Happy New Year!

Happy New Year and welcome back to ASR for 2021! We look forward to continued curiosity, learning and discovery with your child(ren). Be sure to look through the full newsletter for a recap on 2020, updates to the COVID-19 symptom list, and to see an exciting upcoming visit from some very special dogs.

– Anneliese Johnson, A. Sophie Rogers principal

Ohio State Alumni Association’s “Noon Year’s Eve” celebration event

The A. Sophie Rogers School joined the Alumni Association to ring in the new year with a virtual, family-friendly Noon Year’s Eve celebration! Instead of midnight, they rang in the new year at noon with child-focused activities and a dance party. This fast-paced, virtual sendoff 2020 encouraged balloons, decorations and festive attire. Our own lead pre-K teacher, Oliva Diaz Melgarejo, did a live story time as a part of the festivities.

UPCOMING CLOSURES

Mark your calendars for the upcoming days when the A. Sophie Rogers School will be closed.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY
Monday, January 18

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY
Monday, February 15

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Monday, March 15

You can also view these dates on our website’s “School Calendar” under our Classroom Corner webpage or on the events calendar.

WINTER WEATHER INFORMATION

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!

classroom corner: featured project

Take a look inside the A. Sophie Rogers School for Early Learning to see what is happening in the classrooms and what developmental skills and learning domains are being developed. Our newest featured project focuses on numerous skills through building and crashing items. You can also find this project anytime by going to our Classroom Corner webpage and looking in the righthand column.
SCHOENBAUM & CRANE CENTERS’
2020 Impact Report

2020 was a year unlike any other, bringing a fast upending to our lives, known routines and sense of safety and certainty. The challenges have been immense, and the fallout of the pandemic along with the national stage of racial injustice tested us in ways unimaginable.

Yet in the midst of this, we saw adaptability, perseverance, resilience, empathy and innovation. In our world of early childhood, we witnessed a rallying cry for highlighting the long unseen and under-appreciated value of early child care and education providers. Compiling this report filled us with gratitude for the creative problem solving, talent and hard work of our teachers, staff and researchers in continuing to provide high-quality early childhood education. And we are grateful for all of our partners in this work as we collectively seek to more deeply understand early education challenges and commit to equitable opportunities for all.

Thank you for being a part of this work with us. We are excited to share this report with you, and we look to 2021 with hope and determination.

New symptom list updates for COVID-19

Thank you to everyone helping to keep our school community healthy! Our enhanced cleaning and safety protocols continue. If there is a confirmed positive case of COVID-19 among our school community, all school members will be informed. If the health department and university determine that quarantining and/or closing a classroom(s) for a period of time is required, the families immediately impacted will be contacted and directed accordingly. If a family member has confirmed COVID-19 or is in quarantine, young children should quarantine at home as well. The Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services recently updated state rules and regulations regarding daily health screenings and symptoms. We are required to note any of the following symptoms in our daily health screenings and checks of staff and children. All of our community thanks you for remaining at home when symptomatic and for 24 hours after any of the following symptoms subside:

- Fever over 100° F
- Chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- New onset of severe headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Bluish lips of face
Buckeyes Paws to visit ASR on January 13th

The Ohio State University’s Buckeye Paws is a therapy dog program for faculty, staff and students within the medical center’s Stress, Trauma and Resilience (STAR) Program. This program provides support to individuals in stressful situations. The Buckeye Paws program, specifically, has focused on frontline workers during the COVID-19 pandemic, as anxiety levels can be intense for both adults and children. The Buckeye Paws program recently offered our school an opportunity for a visit with the dogs.

The program’s dogs are certified through the Alliance of Therapy Dogs, and the program follows the alliance’s guidelines. Two dogs will be visiting the A. Sophie Rogers School and classrooms the morning of Wednesday, January 13 between 9:30 and 11:30am. The program will take photos of the dogs at school with children to promote the university’s Buckeye Paws program online and in social media.

Please let us know if your child is fearful of dogs or has an allergy.

While the use of therapy dogs is on the rise, the Buckeye Paws program has been making headlines because of its unique focus on supporting the medical professionals working in high trauma areas of the OSU Wexner Medical Center. Buckeye Paws also seeks to extend the program to the wider Ohio State community.

If you want to learn more or simply want to check out a feel-good story about some great pups, look at the media coverage by Columbus Navigator or The Dodo, or check out Buckeye Paws’ Instagram account.