February 2022
NEWSLETTER
Partnering with the Schoenbaum Family Center and Crane Center for Early Childhood Research and Policy to improve children’s well-being through research, practice, and policy.

UPCOMING DATES

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY:
SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday, February 21
Visit our events calendar online for more information.

Inclement Weather Policy

The Schoenbaum Family Center is a university building and follows Ohio State’s closure policies.

When checking for school closings on local radio, television and internet sites, look to see if Ohio State – Main Campus is closed.

In case of severe weather closure, our automated system will send each family a text/email informing them of closure. We go outside almost every day, even during the winter months! Except in cases of severe weather (below 20 degrees, wind, or rain), all classrooms will go outside, even if just for a few minutes, each day. Please dress your child for the outdoor weather every day – we all love to play in the snow!

ASR Celebrates Black History Month

Please join our school in celebration of Black History Month! Throughout February (and beyond), ASR teachers will be including books and classroom experiences highlighting black history contributions and events, as well as celebrating the diversity inherent in our families and classrooms. Watch your classroom curriculum guides and weekly communications to learn more about what is happening in your child’s classroom. In addition, continue the celebration at home by sharing in story times with ASR teachers featuring books by black authors and featuring black characters and stories. A selection of stories will be on available on our YouTube channel; check back throughout the month as we will be adding more!

The Snowy Day
I Promise
ASR Celebrates Black History Month (cont.)

We have also curated a list of local events and opportunities for families to share to learn more about black history in central Ohio. [View the list here.](#)

Finally, please take time to view the poster in the lobby created by ASR teachers Whytnie Strain, Kim Davis and Lacey Stillings in celebration of Black History Month.

2021 IMPACT REPORT

The Crane Center for Early Childhood Research and Policy and the Schoenbaum Family Center released the annual Impact Report for 2021 to reflect on the accomplishments in early childhood research, early care education, service, and much more. [View the 2021 Impact Report here.](#)

KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION

We have a variety of resources available for families whose children are eligible for kindergarten enrollment in fall of 2022. Many school districts have school information fairs and enrollment meetings and processes underway already for the 2021-22 school year.

ASR hosted a [Zoom meeting](#) last week for kindergarten bound families, guided by Columbus City Schools representative, Barbara Boone. If you missed it live, check it out on our YouTube channel as well as other kindergarten transition webinars. In addition, ASR teachers and staff are experts at kindergarten transition and can help you navigate this next step in your child’s education.

If you have questions about elementary schools, enrollment, and kindergarten developmental milestones, please reach out to ASR Social Work Intern Chloe Vonderbrink at 614-247-7007 or [vonderbrink.4@osu.edu](mailto:vonderbrink.4@osu.edu).

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Updated COVID-19 Guidance for OSU Early Care and Education Programs

Earlier this week, the leadership team at the Wexner Medical Center and Wexner Medical Center Epidemiology Department and Columbus Public Health met to devise and endorse new quarantine standards for early care and education programs at the university, outlined in the table below. These are based on the new CDC Guidelines for Early Care and Education Programs, updated January 28, 2022. We are implementing these updated guidelines effective February 2022.

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<th>Individual with close exposure</th>
<th>Length of Quarantine</th>
<th>Return from Quarantine</th>
<th>Monitor for Symptoms</th>
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<td>Children</td>
<td>10 days</td>
<td>No test needed and return on day 11</td>
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<td>Children age 3 and older with classroom exposure</td>
<td>5 days</td>
<td>PCR test at day 5** and return on day 6 if negative</td>
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<td>Teachers and staff who are not up-to-date* on COVID-19 vaccination</td>
<td>5 days</td>
<td>PCR test at day 5** and return on day 6 if negative</td>
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<td>Any individual with a documented, positive COVID-19 test in the past 90 days</td>
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<td>Any individual testing positive for COVID-19</td>
<td>10 days after positive test date</td>
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* “Up-to-date” with regard to COVID-19 vaccination includes:
  - Completion of a primary series
    - This is defined as two doses for the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or one dose of the J&J vaccine, AND
  - Receiving a booster dose if eligible
    - Individuals are eligible for a booster dose if more than 5 months from completing a Pfizer or Moderna primary vaccine series or more than 2 months after a J&J primary vaccine

** PCR testing is widely available in Central Ohio. At the Wexner Medical Center, PCR testing for an individual with a close exposure can be arranged for a child by calling 614-293-4000. At this time, we have same day availability for COVID PCR testing Monday - Saturday.