

ECC Family Newsletter

September 20, 2020

Dear ECC Families,

We had a great week at the ECC! Thank you for your support with arrival/dismissal, face masks, and making sure your child has everything needed for class. Please remember to **pack an extra face mask in your child's backpack**. Also, please be sure to wash and send students in with clean face masks.

Picture day is Tuesday, September 22nd. Students can dress up for pictures and not follow the color of the day (kindergarten) if you choose. **Picture day order forms are located below.** Online ordering as well as in-person payment available.

We will have our first **fire drill on Thursday, September 24th.** Teachers will spend time prepping students with how we line up and head outside to our class spots, and the importance of practicing fire drills this week, prior to our drill. Officer Joe will also be on site to assist with this process. We have a practice fire drill once a month. We will have a drill with both the AM and PM classes.

Practicing fire drills is a part of our **Word of the Month: Be Safe.** Please take time to look at our slide show below to hear some of the ways we are practicing being safe at the ECC.

For those who signed up for a **to-go lunch**, Kindergarten students will bring these home at the end of the AM and PM classes. K-12 students are eligible for this program until December 31st, or while supplies last. Due to our Kindergartners not eating lunch at school this year, they will bring their bagged lunch home to enjoy.

The weekly to go menu is:

Monday - Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich, Carrots, Fruit

Tuesday - Turkey and Cheese Sandwich, Celery Sticks, Fruit

Wednesday - Yogurt, Granola, and String Cheese, Sunset Sip Juice Cup, Fruit

Thursday - Chicken Strip Wrap, Ranch, Cucumbers, Fruit

Friday - Nachos with Cheese, Carrots/Celery, Fruit

Kindergarten Crazy Color Days for September 21st-25th:

- Monday, September 21st: White Day
- Tuesday, September 22nd (Picture Day, feel free to not follow the color): Black Day
- Wednesday, September 23rd Pink Day

- Thursday, September 24th: Brown Day
- Friday, September 25th: Orange Day

Please have your child wear their Bus tag to school each day!

We have been working to update our ECC web page on the District's Website. If you ever need to find old newsletters, you can now find them under the tab "Newsletters."

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With Joy,
Dora

Welcome our Newest Staff Members!



Speech and Language Pathologist: Tracy Biller

My name is Tracy Biller and I will be working with preschoolers this year at the ECC. I live in Westlake with my husband Tom, daughter Julia (almost 16) and son Sean (13). When not driving my kids to marching band and baseball, I enjoy roller skating and reading. I am hoping to return to traveling someday and would love to go to Europe next. Thank you to all the staff, students and families I have met so far for such a warm welcome!

Preschool Para: Christine Smith

My name is Christine Smith. I grew up in Hudson and moved to Olmsted Falls 4 years ago with my husband Matt and our daughter Eleanor who is in 8th grade at OFMS. I attended American University and Ursuline College and taught high school history until my daughter was born. In my free time I enjoy running, sewing, cooking and reading. I am thrilled to be back in the classroom assisting with the

Picture Day Form (online ordering available)

Dear Olmsted Falls Early Childhood Center Parent(s),

Picture Day is Tuesday, September 22 at Olmsted Falls ECC.

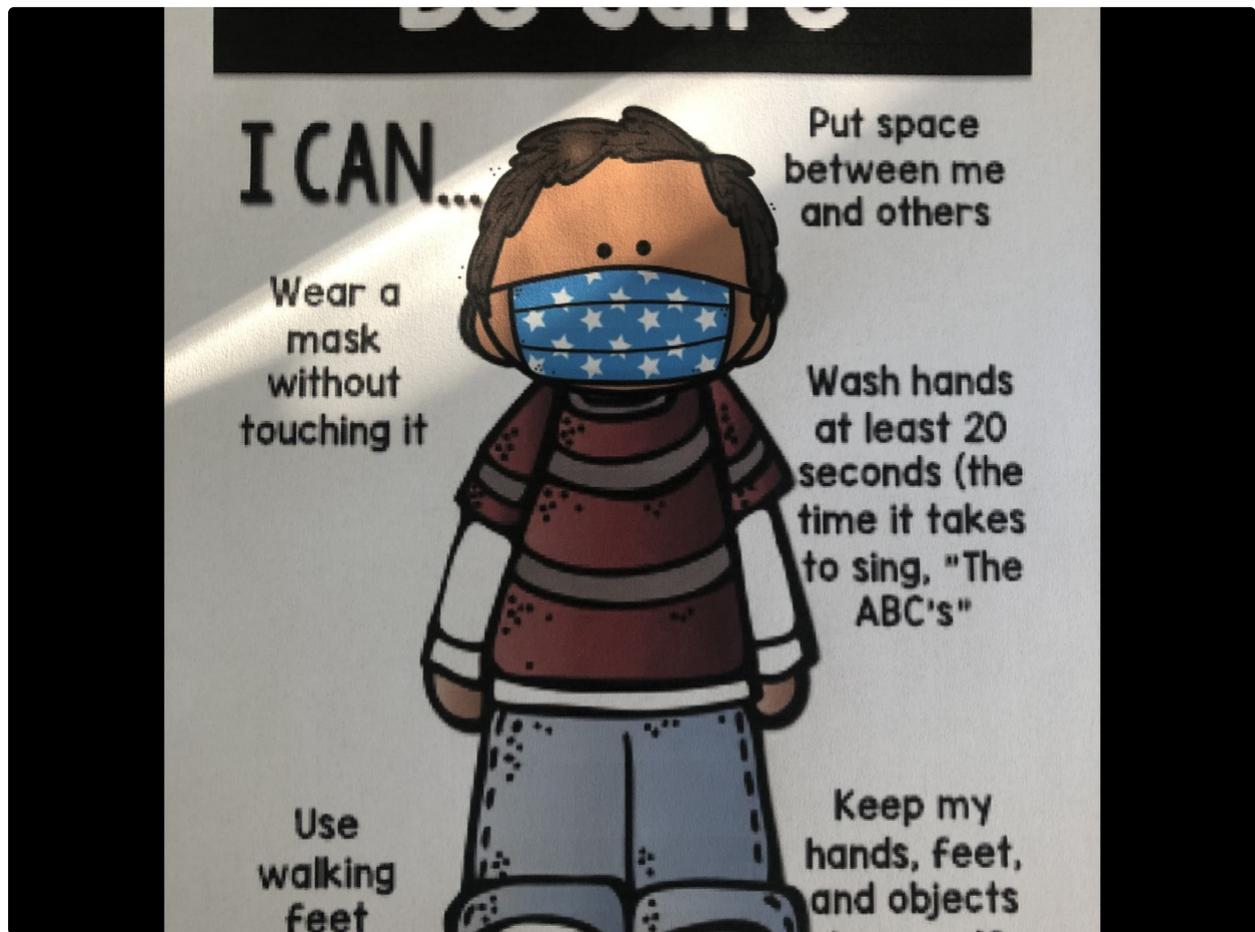
Save time and preorder your photographs online by clicking on the Order Online Button below. You can also download the flyer, print it out and return it to the school on Picture Day, enclosed in an envelope with your payment.

Thank you,
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Word of the Month: Be Safe



Parents,

This slide show will be used in class to help teach students about being safe while at school. Please view so that you can support this common language at home. There is a list of suggested books on the last slide that can be read at home.



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ECC Important Dates 2020-2021

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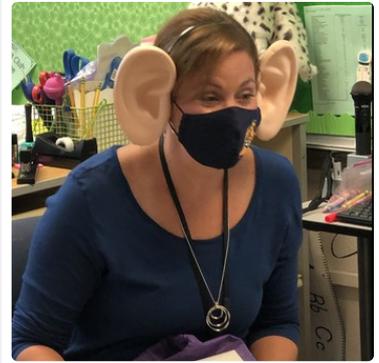
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Important Dates

Date	Event	Description
September 22nd	Back to School Day	School Back Event
October 5th	NO SCHOOL	10/5th Day
October 20th	Preschool Curriculum Night	Family Engagement
October 28th	Halloween Fall Celebrations	School Back Event
November 2nd	11/2/2020 IS A NO SCHOOL DAY	Preschool Teacher Professional Day
November 2nd	NO SCHOOL	Election Day
November 23rd and 24th	Thanksgiving Celebrations 3-Day	Family Engagement

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Guidance Lessons with School Counselor, Mrs. Hays



Preschool Fun!





Kindergarten Fun!



Self Portraits from our Off-Campus Learners



Reminders

Start and End Times:

- **Preschool:**

AM 8:00-10:30

PM: 11:40-2:10

- **Kindergarten:**

AM 7:45-10:40 (day begins at 7:55, drop off begins at 7:45)

PM 11:45-2:20

Preschool is Monday-Thursday half days. Our Peer Model Program is currently suspended. Once our county is in a Level 1, based on the COVID Alert System, we will begin phasing this program into our day.

Kindergarten students will have In-Person instruction for half days, 5 days a week, whenever we are "On Campus Learning." This would be for Levels 1-3, while not in remote or "Off Campus Learning." This instruction will focus on the core content areas (reading, writing, math, social studies, and science).

When students are at home (the other half of their day), they will receive learning menus with activities that provide hands-on learning experiences based on the lessons from class. They will also receive activities and video lessons from their Specialists (art, music, PE, and technology).

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is taken every day in each Pathway. The following list is from our ECC Student Handbook and details Excused Reasons for Absences.

The following are the only reasons for being absent as defined by law and adopted by this Board:

1. Personal illness (a written physician's statement verifying the illness may be required after reaching excessive absence thresholds of 38 hours in a month or 65 hours in a year)
2. Illness in the family necessitates the presence of the child at home
3. Quarantine of the home
4. Death in the family
5. Necessary work at home due to absence or incapacity of parent(s)/guardian(s)
6. Out of state travel (up to a maximum twenty four (24) hours per school year that the student's school is open for instruction) to participate in a District approved enrichment or extracurricular activity
7. Observance of religious holidays
8. Emergency or other set of circumstances in which the judgment of the Superintendent/designee constitutes a good and sufficient cause for absence from school
9. Medically necessary leave for a pregnant student in accordance with [Policy 5751](#)
10. Service as a precinct officer at a primary, special or general election in accordance with the program set forth in Policy 5725

ECC Student Handbook



 [_Handbook ECC-Apr...](#)

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ECC Responsible Reopening Plan (Addendum to Student Handbook for 2020-2021)



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The Counselor's Corner



[Mrs. Hays' Bitmoji C...](#)

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Virtual Specials begin on September 14th for Kindergarten



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Meet The Staff (with our safety gear off)

[Welcome to the ECC](#)

Click on this button to "Meet our Staff"

This article has great resources to help you and your child prepare for this school year!



Teaching 6 Foot S...

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We were on a family walk today and my sons were scooting along with us. There were some kids playing in their yard and I told my youngest son to move over towards the other side of the sidewalk. I called out "remember 6 feet!" And he said "Why? I was 6 feet away!" (when he clearly wasn't.) Then it hit me! He is just

Mrs. Bechtel's Virtual Office



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We agree to...



Bulldog Pride is Building Wide!!

How to be an *Itty Bitty* Bulldog Citizen

	Arrival/ Dismissal	Hallway	Classroom	Restroom	Cafeteria	Playground	Bus
Be Safe	Keep hands, feet, object to self Walking Feet	Walk single file on right side Stop at end of hall Face forward	Keep area clean Use materials appropriately Don't leave without permission	Use restroom properly Keep hands, feet, and objects to self Tell an adult of any problems Wash hands	Keep hands, feet, and objects to self Only eat your food Carefully throw away trash No running, jumping or playing around	Use equipment properly Keep hands and feet to self Walk on blacktop	Keep hands, feet, and objects to self Stay in seat facing forward Keep aisle clear Voice meter 0 or 1
Be Responsible	Follow directions Leave when dismissed by teacher	Follow directions Go directly to destination Be aware	Be prepared for learning Follow directions Accept consequences	Wash hands Clean up after yourself Tell an adult of any problems	Follow directions Clean up area Accept responsibility Voice meter 1	Listen to adults on playground Line up when signaled Take turns and share	Sit in assigned seat Face forward, feet on floor Follow directions Report problems to bus driver
Be Respectful	Respect personal space Keep hands to self not on walls Walk on voice meter 0 or 1	Voice meter 0 Keep hands to self Respect personal space	Talk with permission Be honest Be open to other's ideas	Give privacy to others Throw away trash Use restroom properly Voice meter 0 or 1	Use manners Voice meter 1 Follow adult directions Be inclusive Don't talk with food in your mouth	Use kind words and actions Cooperate and be inclusive	Follow drivers directions Voice meter 0 or 1 Keep hands to self
Be Kind	Smile and greet Keep environment clean Lend a hand	Pick up trash Smile Be helpful	Have empathy Lend a hand Be inclusive Share	Respect privacy Help to keep restroom clean Flush after yourself	Be open-minded about other's food/culture	Be open-minded about other's ideas Be helpful Be inclusive	Use kind words Respect other's belongings Be helpful Be inclusive

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)

It's not unusual for students to struggle with behavior in school, especially when they're not sure what's expected of them. If a school reacts only with punishment, students don't learn the skills they need to make positive changes in the future. That's where positive behavioral interventions and supports (PBIS) comes in. Our PBIS rules, are the "umbrella terms" for all that we do in every area of our day. We will provide monthly teaching videos to support our PBIS word of the month along with modeling these behaviors so students fully understand what it means to Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and to Be Kind.

When students are caught demonstrating these school rules, we acknowledge them on our Bucketfiller board in the main hallway. We acknowledge their positive choices so they are aware, while not offering too many incentives. The goal is for students to be intrinsically motivated to follow the rules because they are expected and they make our school and world a better place.

To learn more about PBIS and how to support your child with this approach at home and school, click here: [Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports](#)



The Early Childhood Center

 @ECCBulldogs

Early Childhood Center Mission:

Olmsted Falls Early Childhood Center strives to create a nurturing learning environment. We believe in the power of strong relationships within our school community to help students feel safe and comfortable in sharing who they are, while developing the skills necessary to think critically, problem solve, and work collaboratively with others.

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