

Bonnie McBeth Learning Center

Mission Statement

The Bonnie McBeth Learning Center will foster happy, empowered Learners in a diverse and nurturing environment through the efforts of a positive and caring professional team. This will be accomplished with the assistance of involved and satisfied families supported by a community commitment to the education of young children.



District 202 Vision

We prepare learners for the future.

District 202 Goals

1. Our learning community will be a place where each individual can achieve his or her maximum individual potential.
2. Optimal learning cultures, climates and facilities will be developed and maintained.
3. Communication strategies will create a climate of inclusion, trust and shared responsibility.
4. Resources will be developed and optimized to fulfill the vision, mission and goals of the district.

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Preschool Lottery and Registration Guide 2023-2024



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School District 202
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Bonnie McBeth Learning Center is the Preschool and Early Childhood

program for Plainfield Community Consolidated School District 202. Bonnie McBeth provides preschool aged children with classroom activities that focus on total development, including communication, cognitive, physical and emotional skills. Through an integrated curriculum, students study broad topics of interest as they develop the necessary skills of pre-reading, pre-writing and other learning goals. As learning is driven by natural curiosity, children construct knowledge from hands-on, thought-provoking experiences that challenge them to think.

The Preschool Program

A child-directed, center-based environment enables children to explore learning in a meaningful way. Children have access to large playgrounds to help them develop gross motor skills while interacting socially. In addition, there is a lending library that supports staff development, parent resources and student materials.

Preschool Hours

Bonnie McBeth's calendar coincides with the District 202 Kindergarten schedule.

- 5-day classes are in session Monday through Friday.
- 3-day classes are in session Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.
- 2-day classes are in session Tuesday and Thursday.

The hours for the building on Howard Street are as follows:
The morning session runs from 8-10:30 a.m.
The afternoon session runs from 12:30-3 p.m.
Student drop-off begins 15 minutes before the start of school.

Age Requirement

Enrollment at Bonnie McBeth Learning Center is open to all children between the ages of three and five years whose families reside in District 202. Each child must be three years of age on or before September 1. Special education students are enrolled as they are determined to be eligible. Toilet training is not a requirement.



A Typical Day

Arrival: Children enter their classroom, hang up their coats and backpacks, and get ready for the day.

Circle/Meeting: Everyone comes together to hear about the day's activities.

Each child decides what centers he or she would like to become involved with for that day, and what they plan to do in the center. The children also do calendar, weather and sharing during this time.

Center Time: Children choose from activities in the centers, which include dramatic play, table toys, blocks, art sensory table, library and computers.

Learning is child-centered through play facilitated by the Early Childhood Team.

Clean Up: Children learn when it's time to stop an activity, put away toys and materials, and learn to cooperate with others.

Snack Time: Snack time encourages communication between the children, self-help skills and good manners. Children take turns on responsibility for passing out napkins and snacks. Parents take turns sending in snacks (requested by the teacher) for the week.

Music/Movement: Large motor skills are enhanced through the excitement of music as well as physical games enjoyed both in the classroom and out on the playground. Children also learn self-control by following rules and safety guidelines.

Story Times: Teachers read to children in both large and small groups. Reading enhances listening skills and memory, stimulates thought-provoking questions and helps children discuss the differences between the world we live in and the fantasy worlds we read about.

Dismissal: Children are encouraged to collect their belongings independently.



Residency Requirements

All families must reside within district boundaries for their children to attend Bonnie McBeth Learning Center. The Plainfield Community Consolidated School District 202 boundaries service residents in Bolingbrook, Crest Hill, Joliet, Naperville, Plainfield, Romeoville and unincorporated Kendall and Will Counties. If parents are unsure about residency, they may call our office at (815) 439-4288.

Lottery Process

Bonnie McBeth only accepts applications submitted online between February 13th, and February 24, 2023.

- Current enrolled students will have priority registration for the following year tuition-based program.
- Lottery Registration can be found on both the District 202 website and on the Bonnie McBeth Learning Center website.
- Students will be selected by a computerized random drawing.
- Families of selected children will receive information about the Preschool registration process and must pay a \$100 deposit to ensure their child's spot.
- Families of children who are not selected, will receive information about the waitlist process.

Lottery/Registration Timeline for 2023-2024

- February 3, 2023 - Letter sent to parents of current preschoolers
- February 10, 2023 - Returning student registration packets are due with nonrefundable \$100 deposit
- February 13, 2023 7:00 a.m. – February 24, 2023 5 p.m. Online lottery window open for online applications for the tuition preschool program
- February 28, 2023 - Lottery Drawing. All families notified of the Lottery results, with appropriate instructions for “next steps.”
- March 6, 2023 - **First day** of registration for tuition lottery acceptance
- March 24, 2023- **Last day** of Registration for tuition lottery acceptance. Families who do not register by the deadline will lose their preschool spot and move to the bottom of the waitlist.
 - April 10, 2023 - Open registration for district staff if tuition spots remain available
 - June 1, 2023 - Open registration for out of district families, if tuition spots remain available

- July 1st, 2023 - The remaining balance of the first tuition payment is due and completes the payment for September. Families who do not have the full first month's tuition paid will be dropped from the program.

Tuition and Fees

A \$100 nonrefundable deposit is due at the time of registration. This will be applied toward the first month's tuition.

Monthly tuition is \$250 (5-day program), \$200 (3-day program) and \$150 (2-day program) and paid one month in advance. A 10 percent discounted monthly fee is applied to each additional sibling.

The yearly tuition is divided into nine equal payments, to be paid monthly on the first of the month. The remaining balance of the first tuition payment is due on July 1, 2023 and completes the payment for September.

The remaining eight installments are due the first school day of the month, September through April. A late fee of \$25 will be charged for payments not received on the first school day of each month. There is no tuition reduction due to illness, absences or on days school is closed. **Families who carry an overdue balance without timely payment will be dropped from the tuition program.**

Families must have no outstanding balance from the prior year tuition preschool program by July 1, 2023 or their child will be dropped from the tuition preschool program. Families are encouraged to pay tuition online.

Developmental Screening

If you have concerns about your child's development, a developmental screening is available for all District 202 children between three and five years of age. It assesses skills in personal-social development, communication, small and large muscle coordination and cognitive development. Parents provide information regarding their child's health and developmental history and any concerns to assist in determining the child's needs. The purpose of the screening is to answer questions parents may have about their child's development, and to identify those children who may need further evaluation. An appointment for screening may be scheduled by calling Bonnie McBeth Learning Center at (815) 577-4114.

Faculty

All of our dedicated and nurturing teachers hold an Early Childhood Teaching degree with a special education endorsement and are certified by the Illinois State Board of Education. Each of the integrated classrooms has a maximum of 16 students and is staffed with a certified teacher and a teacher's assistant. There are ten regular education students and up to six students with special needs in each classroom. Speech therapists, a social worker, a nurse, occupational therapists, physical therapists and vision and hearing itinerant teachers are also on staff. There are other specialized classrooms to serve students with unique needs

Curriculum

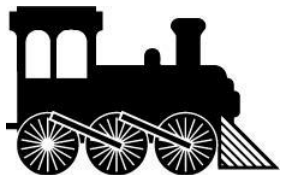
Bonnie McBeth Learning Center is dedicated to the success of our students, guiding them as early learners to create and contribute to their learning experience. Illinois Early Learning Standards for Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Science, Physical Development and Health, Fine Arts, Foreign Language and Social/Emotional Development guide our program. The Center uses "Teaching Strategies Gold," one of the developmentally appropriate curriculums recommended by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and the Illinois State Board of Education. The framework of Teaching Strategies encompasses how and what children learn, their physical environment and the role of the teacher and parent.

Families will learn more about these programs at the Fall Curriculum Night and at Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Weekly newsletters are sent home by each classroom teacher to provide communication between home and school and to also enhance language development. Additionally, we offer a monthly newsletter and a variety of programs that bring parents together for education, enrichment and support.

Family Involvement

The staff of Bonnie McBeth Learning Center is committed to creating a partnership with the parents of our children. We know that a cooperative partnership provides the best environment for the success of our students and your children.



Snacks

Parents take turns providing the snack for their child's classroom for the week requested by the teacher. Parents can send in a juice box or thermos of milk, if desired, on a daily basis.

In-School Events

Events are based on units of study. Firemen, dentists, librarians and others also bring experiences to students at Bonnie McBeth Learning Center.

Drop-off and Pickup System

Families are responsible for the transportation of their children. Families with two or more children enrolled are automatically assigned as a carpool. Other parents are encouraged to set up car pool arrangements with the office.

Each of the four villages has thematic symbols used for identification purposes and drop-off/pickup procedures. Only adults who have been previously approved by parents and are listed on a parent consent form are allowed to pick up children. Photo identification is required.

If a child is late for school, parents must park in the preschool parking lot and bring their child into school. For security reasons, children are escorted to the classroom by a Bonnie McBeth staff member.

Individual Pickup

Parents are assigned a card with their child's name and classroom symbol, which is to be prominently displayed in the front window of their vehicle. Parents proceed from Howard Street through the Bonnie McBeth parking lot to the south side of the building and pull up to the curb. Staff members accompany children to their vehicle. The parent secures his or her child's safety belt and exits the parking lot.

