

SAVE The DATE! * May 22, 2018 * SAVE The DATE!



CELEBRATE !
MN Early Learning Day



May 22, 2018-10AM @ Mall of America
With Governor Mark Dayton & Teddy Bear Band!



You Are Invited!

Celebrate Minnesota's Excellent Early Education & Family Programs

There's a celebration coming up May 22 and we need your support to make it a success! Minnesota leads the Nation with high quality Early Education & Family programs like ECFE, School Readiness and Voluntary Pre-K. Every year thousands of children and families gain significant benefits through participation. How has Minnesota maintained and even expanded these programs as compared to other States? One reason is the quality of teaching staff and developmentally appropriate programs for young children. Another big reason is the consistent unwavering support of Governor Mark Dayton. Through his leadership he has advocated for high quality Early Education and consistent funding, allowing these programs to serve all Minnesota families.

The Governor has now proclaimed May 22 **"Celebrate Minnesota Early Learning Day."** All families are invited to join in the fun at Mall of America on May 22 from 10AM to Noon. The Celebration will also be going on in every program in every District and town throughout the State!

Early Childhood Parent Advisory Councils are invited to play a major role in this celebration. To recognize and honor Governor Dayton, an award will be presented to him at the event. It is also expected the event will generate media coverage and help to communicate the tremendous value these programs provide to children and parents as well as to our State's quality of life. In order to make this event a reality we need your help. The event, communication materials and Governor's award will incur costs. It's important for this event to have genuine public support. Each contributing ECFE Parent Advisory Council will be noted in presentation of the award to Governor Dayton. **A contribution, no matter how big or small is being requested from each District's Early Childhood Parent Advisory Council.** These contributions can be sent to: MNAFEE at 2233 Hamline Avenue N., Suite 217, Roseville MN 55113.

Your program is invited to be pictured on the big screen at MOA! As part of the event, programs from all over the State will be recognized and pictured on the large screen at the MOA stage. Please send only 2 or 3 of your very best pictures (high res JPEG) to the following e-mail, Ron Gustafson: rgstclair@comcast.net Choose from Parent/Baby Classes, Daddy & Me, Toddlers & Twos Parent Discussion Groups, School Readiness & more! Let's show off the wonderful, diverse children & families of Minnesota!



Thank You for your consideration as we celebrate the significant gains we have made in early childhood education, and support of parents through Governor Dayton's leadership. For MNAFEE