



Bear Care

Before and After Care Program

2020 - 2021 School Year

Dear Families,

Welcome to Stix Early Childhood Center's Before and After Care Program, Bear Care! The Bear Care program will provide an educational and enjoyable extended day for students who attend our school. Activities include art, reading, writing, math, science and music, as well as physical activity. Independent homework time is allotted in the afternoon for 1st and 2nd grade students. Please note, this is not a tutoring session so please check over your child(ren)s homework.

Students are expected to follow the Stix Bears Expectations (see Student Parent Handbook), following directions at all times, and practicing safe behaviors. Continued misbehaviors can result in withdrawal from the Bear Care program without a refund. Morning care includes the school provided breakfast, and afternoon care will include a healthy school provided snack.

Bear Care Hours and Fees:

Before School 7:00 am -8:40 a.m.

After School 4:07 pm - 6:00 p.m.

Non-refundable \$25 application fee (per child) to be turned in with application

Before OR After Care: \$138 a month (1 Child)

Both Before AND After: \$185 a month (1 Child)

Before OR After Care: \$201 a month (2 Children)

Both Before AND After: \$320 a month (2 Children)

Pick Up Late Fees \$1.00 per minute after 6:00 PM

Due Date	Payment
August 24, 2020	Registration Fee August Tuition (1 week) September Tuition
September 21, 2020	October Tuition
October 19, 2020	November Tuition
November 16, 2020	December Tuition
December 14, 2020	January Tuition
January 19, 2020	February Tuition
February 16, 2020	March Tuition
March 15, 2020	April Tuition
April 19, 2020	May Tuition June Tuition (1 week)

Payments and Withdrawal:

Students must be registered and paid, upfront, for the current month to attend. Please see the above schedule. Parents who wish to withdraw their child must give two weeks' notice in order to avoid paying automated tuition fees. Now that we are using an electronic system for Bear Care, tuition fees are averaged and will remain the same throughout the year. Discounts for a second child, winter break, and spring break are averaged in as well.

Make Payments online at www.myprocare.com by credit card, paid automatically from your bank account using a Tuition Express form, or you can pay onsite by cash, money order, or personal check payable to Stix ECC. **Please write your child's first and last name on the check memo line or money order.** This helps with record keeping. For cash payments, you will receive a receipt. We are only able to provide receipts during Bear Care hours, so please plan accordingly. Please keep the payment schedule to refer to throughout the year. Make payments in the library during Bear Care hours using the white payment drop box on the wall by the library desk. After the close of each year (not school year) tax information is available online at www.myprocare.com. Payments not received 5 days before the beginning of the month are considered late, and unless arrangements have been made with the Bear Care Coordinator, your child will be withdrawn from the program and unable to attend the following month.

You can now have payments pulled out of your Banking Account Automatically or automatically withdrawn from your credit card. All accounts using Tuition Express will be run the first of each month, or next business day following the first of the month. Payments may take a few days to reflect in your bank account or on your credit card.

Financial Assistance:

A limited amount of Financial Assistance is available for Stix families who meet the Federal Poverty Guidelines. **This is available on a first come, first served basis.** Please ask for the Financial Assistance Application form when you register.

Drop-off and Pick-up:

Children must be signed in and out by the person dropping off and/or picking up. The person picking your child up must be on the authorized Bear Care Pick up list, be at least 18 years of age, and provide a state I.D. Bear Care uses the gate on the K-2nd playground for entrance to the building. Please park in the bus lane. **HOWEVER, IF THERE ARE STUDENTS OR BUSES IN THE BUS LANE, PLEASE PARK IN THE PARKING LOT.** Cars cannot be present in the bus lane when buses are loading and unloading. ***Please do not park in the bus lane after 8:30 a.m. or before 4:30 p.m.***

Early Drop-off and Late Pick-up Policy:

We do not have staff ready for early drop-off, so drop off begins at 7:00 a.m. Families who do not pick up their child by 6:00 p.m. will be charged a late-fee of \$1 for each minute until pick up. Continued late pick-ups will result in the child being withdrawn from the program, regardless of reason.

Bear Care Cancellations:

There will not be aftercare on Parent Teacher Conference Days. Morning Bear Care will be held as usual. If Bear Care is cancelled due to inclement weather, you will receive an e-mail from STIX as well as a text if you used a cell phone number during registration. Our Bear Care program is not included in the district wide activity cancellations.

Registration:

Please go to the Stix Website at www.slps.org/stix to register online. **After** you receive a confirmation e-mail your child can begin attending. It is best to have the parent or guardian that will be making the payments or picking up/ dropping off a majority of the time to complete the registration so that important information is not missed.

Questions:

If you have questions, I can be reached via e-mail or during bear care hours by phone using the Bear Care direct phone line. Please understand I have a class and cannot take walk in or phone call questions during the school day. Please allow two school days for a response to an e-mail.

Thank you,

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