

## INFORMATIONAL-Bridge for Kids/Care 4 Kids Update Regarding School District Closures (weather, electrical, etc.)

Greetings Bridge for Kids/Care 4 Kids Families,

We are entering a time of year when weather can be a factor for your child/ren's child care. This letter provides you with information on how Bridge for Kids is managed in the event there is a GSD school closure for any reason.

### **1.) Entire School District Closes Due to Weather/Emergency Situation (decision made by GSD by 5:45 a.m.):**

- Bridge for Kids will open one site (at Greendale Middle School-Student Activity Center, 6800 Schoolway).
- All enrolled students may attend, whether you have pre-registered for this date or not. Non-registered attendees (for the day) will be invoiced (\$39.00), and those already registered for care on this date will be invoiced the difference based on what you had already paid for.
- No credits issued; however, if you are registered and do not attend this day. No money will be accepted at the site.
- Children should bring a bag lunch and beverage.
- If the child/ren require any medications, you will need to bring with you to the site, inform the staff, and fill out the medication administration form at the site.
- Care will be available for a 10-hour period (max) between 6:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

If you have a sibling in the Care for Kids child care program, this program is closed and there is no care available.

Unfortunately, care is also not available for the Middle School program registrants.

The exception to this plan would be if we receive an advisory from the Village's DPW that people should stay off the roads, they are unable to keep up with the severity of the weather, and they and the GSD Maintenance staff would be unable to keep the streets/lot at Municipal Parking Lot open due to the volume (this has only happened twice in the years we have operated Bridge for Kids but could always be a reality).

### **2.) Specific School Closes Due to Emergency Circumstances:**

- Bridge for Kids will open at Greendale Middle School-Student Activity Center, 6800 Schoolway.
- Please follow the same instructions as above if school closes for the day.

### **3.) GSD Closes School Early/Opens Later (due to weather/circumstances):**

- Bridge for Kids will be open as usual at 6:30 a.m. until school begins and/or from early end to school day until 6:00 p.m. Again, whether registered to attend that day or not, if needing care, send the child and the department will provide an invoice for the cost difference of care (depending on how long of a timeframe is involved).
- The same will apply to Care 4 Kids – This program will be available in this situation for the children, whether enrolled for the day or not, they may attend and you will be invoiced later.

We hope this information is helpful to you so you can plan ahead should you receive the message from the school district regarding a change in the school schedule due to weather or another situation. Park and Recreation **will not** send a separate communication in the event of a school closure or change.

Thank you for your interest and support of the Bridge for Kids school age child care program. We have a dedicated staff who make it their mission to keep their site(s) open for your children. We know child care is important for your family, so please know we are working hard to provide this service to you to the best of our ability!

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