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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.

school health updates

Thank you to everyone helping to keep our school community healthy! At school, we are implementing additional cleaning and sanitation of surfaces, social distancing between classroom groups and frequent handwashing. In addition, all school staff are being tested bi-weekly for COVID-19. 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, those families immediately impacted will be contacted and directed accordingly.

Although colds and viruses are a part of early childhood, this year early childhood programs are required to take extra precautions as typical cold viruses and coronavirus often present the same symptoms in young children. If a family member has confirmed COVID-19 or is in quarantine, young children should quarantine at home as well. Please be aware that these precautions are in place to keep all of our school’s children, families and staff healthy and safe throughout the fall and winter.

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
- Cough/shortness of breath
- Runny nose/congestion
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell
- Nausea/vomiting
- Diarrhea

UPCOMING CLOSURES

Mark your calendars for the upcoming days when the A. Sophie Rogers School will be closed. You can also find them on the “School Calendar” under our Classroom Corner webpage or on our events calendar.

WINTER BREAK
Wednesday, December 23 – the school will close at 1pm – and remain closed through Sunday, January 3.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY
Monday, January 18

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY
Monday, February 15

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Monday, March 15

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!
LOCAL RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

As the pandemic continues to impact our physical and mental health, our finances, and our ability to interact socially, the winter months may feel especially daunting. This can be especially true for parents of young children who may be in need of resources or supportive services, as well as those seeking to engage their child’s curiosity and love of discovery while at home. Below are local resources that are available for you and your family.

- You can call 2-1-1 (614.221.2255) or visit www.211centralohio.org to reach thousands of social service, government, and community resources in Franklin County to address any problem you might be facing.

- CAP4Kids houses an up-to-date, local directory of essential services and resources for families
  CAP4Kids – The Children’s Advocacy Project – was created in 2005 as a way to find reliable, up-to-date information on community resources to help improve and enhance the lives of children and families. CAP4Kids maintains a database of local resources for cities across the nation, including Columbus. It is a great resource all-year round, but they have also maintained an up-to-date directory of resources and services for families specifically during the coronavirus pandemic. Find everything from food and meal resources to housing and utility resources, employment and financial help, mental health support, transportation, and resources for immigrants, new Americans and ethnic minorities.

- Columbus City Schools: Resources for Families
  This resource page also offers essential needs for families, from food to internet, mental health and student supports. This site also offers translation to Español, Français, Soomaali, Arabic, and Nepali.

  This page offers community-family activities and is also available in multiple languages.

- Talking to Children about Coronavirus
  Check out this age-appropriate video for pre-K children (plus other videos and resources).

- 250+ Enrichment Activities for Children while at Home
  Provided by OSU College of Education and Human Ecology, this library of activities can offer children fun ways to stay engaged while at home while parents are working remotely.

- COSI offers online activities for kids to engage in the universe of science
  Columbus’ Center of Science and Industry (COSI) offers a free, online experience (and free mobile app) called COSI Connects to engage learners in science exploration from home.

classroom corner: featured project

The A. Sophie Rogers School for Early Learning will be featuring different projects happening within our classrooms. You can find the latest post on our Classroom Corner webpage by looking at the bottom of the right hand column. To go directly to our latest project, “What ‘Dat?’ A Study of Seeds, Leaves, and the Parts of Plants”, click here.