

*Paw Path to Kindergarten:*

# **Kindergarten Information Night**



OLMSTED FALLS EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER  
JANUARY 26, 2023

# About the Program

**Olmsted Falls Early Childhood Center currently has 10 kindergarten classes and an outstanding team of teachers and support staff. The kindergarten curriculum is infused with movement and music and designed to teach and support communication, collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking.**



# ECC Staff

**PRINCIPAL: JUDY MYERS**

**SECRETARY: MEGAN SANTIAGO**

**SCHOOL COUNSELOR: ANDREA HAYS**

## Kindergarten Teachers:

- Mrs. DiCapua
- Ms. Doyle
- Mrs. Heinrich
- Mrs. Kley
- Mrs. McNeeley
- Mrs. Michaels
- Mrs. Pinzone
- Mrs. Roberto
- Miss Simpson
- Mrs. Strawser



# ECC Staff

## Intervention Specialist:

Mrs. DeMuth

Mrs. Maskil

## Reading Intervention Specialist:

Mrs. Becker

## Paraprofessionals:

Mrs. Candow

Mrs. Fudale

Mrs. Garman

Mrs. Polansky

Mrs. Tibbs

Mrs. Harder



# A Day in the Life of a Kindergartener...

- DAILY SPECIALS:
  - MUSIC, PE, ART, LIBRARY, TECHNOLOGY
- PHONICS AND HANDWRITING
- READING AND WRITING WORKSHOP
- GUIDED READING
- RECESS AND LUNCH
- MATH
- SOCIAL STUDIES AND SCIENCE
- INTERVENTION
- FIELD TRIPS



# School Counseling Program

## ★ **Monthly Classroom Guidance Lessons**

- Topics include managing emotions (Zones of Regulation), Conflict Resolution (Kelso's Choices), Big Problems Vs. Small Problems, Growth Mindset, Cooperation, and Flexibility.
- Supplemental activities are provided on my website under the "lessons" tab and corresponding month.

## ★ **Group Counseling**

- With parent and teacher input, small groups are formed throughout the year.
- These groups are 8 week sessions that last approximately 20 minutes per week. Depending on the need, some examples of groups that may be offered are self regulation, worry/anxiety, or changing families.

## ★ **Individual Counseling**

- Teachers, parents, or administrators can refer students for individual counseling sessions/check-ins for various reasons. Parents can call, email, ([ahays@ofcs.net](mailto:ahays@ofcs.net)) or talk to their classroom teacher.



# School Counseling Program

## ★ **Mindful Mornings**

-For students who are having difficulty with separation anxiety. Morning meetings to learn calming and coping strategies before going to class.

## ★ **Backpack Club**

-If you qualify for free and reduced lunch, you are eligible to participate in the "Backpack Club." This is a program that provides supplemental food bags to students for the weekend. It is a confidential program in which bags are placed discreetly into the backpacks of students.

## ★ **Kinder Council**

-A program in which teachers pick a student from each class to help represent our student body. These students meet with the principal and counselor bimonthly to support service projects and to discuss likes/dislikes, ideas, and ways to improve our overall climate of the school.

## ★ **Collaboration**

-With Mrs. Doick (District Behavioral Specialist) and Melissa Marano (Home Liaison) to support students both at home and in-person.



# Transportation

Director of Transportation: Sean Misick

Bus Garage: 440.427.6350

**All students who are registered for Kindergarten will be assigned a bus route. Parents will have an opportunity this summer to do the following:**

- COMPLETE AN ALTERNATE TRANSPORTATION REQUEST (JUNE)
- DECLINE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES (IF A CAR RIDER OR DAYCARE)
- CONFIRM BUS ROUTE/PICK-UP LOCATION (AUGUST)

*More details regarding transportation will be shared during Kindergarten Screening and throughout the summer*









# The Paw Path to Kindergarten...





# 1/27: Kindergarten Registration Opens

**\*OPENS AT NOON\***

-  Schedule an In-Person Registration Appointment on Infosnap
-  Schedule Kindergarten Screening Appointment (link on Registration Page)
-  Print and complete Parent Survey for In-Person Registration
-  If you have a current ECC preschooler, you will receive communication from your ECC preschool teacher regarding Registration.





## 3/7 or 3/9: In Person Registration Appointment



Caregiver only



### Required Documents to Bring:



Birth Certificate



Proof of Residency



Immunization- Photo ID



Custody papers (if applicable)



\*Parent Survey



\*Note: Parent Survey will need to be printed.



## 6/5 or 6/6: Kindergarten Screening Appointments



Student and Caregiver



Required Documents to Bring:



Preschool Information Sheet (if applicable)





## 8/24, 8/25, or 8/28 : Meet the Teacher Appointments



Student and Caregiver



Kindergarten Teacher Postcards will be mailed out informing you about both the assigned teacher and exact appointment times



KRA assessments and bring school supplies



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# Health and Nutrition

NOTE: ALL MEDICAL FORMS NEED TO BE TURNED IN PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

## District Nurse:

Erica Wiegand: [ewiegand@ofcs.net](mailto:ewiegand@ofcs.net) 440-427-6031

## Clinic Aide:

Tiffany Savchuk: [tsavchuk@ofcs.net](mailto:tsavchuk@ofcs.net) 440-427-6364

- Vision and Hearing Screenings (during Meet the Teacher)

Food Services Director: Sam Chin

ECC Kitchen Manager: Beth Looby



# Community Partnerships

**PTA...**

**WE HAVE A PLACE FOR YOU!!**

**FLECC (Falls-Lenox & ECC) PTA President: Amy Lauderdale**

**OECPTA President: Allyson Brothag**





# Safety Town

**June 12 to June 16**

**June 19 to June 23.**

**Times for both weeks will be 9 to 11, 12 to 2 and 3 to 5.**

**Registration opens for Olmsted Early Childhood PTA on Monday, February 27 at 8 AM. This early bird special for current PTA members will be a discounted rate of \$30. Not a member yet? There's still time to sign up to take advantage! Registration for the general public pool opens on Saturday, March 4th at 8 AM at a rate of \$40. Registration will close April 30 at 8 PM.**



# We can't wait to welcome your Itty Bitty Bulldog to Kindergarten!

