Welcome to the 2021-2022 School Year at the A. Sophie Rogers School for Early Learning!

August 29th marked our 14th year of operation at our current location in the Schoenbaum Family Center, and nearly 100 years of education at the university (first in our old location on campus in Campbell Hall!). While the past year and a half have been anything but usual, we are thrilled to be starting another school year with our community of learners. A vital piece of this community is our families including engagement, communication, and involvement. While some of the traditional ways that the A. Sophie Rogers School (ASR) and families connected are not in place this fall due to COVID mitigation measures, we have found some new ways to use technology and other resources to connect. Be sure to check the school newsletter each month for webinars, speakers, and tools that you can use to connect with the school, university, and educational resources in Ohio and university.

The ASR school website is another place to check frequently for news and announcements, in addition to this newsletter. Our menu is posted here on the site and also on the windows in the front vestibule if you are wondering what delicious breakfast, lunch and snacks were served. Each classroom also has a tab where weekly curriculum and special projects are shared. Additional announcements and upcoming events are also are posted throughout the month on our website.

The school is happy to provide books to families each month through the Kass Family Book Club! Check the newsletter each week for the selection which will be delivered to your child’s mailbox in addition to an activity sheet with ideas to incorporate at home with the book and bookplates which outline the ways to enrich reading with young children at home. As the year progresses, we hope to incorporate our library back in the daily routines of families!

**RealTalk Parenting Series**

One way to connect is through our RealTalk parenting series! We have partnered with our colleagues at our college’s Center on Education and Training for Employment’s Family Engagement Team to offer webinars on topics of interest to families with young children. Recordings of past sessions are available here and include topics such as sibling rivalry, kindergarten transition, story sharing and guidance and discipline of young children.

**NEXT TOPIC: Potty Training Basics and Troubleshooting**

Wednesday, September 22 • 12:30-1pm • Zoom

*Presented by Claudia Ellerbrock*

Learning how to use the toilet involves many new skills for children. Come talk with us about the process and how to keep your cool as you support your child through this rite of passage.
Introducing our 2021-2022 ASR Social Work Intern

Chloe Vonderbrink is a social work student from The Ohio State University’s College of Social Work who will be interning at the school through April. During fall semester, Chloe will be on-site on Wednesdays (8:30-5:30) and Thursdays (8:30-12:45) and can be reached at vonderbrink.14@buckeyemail.osu.edu or at 614-247-7007. As Chloe settles into her role, she will be available to support families in areas such as housing, employment, and benefits procurement, including Publicly Funded Child Care.

Meet Chloe

Hello! My name is Chloe Vonderbrink and I am the Social Work Intern from The Ohio State University for the 2021/2022 school year. As I am getting to know you and your children, I thought that you may like to know a bit about me. I was born in Dayton, Ohio where I attended pre-K through high school. Following high school, I moved to Columbus to pursue my college degree at Columbus State Community College. After graduating with my associate degree from Columbus State, I transferred to OSU to work towards my bachelor’s degree in Social Work, which I intend to finish this spring. When I am not in class or at work, I enjoy spending time with my close friends and family, reading, lifting weights, running, being in nature, and watching sports. If you would like to contact me with further questions or to set up a time to meet, my information is provided below. I look forward to being here to offer support and partner with your family to foster the best learning environment for our friends here at The Schoenbaum Family Center.

Classroom Corner: featured project

Each month we feature a project from one of our classrooms that creates learning opportunities for children to develop emerging skills in line with Ohio’s early learning and developmental standards. This month showcases a project built fully around the children’s own natural curiosity. Read on here.

Health and Safety Updates:

Just a few health reminders as we enter the fall. To keep all children, families and staff healthy, and in accordance with The Ohio State University regulations, all individuals in the building must wear masks, socially distance whenever possible and practice enhanced handwashing and cleaning procedures. All school staff are tested bi-weekly for COVID-19 and the university recently announced that all university students, faculty and staff must be vaccinated against coronavirus.

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.

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 calendar for these important, upcoming dates. You can also find them online on our events calendar.

LABOR DAY: CLOSED
Monday, September 6

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY: CLOSED
Our annual Symposium on Children
Friday, October 8