*** **Limit of 5 (five) "tuition fee-waived" days** (a half-day and/or a full day count as 1 day respectively toward the limit) are allowable beyond school calendar holidays or snow/weather days; (pro-rated if enrolled after January 1); the ***7-day prior written notice applies***. If written notice is not received 7 days prior, credit may not be given.
- ***For KIDS' CLUB, SNOW DAY and SUMMER KIDS' CLUB:*** You will not be charged for extended time off, if a ***7 (seven) day PRIOR WRITTEN notice*** is given to the Program Director 7 days ahead of requested time off. If written notice is not received 7 days prior, credit may not be given.

CHECK-IN / CHECK-OUT PROCEDURES: *All programs*

Children must be signed into and signed out of program's "attendance sheet", **each day by an Adult** including arrival time and departure time with Parent signature at departure.

Parent must escort the child to and from the designated program area each day. **Exception:** Child arriving to school in AM/PM by school bus then going to AM/PM Kids' Club or Preschool **or** child from end of school day classroom to Kids' Club - Adult Staff will note arrival time on "attendance sheet".

When children are being picked up from the program at any time, Parent must come into the room, notify the teacher and sign child out on the "attendance sheet". Please notify the Staff by **written note** (or phone call in an emergency), if there will be **any change in your child's arrival or departure schedule**. Unless notified in writing, the Staff will only release your child to an authorized person as indicated on the *Child Information Record*. For the safety of your child, a Staff member may request photo identification when someone on the *Child Information Record* is picking your child up (Staff may not be familiar with your authorized emergency contact). Children will **NOT** be allowed to leave on their own unless prior written authorization is received from the Parent (including details of release plan/time). **PARKING:** Please park in marked, designated parking area. Do not park in front of the school next to the sidewalk, as the buses will be preparing to load/unload in that area.

The safety of the children in our care is of the utmost importance. If there is any suspicion of intoxication involving the Parent picking up the child, Staff will work with this Parent to contact other Parent or Emergency Contact (from *Child Information Record*) prior to releasing the child from care. If the Parent suspected of intoxication insists on leaving with the child, Staff will be required to inform local law enforcement.

“DROP IN” POLICY: *Preschool, Kids’ Club & Summer Kids’ Club*

Once enrolled in the program (child must be pre-registered with completed enrollment paperwork and deposit paid), if an occasional extra day or session is needed, and space is available & approved by Program Director with a 24 hour notice given, a child may attend with an extra \$1.00 additional charge applied in addition to current program tuition fee. This is called “Drop-in”.

EARLY DROP-OFF or LATE PICK-UP POLICY: *All programs*

Parents who arrive BEFORE or AFTER regular program hours to drop off or pick up their children will be charged a fee of **\$1.00 per minute, per child**, starting before regular program hours OR for programs that end promptly at 6:00 PM. Parent will incur a fee if dropped off prior to 7:00 AM for Kids’ Club, Snow Day, and Summer Kids’ Club, or picked up after 6:05 PM. Please be courteous to our Staff regarding starting time and dismissal pick up time. If a child is not picked up at closing, we will begin calling Parent, listed emergency contacts, and law enforcement if parent or emergency contact are not able to be reached.

OUTSIDE TIME: *All programs*

The children play outside everyday, weather permitting. Extremely cold or rainy days are the only exceptions. Children need to have clothing that is appropriate for the weather. Boots are needed frequently due to mud on the playground. In cold weather, snow pants, hats, gloves and a warm jacket are a necessity to keep the children warm and dry.

FIELD TRIP TRANSPORTATION: *All programs*

Children may be taking field trips during the school year and summer program. When field trips require transportation, children will be transported by Elk Rapids Schools’ school bus. Parent will give written permission annually for routine transportation. Any transportation not considered routine, such as field trips, require a signed permission slip prior to departing for field trip. Program Director will provide written permission slip and additional cost (if applicable) for each field trip, or a listing of multiple field trips, for the Parent to give permission including field trip date, departure & arrival time, location and cost. If you do not want your child to attend one of the scheduled field trips, you will need to find alternative care for your child on that day.

ROUTINE BUS TRANSPORTATION: *For Preschool*

Elk Rapids Schools provides bus transportation for children enrolled in the “Wee” Are ER Preschool, restrictions do apply. The bus is available approximately 3 weeks AFTER the actual beginning of school. Parent will be notified by the Transportation Department when pick up/drop off is available. Please DO NOT assume that a Preschool student can ride to school with an older child.

Your child must be enrolled with the Transportation Department and have completed paperwork and approval **PRIOR** to riding any school bus. This is due to schedule & route adjustments that occur at the start of the new school year. The State of Michigan Department of LARA has rules in place for the amount of time a Preschool age student can ride the bus, this is a rule we strictly adhere to due to changes at the beginning of the school year. The Program Director supplies Bus Transportation Forms for Parent to complete.

BUS TRANSPORTATION Contact: Karen Sniogowski

Office: (231) 264-9321

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STATE OF MICHIGAN CHILD DEVELOPMENT & CARE PROGRAM (CDC): *All programs*

All Elk Rapids Schools Child Care programs participate in the State of Michigan Child Development and Care (CDC) program offered for qualifying participants. This program is a child care subsidy offered by the State of Michigan to offset the cost of child care for families. Parent must contact local county CDC agency** for approval and program questions.

Each Parent is responsible to pay all of the weekly fees until CDC program authorization is received by Elk Rapids Schools Billing Coordinator. Parent should apply for services and receive authorization directly through the CDC for childcare reimbursement. After authorization is received, the Parent must complete a separate “attendance sheet” that is provided by the Billing Coordinator and located under the program specific “attendance sheet”. The Billing Coordinator submits the attendance time to the State of Michigan for reimbursement using this separate attendance form.

Parent account will be credited as Elk Rapids Schools receives payment from the State of Michigan. All CDC payments are made directly to Elk Rapids Schools. These payments may not cover the full amount of your entire child care costs.

The maximum amount CDC will pay is \$3.70*/\$3.80* per hour (*rate effective 1-20-2020 for 3 Star rating in Great Start to Quality). Parents are responsible for paying any difference between Program fees and the amount paid by CDC. Billing Coordinator is able to help answer any questions you may have about this program. Parent is responsible for program deposit, deposit up to \$65.00 reimbursed by CDC.

**CDC Agency Contacts: *Antrim County* 231-533-8664 / *Grand Traverse County* 231-941-3900 / *Kalkaska County* 231-258-8606

CREDIT BALANCES: *All programs*

Please be aware that we rely on your financial support to maintain our programs. If your tuition fees are not paid, we cannot pay our expenses. It is necessary to have tuition fees paid, in full and on time. At the end of the school year, families can request a refund, to the Billing Coordinator, if the account has a credit balance remaining over \$25.00 (credit does not include refund of the non-refundable deposit). If your child will be attending an upcoming program, your balance will be carried forward to apply to tuition fees for the next session. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

TUITION PAYMENT & STATEMENTS: *All programs*

Fees are subject to change annually. **We operate on a prepaid basis. You are responsible to pay a week in advance for days your child is scheduled to attend. Fees are charged for all the days a child is enrolled, not as attended. There will be no refund, “make-up days” or day exchanges for sick days or day-swapping/exchanges.**

- All programs accept and prefer: Checks or Money Orders payable to “*Elk Rapids Schools*”
- Cash (*Please ask Staff Member for Receipt prior to placing payment in Drop Box*)
- Adjustments will be made when the program is not in session (*such as: school calendar holidays, PD or snow/weather days*)
- Payment must be received by **Friday** of the current week for the week in advance for days your child is scheduled to attend
- A minimum of 2 payments per month are required; unless prior written arrangements have been made with Billing Coordinator
- There should be no past due balance
- A current or prior outstanding balance will preclude your child from enrollment in all district child care programs (**no exceptions**)

Those who wish to discontinue the program are responsible to give **one week notice, or pay fees for one week to make up for lack of notice**. If you are contacted two times or more by the Billing Coordinator regarding an outstanding balance either by notice on tuition statement or phone call, a late fee of \$10.00 will be applied to your account. Additional late payments will result in discontinuation of services.

Each WEEK you will be provided an EMAIL statement of your account payment activity. If your email address changes, please update with the Billing Coordinator. The Billing Coordinator will email a weekly statement of the current month’s account payment activity. For payment issues, Billing Coordinator will use Parent contact methods of: verbal/phone contact and/or written statement reminders of need to make a payment. Accounts with significant past due balances may be referred to a collection agency. Parent experiencing payment difficulties are encouraged to work with the Billing Coordinator or school Principal as soon as possible so as to avoid having to withdraw a child from the program. Communication with the Billing Coordinator is extremely important, please participate in communication efforts.

At the beginning of a program, the **first week** of attendance will be billed as attended from the sign in/sign out daily “attendance sheets”. **Beginning with the second week** of the program, tuition will be billed as you have enrolled, until the parent gives notice to the Program Director of change in schedule. This allows for adjustments in schedule that are typical at the start of a program. If you have an attendance schedule change at any time, please contact the Program Director directly.

Annual child care expenses paid **tax statements** will be provided via email to all current enrolled families by request only.

A “*Wee*” Are ER Preschool or Summer Kids’ Club account balance that exceeds \$300.00 at any given time; or Kids’ Club account balance that exceeds \$150.00 at any given time, will be subject to your child being removed from all programs until your balance is paid in full.

For accounts that become past due or over \$150.00 or \$300.00 balance:

- 1.** First step, email/tuition statement notification: A email/tuition statement notification will be sent/given stating your account is past due.
- 2.** Second step, warning: You will receive a email/tuition statement notification, stating that if your account is not paid by a specified date, then your child may be removed from the program until the balance is paid in full. A letter may also be mailed/given stating the same warning if Parent does not use email.
- 3.** A Payment Plan may be offered on accounts with a significant balance, please discuss with the Billing Coordinator.

PESTICIDE MANAGEMENT: *All programs*

Parents will be notified that a pesticide application occurs and will receive advance notice prior to each application. Indoor application only when rooms will be unoccupied for at least 4 hours. This is considered the Annual notice for September.

STAFF/VOLUNTEER COMPREHENSIVE BACKGROUND CHECK: *All programs*

Licensee, Program Director, childcare Staff ages 14 and up, and Volunteers with unsupervised contact with the child care children will complete “**Comprehensive Background Check**” as described below:

- Fingerprint (FBI/MSP check)
 - NCIC Sex Offender Check
 - Central Registry Check (Child Abuse/Neglect: CA/N)
 - Disciplinary Action Check
 - Check the State Criminal and CA/N Registry for any states of residence in the past 5 years.
 - All Staff will sign a “Staff and Volunteer Screening Statement” regarding knowledge of the **Child Protection Law** and understand their responsibility under this law.
 - All Volunteers shall not be left unsupervised when in the presence of children and will have a “Staff and Volunteer Screening Statement” form signed, dated and on file at the center.
 - Staff and Volunteers who volunteer at least four hours per week for more than two consecutive weeks will have a negative TB test on file.
 - Elk Rapids Schools will not extend employment opportunities to persons with criminal background history regarding child abuse and/or neglect.
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CHILD PROTECTION LAW POLICY: *All programs*

The law requires that child care providers, Staff members, volunteers as well as other professionals who come into regular contact with children must report suspected child abuse and neglect to the Department of Health & Human Services. If a parent or other adult has concerns about the safety of the children in child care at Elk Rapids Schools it is the responsibility of the parent or other adult to initiate an investigation by contacting Michigan Department Health & Human Services at **855-444-3911**.

NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT: *All programs*

It is the district policy of Elk Rapids Schools not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, religion, military status, or ancestry in its educational programs or activities.

LICENSING NOTEBOOK AVAILABILITY: *All programs*

Child care centers must maintain a licensing notebook which includes all licensing inspection reports, special investigation reports and all related Corrective Action Plans (CAP).

- The licensing notebook is available to parents during regular business hours
 - Licensing inspection and special investigation reports from at least the past 2 years are available on the child care licensing website at **www.michigan.gov/michildcare**.
 - The licensing notebook contains all the licensing inspection and special investigation reports and related corrective action plans since May 2010. A notebook is located in the *Preschool*, and *Kids’ Club/Summer Kids’ Club* room/cart.
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PHONE NUMBERS (area code 231)

- ❑ Lakeland Elementary: main office 264-8289
- ❑ Lakeland: Linda Dart, Program Director Preschool & Kids’ Club 264-8289, ext. 4104
- ❑ Lakeland: Wendy Fox, Billing Coordinator 264-8289, ext. 4170
- ❑ Lakeland: Joann Miracle, Program Director Summer Kids Club 264-8289
- ❑ Mill Creek Elementary: main office 267-9955
- ❑ Mill Creek: Kathy Lee, Program Director Preschool 267-9955, ext. 5101
- ❑ Mill Creek: Cathan Wright, Kids’ Club Contact 267-9955
- ❑ Mill Creek: Wendy Fox, Billing Coordinator 267-9955, ext. 5153
- ❑ Mill Creek: Joann Miracle, Program Director Summer Kids Club 267-9955
- ❑ Jess Ziecina, Early Childhood Director, both schools 264-8289, 267-9955

- ❑ Transportation: Karen Sniegowski Office: 264-9321

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- PRESCHOOL

ADMISSION, DEPOSIT, TUITION FEES & SCHEDULES:

A child must be **3 years of age and fully toilet trained** to enroll in the “Wee” Are E. R. Preschool. Fully toilet-trained means that the child knows when he/she has to use the bathroom, can manage most of his/her self-help needs when toileting and is able to communicate his/her toileting needs to an adult Staff member in a timely manner.

Children/families will have priority based on previous enrollment in the program, previous waitlist status, the number of days per week enrolled, and timely return of completed Enrollment Registration Form and non-refundable deposit to the Program Director. Children must be enrolled for 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 consistent days per week. Children seem to adapt to a group setting easily when a routine is followed on a consistent basis. Each child enrolled in Preschool must have the completed enrollment form, non-refundable deposit, Health Appraisal including Immunizations, and Child Information Record on file before he/she can attend. **Tuition is based on sessions enrolled, not attendance.** There will be no refund, “make-up days” or day exchanges for sick days. “Extended time off” is available when 7 day prior written notice is received by the Program Director. If you have an attendance schedule change at any time, please contact the Program Director directly.

Limit of 5 “tuition fee-waived” days using “Request for “Extended Time Off” form (a half-day and/or a full day count as 1 day respectively toward the limit) are allowable beyond school calendar holidays, snow/ice days (pro-rated if enrolled after January 1); **7-day prior written notice applies.** If you desire to remove your child for an extended period of time, please discuss with Program Director.

The **non-refundable DEPOSIT** will be applied as a credit to your account and will secure your child’s spot in our program:

- Non-refundable deposit: **\$50.00** for first child
- Non-refundable deposit: **\$25.00** for each additional child

Once enrolled in the program, extra days may be added if there is space available. If an occasional extra day is needed, and is approved by the Program Director, a **\$1.00 per day** additional “**drop in**” charge will apply.

An outstanding balance will preclude your child from enrollment in all district child care programs. An account balance that exceeds \$300.00 at any given time, will be subject to your child being removed from all programs until your balance is paid in full.

Preschool Tuition Fees & Deposit:

	Half Day	Full Day	Deposit
First Child Tuition & Deposit:	\$ 23.00 per Half Day 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM	\$ 33.00 per Full Day 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM	\$50.00 non-refundable deposit
Each Additional Child Tuition & Deposit:	\$ 20.00 per Half Day 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM	\$ 26.00 per Full Day 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM	\$25.00 non-refundable deposit

CLOTHING:

Parent must provide a change of clothing as appropriate for their child’s needs. Please label your child’s items and place them in a ziplock bag to keep in your child’s locker.

QUIET TIME:

The children have quiet time everyday for full day Preschool attendance. This lasts approximately 30 to 60 minutes. The State of Michigan requires quiet time to be included for all children of this age in school all day. Washable mats will be provided for your child to rest on during this time. Parents need to provide a blanket or towel for use during rest time, please label with the child's name. Rest time items will be returned to the Parent as scheduled for proper cleaning/washing and return to Preschool for rest time use.

No child is required to sleep, but each child is asked to rest quietly. The rest time may include soft music playing, books or quiet activities such as coloring or puzzles.

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CLASSROOM CURRICULUM:

Activities will be presented that nurture a positive self-image and promote positive feelings toward others. Activities will be presented in both small and large groups as well as on a one-to-one basis. Time for children to explore and play, both indoors and outdoors, will be available each day. Experiences provided will take into consideration all areas that are important to the development of young children-physical, social/emotional, cognitive and language development. The “Wee” Are E.R. Preschool Program adheres to and develops all programming around the Department of Education’s Michigan Early Childhood Standards of Quality for Pre-Kindergarten.

Both **Lakeland Elementary** and **Mill Creek Elementary** “Wee” Are E.R. Preschool programs use Core Knowledge Language Arts® (CKLA). This is a comprehensive, scientifically based early childhood curriculum that has been shown to improve cognitive and social/emotional outcomes in young children. We use “**Teaching Strategies Gold**” as our assessment tool and have earned **3 Stars** in the **Great Start to Quality program** (<http://www.greatstarttoquality.org>). We also use *Second Step-Social-Emotional Skills for Early Learning*©, teaching social emotional skills to jumpstart your preschooler’s school readiness skills.

Our Preschool staff works in close collaboration with the elementary Kindergarten staff to ensure your preschooler has a smooth transition into Kindergarten.

DAILY ACTIVITIES:

Preschool Typical Daily Routine:

Center time activities may include:

8:30-8:45 Student arrival 8:30-9:00 Acquaintance time and free choice play 9:00-9:30 Large Motor Activities, Calendar/Weather 9:30-10:00 Bathroom Break/Snack 10:00-10:15 Story/Circle Time 10:15-10:30 Small group activities 10:30-11:00 Outside time 11:00-11:45 Center time activities 11:45-12:00 Songs 12:00-12:45 Lunch 12:45-1:15 Bathroom/Teeth brushing 1:15-2:30 Rest Time/Quiet Activities 2:30-3:00 Bathroom Break/Snack time 3:00-3:30 Outside time/Free Choice Play 3:30-4:00 Backpacks and line up for student dismissal/parent pick up or bus *Music & Library weekly - scheduled day subject to change	Manipulatives and games Exploration and discovery Variety of creative art activities using different mediums Experiences to encourage self-help skills Individual and group reading Activities that build creative thinking skills Dramatic play
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ADMISSION, DEPOSIT, TUITION FEES & SCHEDULES:

Kids' Club is a before and after school program designed to provide a nurturing and enriching experience for all students in the Elk Rapids Elementary Schools from **Preschool (age 3 and fully toilet trained) through 5th grade (age 12)**. Children enrolled in *Kids' Club* must be attending one of the elementary schools in Elk Rapids. Each child enrolled in the program must have the completed enrollment registration form, non-refundable deposit, and Child Information Record on file before he/she can attend. **Tuition is based on sessions enrolled, not attendance**. There will be no refund, "make-up days" or day exchanges for sick days. "Extended time off" is available when 7 day prior written notice is received by the Program Director. If you have an attendance schedule change at any time, please contact the Program Director directly. ~ For children enrolled in "Wee" Are ER Preschool, this is a separate enrollment form and deposit. ~

Regularly scheduled students:

Children may be enrolled for 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 regular/consistent days of the week Monday through Friday as:

- Morning **AM Session:** 7:00 AM to 8:45 AM
- Afternoon **PM Session:** 3:48 PM to 6:00 PM
- Or **combined AM & PM session**
- And on select **Professional Development (PD)** afternoon and/or full days:
 - **Half Day Session:** 12:10 PM to 6:00 PM
 - **Full Day Session:** 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM

The **non-refundable DEPOSIT** will be applied as a credit to your account and will secure your child's spot in our program:

- Non-refundable deposit: **\$50.00** for first child
- Non-refundable deposit: **\$25.00** for each additional child

Kids' Club Schedule Tuition Fees & Deposit:

	AM or PM Per Session	PD Half Day	PD Full Day	Deposit
First Child Tuition & Deposit:	PER Session AM and/or PM: \$ 8.00	PD Half Day \$18.00	PD Full Day Day \$36.00	\$50.00 non-refundable deposit
Each Additional Child Tuition & Deposit:	PER Session AM and/or PM: \$ 6.50	PD Half Day \$14.00	PD Full Day Day \$27.00	\$25.00 non-refundable deposit

- **Occasional Use/Drop-in Only Students:** Tuition rates in schedule above will have an **additional \$1.00** added to each session, per child.

Kids' Club OCCASIONAL USE Students Pre-payment Deposit:

This option is intended for families who need to use the program occasionally during the school year.

Pre-payment Deposit must accompany enrollment form and Child Information Record. Deposit will be applied as a credit to the initial tuition statement. There is an **additional \$1.00 charge for drop-in care** and is subject to space available with a 24 hour advance notice to the Program Director.

- Deposit: **\$18.00** for First Child (*Deposit is equivalent to 2 drop-in sessions*)
- Deposit: **\$15.00** for Each Additional Child (*Deposit is equivalent to 2 drop-in sessions*)

A current or prior outstanding balance will preclude your child from enrollment in all district child care programs. A *Kids' Club* account balance that exceeds \$150.00 at any given time, will be subject to your child being removed from all programs until your balance is paid in full.

DAILY ACTIVITIES:

AM Kids' Club Typical Daily Routine

PM Kids' Club Typical Daily Routine

7:00 am Children begin to arrive & Parent checks child in 7-8:00 Choice time: craft, puzzles, games, read, finish homework 8-8:30 Large motor activity (outdoor or gym time) 8:30 Children dismissed for school breakfast (if applicable, with additional charge from school cafeteria) 8:45 Children dismissed for school classes	3:45-4:00 pm Children arrive & Staff checks child in 4:00-4:15 Snack (included in program cost) 4:15-4:45 Large motor activity (outdoor or gym) 4:45-5:30 Choice time: craft, homework, library, computer lab 5:30-6:00 Games, puzzles, homework, prepare to go home & Parent sign out
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- SNOW DAY

ADMISSION, DEPOSIT, TUITION FEES & SCHEDULE: **Program location is Mill Creek Elementary**

Kids' Club Snow Day Program is a program designed to provide a nurturing and enriching experience for students in the Elk Rapids Elementary Schools. Children enrolled in *Kids' Club Snow Day Program* must be attending one of the elementary schools in Elk Rapids. Each child enrolled in the program must submit the non-refundable deposit* (*If a child is currently enrolled in the school year Kids' Club Program, additional deposit is **NOT** required), and completed enrollment form, Child Information Record, and Health Statement (located on enrollment form) must be on file before he/she can attend. **Tuition is based on sessions enrolled, not attendance.** There will be no refund, "make-up days" or day exchanges for sick days. If you have an attendance schedule change at any time, please contact the Program Director directly.

If child is enrolled for "Snow Day ONLY" sessions, the **non-refundable DEPOSIT is required** and will be applied as a credit to your account and will secure your child's spot in our program:

- Non-refundable deposit: **\$36.00** for first child
- Non-refundable deposit: **\$27.00** for each additional child

Snow Day Options, Tuition, & Billing:

- Snow Day Options are: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
- Parent can select ANY Snow Day that occurs during the week; select 1 day or multiple days
- Child is expected to attend *Kids' Club* on ANY Snow Day that occurs (Staff will be scheduled according to days registered)
- It is Parent's responsibility to notify Program Director if requested days change, or are no longer needed
- Parent will be billed for enrolled Snow Day, even if child doesn't attend
- Snow Day tuition will be billed the week following the Snow Day
- Parent to provide a home packed lunch
- Children will receive an AM and PM snack, please notify Program Director of any food allergies
- A current or prior outstanding balance will preclude your child from enrollment in all district child care programs. A *Kids' Club* account balance that exceeds \$150.00 at any given time, will be subject to your child being removed from all programs until your balance is paid in full.

Hours:

- **Full Day Session:** Open from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Kids' Club Snow Day Tuition Fees & Deposit:

First Child Tuition & Deposit:	Full Day Session \$36.00	\$36.00 non-refundable Deposit
Each additional Child Tuition & Deposit:	Full Day Session \$27.00	\$27.00 non-refundable Deposit

Kids' Club Snow Day Typical Daily Routine:

7:00-8:45 am Arrival, free choice time
8:45-9:20 Clean up choice time, handwashing, morning snack
9:30-10:45 Outside play or gym
10:45-11:30 Group arts and craft
11:30-12:15 pm Clean up, handwashing, lunch
12:15-1:00 Outside play or gym
1:00-1:30 Quiet time
1:30-2:30 Free choice
2:30-3:00 OTTER (Our Time To Enjoy Reading or Book Look)
3:00-3:35 Handwashing, snack
3:35-4:20 Outside play or gym
4:20-5:00 Games, cards, puzzles, etc.
5:00-6:00 Quiet activity, dismissal

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ADMISSION, DEPOSIT, TUITION FEES & SCHEDULES:

The *Summer Kids' Club* (SKC) program is sponsored by Elk Rapids Schools and licensed by the State of Michigan LARA and takes place at both Lakeland and Mill Creek Elementary Schools.

Summer staff will include a Program Director with a minimum of two years college education, experience with children and coursework that includes child development, education, recreation and/or physical education. Staff are required to have previous experience working with children, be at least 18 years of age and have a high school diploma. All staff are required to be certified in CPR and First Aid.

Summer Kids' Club is designed to provide a nurturing and enriching experience for **school-age students entering TK/K (age 4 yrs./9 mos.) through Fifth Grade (age 12)**. All children in *Summer Kids' Club* must be registered. Children may be enrolled 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 days per week and the program is available Monday through Friday. Each child enrolled in SKC must have the non-refundable deposit, completed enrollment form and Child Information Record on file before they can attend. **Tuition is based on sessions enrolled, not attendance**. There will be no refund, "make-up days" or day exchanges for sick days. "Extended time off" is available when 7 day prior written notice is received by the Program Director. If you have an attendance schedule change at any time, please contact the Program Director directly.

Summer Kids' Club 2021 is tentatively scheduled to begin the Wednesday after the last official day of school and is available for the full day or half day session. The program is offered **Monday through Friday**, June to August, exact dates to be determined. Enrollees will be notified prior to the beginning of the *SKC* program of the official start/end dates. The *SKC* program may be closed for the holiday of July 4, to be determined.

The non-refundable DEPOSIT will be applied as a credit to your account and will secure your child's spot in our program:

- Non-refundable deposit: **\$50.00** for first child
- Non-refundable deposit: **\$25.00** for each additional child

Once enrolled in the program, extra days may be added if there is space available. If an occasional extra day is needed, and is approved by the Program Director, a **\$1.00** per day additional "drop in" charge will apply.

Full Day Session: Open from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Half Day Session: 5 hours or less of attendance per session

Summer Kids' Club Tuition Fees & Deposit:

	Half Day	Full Day	Deposit
First Child Tuition & Deposit:	\$18.00 per Half Day 5 hours or less	\$36.00 per Full Day	\$50.00 non-refundable deposit
Each Additional Child Tuition & Deposit:	\$14.00 per Half Day 5 hours or less	\$27.00 per Full Day	\$25.00 non-refundable deposit

An outstanding balance will preclude your child from enrollment in all district child care programs. An account balance that exceeds \$300.00 at any given time, will be subject to your child being removed from all programs until your balance is paid in full.

FIELD TRIP TRANSPORTATION:

Staff and children will be taking field trips during the summer program. When field trips require transportation, children will be transported by an Elk Rapids Schools' school bus. Any transportation not considered routine, such as field trips, require a signed permission slip prior to departing for field trip. The Program Director will provide written permission slip listing single or multiple field trips for the Parent to give permission including field trip date, departure & arrival time, location and cost. Some field trips do have an additional fee that is **not included** in the daily tuition rate.

If you do not want your child to attend one of the scheduled field trips, you will need to find alternative care for your child on that day.

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WHAT TO BRING TO SUMMER KIDS' CLUB:

- Wear clothes suited for the weather and for both indoor and outdoor activities
- **Closed toed shoes should be worn at camp at all times** and especially on field trips (please limit the use of “flip-flop”/sandals)
- Always bring a jacket or sweatshirt as the weather changes constantly
- Bring a small backpack to carry sunglasses, a hat, towel, etc.
- Pack a lunch (**NOTE:** Mill Creek Elementary will provide FREE breakfast & lunch for children 18 years of age or younger during the Lunch Program “Meet Up & Eat Up” Program during specific dates in June, July & August. This is subject to change if the Lunch Program does NOT use Mill Creek location.)
- Bring a water bottle labeled with your child’s name, since we will not always be near drinking water
- Sunscreen, labeled with your child’s name (check often to see when it should be replenished)
- Swimsuit and towel
- Extra clothing (labeled with child’s name)
- Blanket/Pillow for rest time
- Book for quiet time reading (if desired, otherwise classrooms have books available)
- Valuable/Electronic items should not be brought to the SKC program as Elk Rapids Schools is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

DAILY ACTIVITIES:

The *Summer Kids' Club* Program will be formatted around structured daily activities to include story time, physical fitness and movement; learning and play centers, arts and crafts; lunch, snack time (8:45 AM & 3:00 PM), outside time and a required quiet/rest time each day. No child is required to sleep, but each child is asked to rest quietly. The rest time may include soft music playing, quiet activities such as reading, coloring or puzzles. Washable mats will be provided for your child to rest on during this time. Parent to provide blanket and pillow.

The program will also include participation in the *Elk Rapids Library Summer Reading Program*, regularly scheduled field trips and a summer’s end celebration. Weekly newsletters of the current week activities will be emailed to you, and will include information on activities for the upcoming week.

In essence, we are going to have lots of fun with your child!

Summer Kids' Club Typical Daily Routine:

7:00-8:45 am Arrival, free choice time
8:45-9:20 Pick up, handwashing, morning snack
9:30-10:45 Outside play or gym
10:45-11:30 Group arts and craft
11:30-12:15 pm Clean up, handwashing, lunch
12:15-1:00 Outside play
1:00-1:30 Quiet time
1:30-2:30 Free choice
2:30-3:00 OTTER (Our Time To Enjoy Reading)
3:00-3:35 Handwashing, snack
3:35-4:20 Outside play
4:20-5:00 Games, cards, puzzles, etc.
5:00-6:00 Quiet activity, dismissal

WRITTEN INFORMATION PACKET DOCUMENTATION

Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
Bureau of Community and Health Systems

Child(ren)'s Name(s): 1. 2. 3.	Center Name: <i>Lakeland Child Care OR Mill Creek Child Care</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● <i>“Wee” Are ER Preschool 2020-2021</i>● <i>Kids’ Club 2020-2021</i>● <i>Summer Kids’ Club 2021</i>
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A written information packet (“**Participant Handbook 2020-2021**”) has been provided at the time of enrollment. The packet includes all of the following information:

- ❖ Criteria for admission and withdrawal.
- ❖ Schedule of operation, denoting hours, days, and holidays during which the center is open and services provided.
- ❖ Fee policy.
- ❖ Discipline policy.
- ❖ Food service policy.
- ❖ Program philosophy.
- ❖ Typical daily routine.
- ❖ Parent notification plan for accidents, injuries, incidents, illnesses.
- ❖ Exclusion policy for child illnesses.
- ❖ Notice of the availability of the center’s licensing notebook.
 - The licensing notebook contains all the licensing inspection and special investigation reports and related corrective action plans since May 28, 2010.
 - The licensing notebook is available to parents during regular business hours.
 - Licensing inspection and special investigation reports from at least the past two years are available on the child care licensing website at **www.michigan.gov/childcare**.

❖ **MEDIA RELEASE:** I understand that:

1. I give the programs (“Wee” Are ER Preschool, Kids’ Club and Summer Kids’ Club) permission to videotape or photograph my children for school purposes. Newspaper photographers or T.V. reporters may ask to take pictures of student activities. I give permission for my child to appear and to be named in newspaper photographs.
2. My children may be videotaped or photographed for educational purposes. If a child’s picture is used on our district website www.erschools.com, no names will be included.
 - Unless I revoke my permission in writing, **by Checking the number #1 or #2**, All Programs have permission for the above activities (#1 & #2) for the entire year 2020-2021.

❖ When **field trips** require transportation, children will be transported by an Elk Rapids Schools’ school bus. Any transportation not considered routine, such as field trips, require a signed permission slip prior to departing for field trip. The Program Director will provide written permission slip listing single or multiple field trips for the Parent to give permission including field trip date, time, location and cost (if applicable).

❖ **PRESCHOOL: Routine Transportation:** If applicable, I allow my Preschool child to be transported to/from school by Elk Rapids Schools’ school bus transportation. “Routine transportation” means regularly scheduled travel on the same day of the week, at the same time, to the same destination.

❖ **Other:** Parent/Guardian agrees by signature below to follow the stated “**ADMISSION, DEPOSIT, TUITION FEES & SCHEDULES**” For All Programs and has read, understands and agrees to the “**TUITION PAYMENT & STATEMENTS**” For All Programs AND 7 Day “**Extended Time Off**” Notice as outlined in the “Participant Handbook 2020-2021”.

Parent/Guardian agrees by signature below, to read and follow all program handbook policies & certifies they received all of the above items.

-HANDBOOK COPY FOR REFERENCE -

NOTE: A single *BCAL-4340* “Written Information Packet Documentation” form may be used for all children in the same family.

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