

Welcome to the **BOLD School District**

Communities of Bird Island, Olivia, and Lake Lillian

A great place for children “Birth to Five”



The **BOLD Early Childhood Initiative** wants all children to be successful.

‘Early childhood education’ can help make that happen.

How can Parents Help?

Just Follow these SIMPLE STEPS

1. **Let us know you are HERE**—*Return the census; Attend screening*
2. **Sign up for Preschool**— *All 4 year olds attend*
*(Discover **ECFE**— Meet Others/Fun for Parents & Kids!)*
3. **Visit a Library** — *Sign up for Imagination Library & 1000 Books*
4. **Find a Child Care Provider / Find Dental Care**
5. **Community Information** – *Parks; Groups that focus on kids*

LET US KNOW YOU ARE HERE

0-4 CENSUS

Mother's (stepmother/guardian) Name _____

Email (mom) _____ phone _____ - _____ - _____

Father's (stepfather/guardian) Name _____

Email (dad) _____ phone _____ - _____ - _____

Residential Address _____

Mailing Address (if different than listed above) _____

County _____

This form is required in order for school districts to get funding for early childhood programs like ECFE and school readiness programs like Little Warrior 4s Preschool. So add your child to the census.

Mail to address below or drop off at BOLD School – Attention Lindsey Long, Early Childhood Coordinator.

Completing this form helps kids birth to Pre-K.

List ALL Children <u>Birth—21</u> living in your household. (First, Middle, Last) Names of Children (oldest to youngest)	Sex (F or M)	Birth Date (month-day-year)	Grade if in School, P if in Preschool, N/A —not in school yet	For 3-5 year olds: NO , if not screened yet YES /Location and Date of Early Childhood Screening* your child went through.
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2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				

*EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING is for kids age 3 1/2 to 4.

Not called Preschool Screening anymore.

Screening is FREE! Attend and Receive a Backpack: crayons, scissors, a book and more!

Backpacks are provided through **United Way of West Central Minnesota, BOLD ECI and Olivia Kiwanis.**

Minnesota Law requires children be screened **before entering Kindergarten.**

Screening covers vision, hearing, health issues, cognitive/thinking skills, social-emotional skills.

Screening tells you if your child is on track at age 3 1/2 with skills to be ready for Kindergarten later.

*But if a child needs help in getting ready for school, you now know, you have a year or more to **work on "school readiness" skills at ECFE, in preschool, and at home.** Success in school depends on early education.*

PRESCHOOL and ECFE Strongly Recommended—BOLD School wants all 4 year olds in early education classes! Up to 50% of Minnesota kids are not ready for kindergarten.

WHEN YOUR CHILD IS ALMOST 3...

PARENTS CALL:

BOLD Elementary office to get on the screening list.

320-365-3551 ext. 4100

BOLD screens only several times during the school year so plan ahead. **Call between Sept. and Feb. if your child will be 3 1/2 before the end of the school year.**

MAIL or RETURN to

Lindsey Long, Early Childhood Coordinator
BOLD School—Community Education
701 South 9th Street, Olivia, MN 56277

Questions? Contact Lindsey at lindsey.long@bold.k12.mn.us or 320-523-1031 ext. 3147

Sign up for PRESCHOOL

BOLD School wants all 4 year olds in Preschool.

Practice skills, learn to follow a routine, become more independent, get along with others, ask for help...



Head Start (FREE/Income Based - for 3 through 5 year olds)

Hours: 8:30-12:30 Monday through Thursday

Location: at BOLD School—Olivia Campus



Early Head Start (pregnancy to 3 year olds)

Home Based Head Start (3-4 year olds)

Home visits of 90 minutes weekly/plus 2 socializations/month

Contact : Heartland Community Action Agency

1-320-235-0850 Ext. 600/or 1-800-992-1710 Ext. 600

Head Start Programs use

1. Federal funding
2. State funding
3. Also scholarship funding

Head Start has a 4 Star rating through Parent Aware.

BOLD Little Warriors Preschool for 4s (FREE/includes mid-day school bus)

Hours: 8-11 AM or 12-3 PM Monday through Thursday

Location: at BOLD School—Olivia Campus

Contact: Lindsey Long, BOLD Early Childhood Coordinator

320-523-1031 x 3147 or lindsey.long@bold.k12.mn.us

Little Warrior 4s and 3s both have a 4 Star Parent Aware Rating



BOLD Little Warriors Preschool for 3s -Tuition based/

Scholarships available

Hours: 8-11 AM Tuesday and Thursday

Location: at BOLD School—Olivia Campus

Contact: Lindsey Long, BOLD Early Childhood Coordinator

320-523-1031 x 3147 or lindsey.long@bold.k12.mn.us

Little Warrior 4s FREE Preschool Funded by State of Minnesota:

1. School Readiness Program
2. Pathway II Grant/Parent Aware

Local Funding includes:

1. United Way of West Central MN
2. BOLD School District

Little Warrior 3s funded by

1. Parent paid Tuition
2. Fundraisers
3. Scholarships available

Play Island Preschool (programs for 3 and 4 year olds)

Hours: 8-11 AM or 12-3 PM on M/W or T/Th (F/optional)

Location: Bird Island—St Mary's Elementary Building

Contact: Amy Amberg, Board President

320-522-5107 or amypatrickamberg@gmail.com

Play Island funded by

1. Parent paid Tuition
2. Fundraisers
3. Scholarships available

Learning Fun House (programs for 3 and 4 year olds)

Hours: 9-11 AM Monday through Friday

Location: Bird Island—Main Street

Contact : Kayla Hirschman, Director

320-365-3600 or tlfdirector@birdislandmn.com

Learning Fun House funded by

1. Parent Paid Tuition
2. Child Care Assistance Plan
3. Early Learning Scholarships

Discover ECFE— It's for Parents & Kids!

Meet other Parents & Kids - birth to pre-kindergarten



Parents enjoy time with their kids. *We plan the fun for you!*

But it's much, much more - Kids learn through play and parents help.

- **Did you know?** - Parents are a child's first and most important teacher. **So come "play" with us at ECFE!**
- Day Classes: Friday mornings, Night classes: Mondays 6:00-7:30 pm, plus miscellaneous special events, etc.
- Monday night classes also offer Parent Discussion Time during separation time. Circle and snack time, too.

Location: at BOLD School—Olivia Campus

Contact: Lindsey Long, BOLD Early Childhood Coordinator for Preschool and ECFE Classes

320-523-1031 x 3147 or lindsey.long@bold.k12.mn.us

Visit a LIBRARY — Help build strong minds

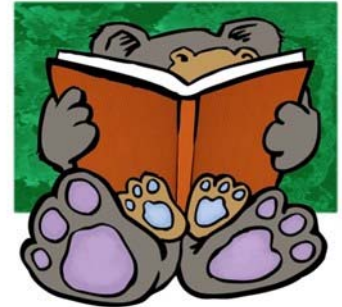
Why is reading out loud to your child so important?

Children are born ready to learn. The years before kindergarten are a crucial time for developing language skills, which set a child up for success throughout school. Children who know more words going into kindergarten tend to be more successful in school.

You are your child's first and most important teacher. The easiest way to help your child "build vocabulary" and "get ready to read on their own" is to read aloud to them starting shortly after birth. Just 15 minutes of reading per day adds up to over 450 hours of reading by the time a child reaches kindergarten.

Join the **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Challenge** at your public library for a fun way to track how much you and your child are reading. Prizes for every 100 books read!

Other fun activities at the library include books, magazines, movies, and story hours! Visit our websites, or Facebook for information on story hours times during year, and other free programs for kids and their families.



Bird Island Public Library

260 South Main Street
320-365-4640
<http://www.birdisland.lib.mn.us/>

Monday CLOSED
Tuesday 12:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Wednesday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Thursday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Friday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Lake Lillian Public Library

431 Lakeview Street
320-664-4514
<http://www.lakelillian.lib.mn.us/>

Monday 11:00 - 5:00
Tuesday 11:00 - 5:00
Wednesday CLOSED
Thursday 11:00 - 7:00
Friday CLOSED
Saturday CLOSED

Olivia Public Library

405 South 10th Street
320-523-1738
<http://www.olivia.lib.mn.us/>

Monday 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Tuesday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Wednesday 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Thursday 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Friday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Another benefit for kids:



Free Books by Mail

Every Month - Birth to Age Five!

Funded by



Sign up for Imagination Library at

1. Your local public library
2. Your Preschool or ECFE classes
3. Online at the United Way of West Central MN website:

<http://liveunitedwcm.org/imagination-library-sign-up/>

United Way of West Central Minnesota is vested in helping prepare kids for Kindergarten.

1. One way United Way is able to help is by providing **Imagination Library** books which come by U.S. mail every month to children ages birth to 5 years of age at no charge to the families enrolled.

To receive Imagination Library books the child must reside in United Way of West Central Minnesota territory which includes the following zip codes: 56222, 56260, 56201, 56209, 56216, 56246, 56251, **56253**, 56273, 56279, 56281, 56282, 56288, 56289, 55355, 56243, 56288, **55310**, 56230, **56277**, 56284, 56285, 56226, 56215, 56231, 56252, 56271

2. United Way also researches, puts together, and helps fund the **Early Childhood Screening Backpacks** given to families of 3-4 year olds who go through Early Childhood Screening in their local school district.

The backpack includes items that **Kindergarten teachers want kids to use to practice skills needed in school**: glue, scissors, crayons, white board, dry erase markers, ruler, pencil, toothbrush, helpful parent information.

Find a CHILD CARE Provider



Child Care Aware of Minnesota - referral line [1-888-291-9811](tel:1-888-291-9811)

Parent Aware - a new *Provider Search* tool at www.parentaware.org

- Lists providers within a given range (specify how far from your address you are looking; get a map with pin-dots to show those in your range)
- Tells you if the child care provider is Parent Aware rated, or in the Process of Rating
- Link to their DHS licensing records, or other information providers may have shared with referral network.



Find Dental Care



Kids with a healthy mouth do better in school.

Why is DENTAL HEALTH so important?

1. **Childhood tooth decay** is the **most chronic, yet preventable, infectious disease** in children.
2. There is a significant lack of available dental providers for low income children. **50% of tooth decay in low income children goes untreated.**
3. **Kids with healthy teeth do better in school.** (Cavities can cause chronic pain and that can affect how a child feels and keep them from concentrating on learning.)

DID YOU KNOW ...

- Cavities are caused by bacteria
Bacteria from your mouth to a child's mouth can cause cavities?
Don't share spoons, or put fingers in each other's mouths
- First visit to the dentist should be at age 1 or with first tooth
- Healthy foods and snacks help prevent tooth decay

DENTAL DECAY PROCESS:

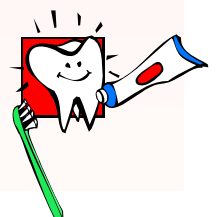
Bacteria/Germs + Sweets, food, drinks, sugars = Acid produced
Healthy Tooth + Acid in mouth = Cavities (tooth decay)

ECDN-SW – Early Childhood Dental Network—Southwest

Created by Southwest Initiative Foundation with a grant from Otto Bremer Foundation. Our mission is *To improve awareness, education, and access to oral health in Southwest Minnesota for all children ages 0-5.*

NEED HELP FINDING A DENTIST? OR TRANSPORTATION TO ONE? **Contact:**

1. **C & CT Coordinator** at public_health@co.renville.mn.us 1-320-523-2570
2. **Rice Regional Dental Clinic**— 1-877-214-2611 or 1-320-214-2610
3. **Prime West**—Member Services 1-866-431-0801 ask for dental services



About our Communities...

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR 2-5 YEAR OLDS became a reality when the **BOLD Early Childhood Initiative (BOLD ECI)** provided Start-up/Matching Grants of \$2000 in each of our three communities in the BOLD School District area. The majority of the funding came from the City of Bird Island and the Bird Island Lions, the City of Lake Lillian and other grants they applied for, and the City of Olivia. This project also received a grant from the new BIO-Legacy Community Foundation.

A big thank you to all three communities for supporting early childhood!



Sunrise Park on east boundary of Olivia—Bird Island Main Street Park between Elm & Dogwood—Lake Lillian Park 310 Lakeview St

Join a Group - Help kids get *“Ready for School”* so they can *“Succeed in School”*



There's too much talking in meeting because people aren't focused on doing.

Not us...

We focus on “doing”.

Let's make a difference for kids.

To support kids ages Birth to Pre-Kindergarten join -

BOLD ECI **Early Childhood Initiative**

Meets 4th Monday 4-5:15 PM

www.facebook.com/BOLDECI

renaes.boldeci@gmail.com or lindsey.long@bold.k12.mn.us

Professional Center/Bird Island

<http://boldeci.com>

To support kids ages Preschool to Grade 12 join -

PTO **Parent-Teacher Organization**

Meets 3rd Tuesday 6-7 PM

boldpto@hotmail.com

Max's Grill in Olivia

Check out more:

Cities:

Bird Island

- <http://birdislandcity.com>

Olivia

- <http://olivia.mn.us/>

Lake Lillian

- <http://www.lakelillian.govoffice.com/>

Schools:

BOLD PreK-12 District - <http://bold.k12.mn.us>

St Mary's School - <http://www.stmarysschoolbirdisland.com>

Preschool and ECFE Programs - See Preschool page for details