

ECC Family Newsletter

October 18, 2020

Dear ECC Families,

As the weather changes, please send your child to school with a hat, gloves, and jacket. Many teachers are still taking students outside for walks and/or lessons. This week's weather looks rainy, remember that on rainy days we will bring car riders out as we see cars in the line up. A staff member will come out to gather numbers and inform staff so we can keep students from standing in the rain.

The updated **COVID Self-Assessment** is below. Please continue to assess your child each morning before school. Thank you for your support with following these protocols and helping us all stay healthy and able to continue in person learning! Our Itty Bitty Bulldogs are doing a terrific job and so are you!

Preschool parents, please mark your calendars for our **Preschool Virtual Curriculum Night, Thursday, October 22nd 6:30-7:30**. Teachers will provide more information on how to join that night. In today's newsletter, we are highlighting our Preschool Program and their current theme.

Preschool and Kindergarten teachers are in the process of scheduling for our **Fall Conferences** which will be: **November 2nd and 12th 3:00-7:00pm**. All conferences will be virtual this year. Teachers will provide the Google Meet Link for you to use on the evening of your child's conference.

Thank you to all our parents who were able to sign up to be "**Virtual Room Parents**." If you need assistance with coordinating drop off and pick up of supplies/class materials, please call the office and let Mrs. Santiago know. We have a drop off box and cart directly inside our school entrance where parents can drop off and retrieve items.

Please visit our website if you ever need to see past newsletters or for important school documents and resources.

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With Joy,
Dora

Updated COVID-19 Self-Assessment Chart

If any two symptoms from the left, or one symptom from the right is present a students must stay home/go home. The student must be symptom free for 24 hours without medication and have a doctor's note in order to return.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Self-Assessment

All teachers, staff, and students are required to conduct a daily health assessment each morning prior to reporting to the bus stop or to school. Anyone with any of the symptoms below should NOT come to an Olmsted Falls City Schools building or board a school bus.

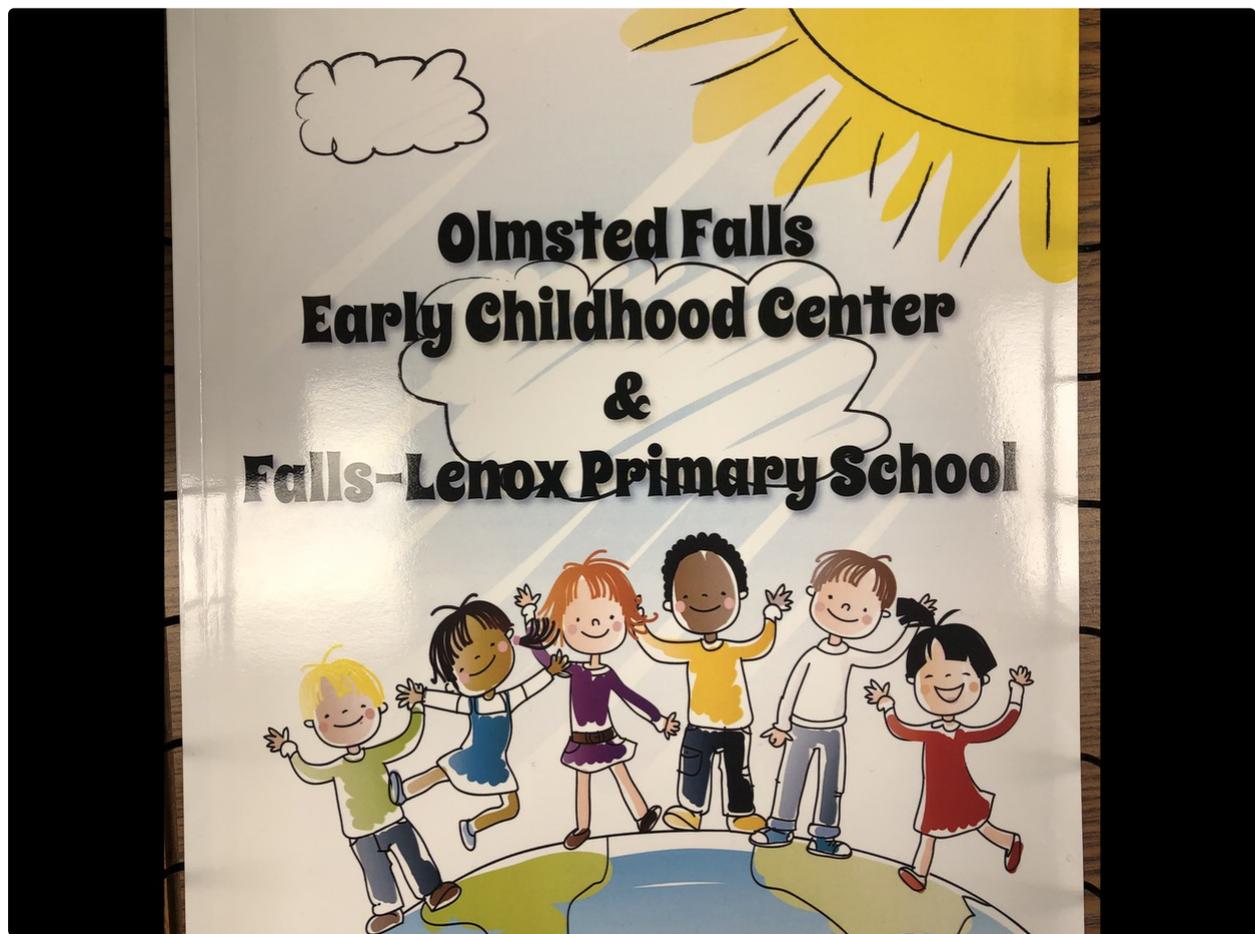
Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. Please self-screen each morning before each school day for all of the following symptoms:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chills• Headache• Fatigue• Muscle or body aches• Sore throat• New onset or worsening of nasal congestion or runny nose• Nausea• Vomiting (go home immediately)• Diarrhea (2 or more episodes—go home immediately)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fever (100.0F or higher)• Loss of taste or smell• New onset cough• Chest pain, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing
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School Exclusion and Return Criteria

If TWO of the symptoms from the left side of chart are present OR if ONE of the symptoms from the right side of chart is present, the individual must be sent home. The individual must be symptom-free

Did you have a child in grades Prek-3 last year (2019-2020), but forgot to purchase a yearbook, we extra copies available for \$15.50.



Upcoming Cub Scout Virtual Fall Fun!

Weekly Fall Fun Fest Themes

- **At-Home Scavenger Hunt- Wednesday, October 21st, 6:30-7:30 PM**
 - Do you like challenges? Join us for an at-home scavenger hunt and see if you can find all the crazy things we'll come up with. Invite your friends to join in! The more the merrier!
- **Halloween Party- Wednesday, October 28th, 6:30-7:30 PM**
 - It's a bird... it's a plane... it's a bunch of cool kids in awesome costumes! Put on your Halloween best and join us for an hour-long party! Remember, it's not a party without friends so make sure to invite a few.

Registration is required to receive the Zoom link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cub-scout-fall-fun-fest-tickets-123169722957>.

Cub Scout Packs have found creative ways to remain active. From virtual meetings to weekend family camping, and socially distant events and service projects (food drives, thank-you videos, and more), our Scouts have shown that nothing can stop them to safely partake in this adventure.

For more information on Fall Fun Fest and all the exciting Cub Scout programs being offered by the Lake Erie Council, families can visit www.CLEScouting.org or contact me at Kallee.Kissling@Scouting.org

* A full version of the flyer can be found [here](#).

It is my hope that our efforts help your families with additional ideas to have fun during this time. Please do not hesitate to reach out if there is anything we can do for you. We're here to help.

ECC Halloween Spirit Week

Due to guidance provided by the CDC in regards to Halloween this year, along with being in a half-day hybrid model, we are going to celebrate Halloween and fall a little bit each day to spread the fun with our **ECC Halloween Spirit Week** (see flyer below).

We will not wear Halloween costumes or Halloween face masks to school this year. Instead, we will have a classroom slideshow created so parents can upload a picture of students in their costume at home.

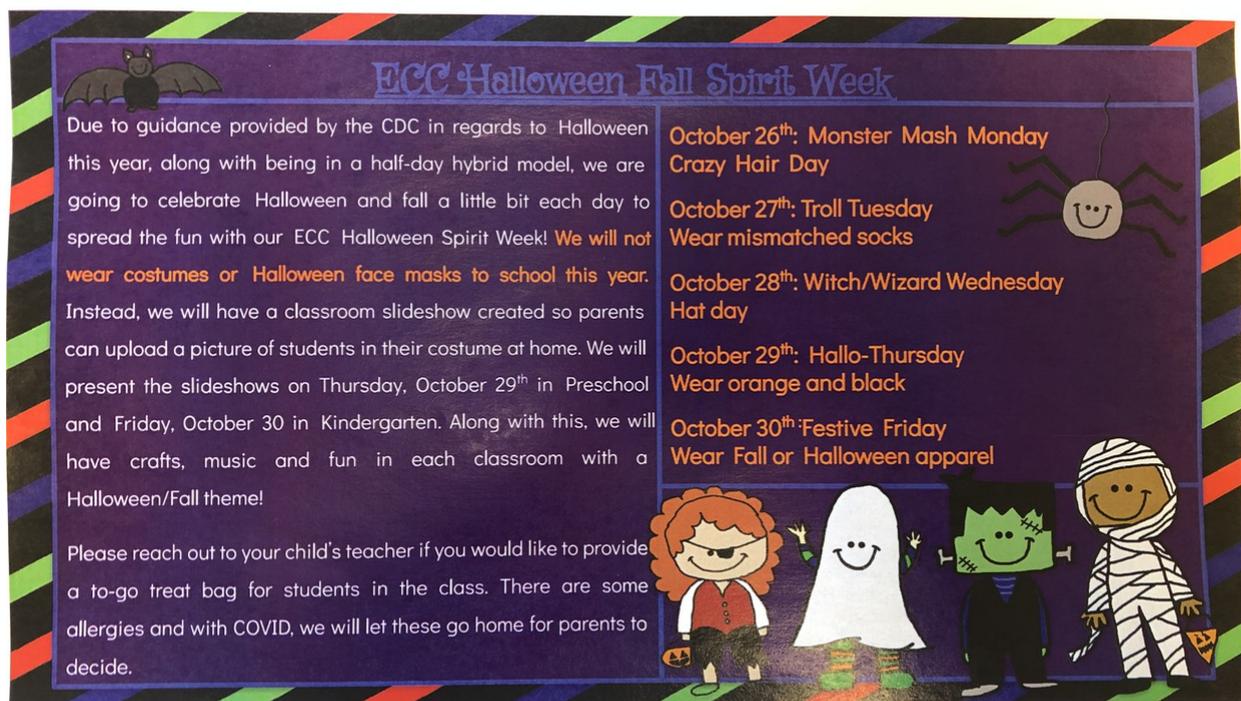
We will present the slideshows on Thursday, October 29th in Preschool and Friday, October 30 in Kindergarten. Along with this, we will have a pumpkin patch, crafts, music and fun in each classroom with a Halloween/Fall theme!

PTA is working to organize "Parent Leaders" to support organizing class pumpkins and treat bags due to not having room parents this year. There are some allergies and with COVID, we will let treat bags go home for parents to decide.

Please Note: Monday and Tuesday were switched due to Picture Retake Day on Tuesday, Oct. 27th

We didn't want you to have "Crazy Hair on Picture Retake Day."

On Retake Day, photographers will be taking Candid Shots around the building of students/classes to include in our yearbook. They will spend the day at the ECC to capture pictures from AM and PM classes.



The flyer is titled "ECC Halloween Fall Spirit Week" and features a purple background with a striped border. It includes a bat icon in the top left, a spider icon in the top right, and illustrations of a witch, a ghost, Frankenstein, and a mummy at the bottom. The text is organized into two columns. The left column contains general information about the event, including a note about not wearing costumes or face masks and instructions for a classroom slideshow. The right column lists the daily activities for each day of the week, such as "Monster Mash Monday" and "Festive Friday".

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Please reach out to your child's teacher if you would like to provide a to-go treat bag for students in the class. There are some allergies and with COVID, we will let these go home for parents to decide.

October 26th: Monster Mash Monday
Crazy Hair Day

October 27th: Troll Tuesday
Wear mismatched socks

October 28th: Witch/Wizard Wednesday
Hat day

October 29th: Hallo-Thursday
Wear orange and black

October 30th: Festive Friday
Wear Fall or Halloween apparel

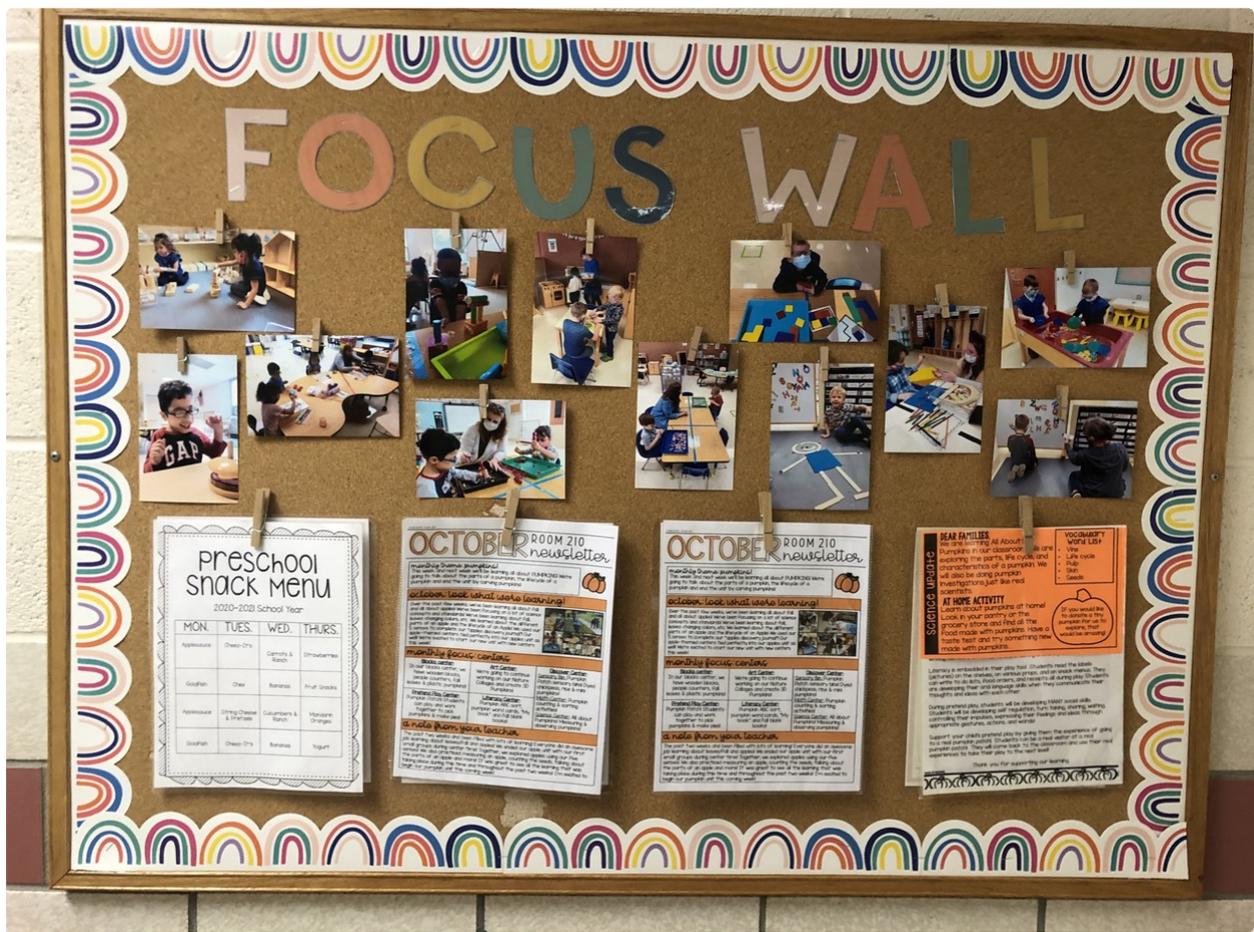
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As the school year goes on, we will update this board with pictures that provide evidence of learning from each class (AM and PM) for each preschool teacher.

Our year of learning in pictures!



Each Preschool Teacher has a parent board outside their classroom that provides updates, weekly lesson plans, snack schedule, and evidence of learning in pictures.

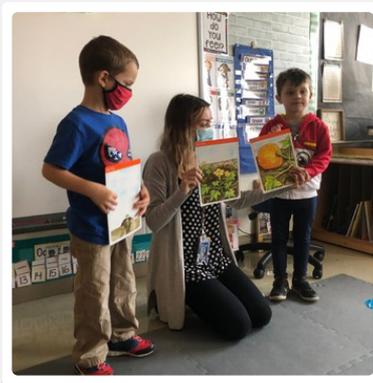


Take a look inside our preschool rooms. We're learning all about fall!

Teachers change their centers every month to support the monthly themes, standards, and curriculum objectives. This is a lot of work, but nothing beats seeing the excitement when students walk in and see the transformation of their classroom.

The best way to teach vocabulary is indirectly and in context, so these centers are vital to developing language and literacy.





What is PBIS?

Dear Parents,

Our school is participating in an important district initiative. It is called Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS).

What is Positive Behavior Interventions and Support?

PBIS is a process for creating safer and more effective schools. It is a systems approach to enhancing the capacity of schools to educate all children by developing research-based, school-wide, and classroom behavior support systems. The process focuses on improving a school's ability to teach and support positive behavior for all students. Rather than a prescribed program, PBIS provides

systems for schools to design, implement, and evaluate effective school-wide, classroom, non-classroom, and student specific plans. PBIS includes school-wide procedures and processes intended for all students and all staff in all settings. PBIS is not a program or a curriculum. It is a team-based process for systemic problem solving, planning, and evaluation. It is an approach to creating a safe and productive learning environment where teachers can teach and all students can learn.

What is PBIS at our school?

We have adopted a unified set of classroom rules. Similar to the Code of Student Conduct, these rules or agreements define our expectations for behavior in our school. You will see these rules posted throughout the school and your child will be learning them during his or her first days at school. Our unified classroom rules, found in every classroom and non-classroom setting in the school, are as follows:

Rule #1: Be Safe.

Rule #2: Be Respectful

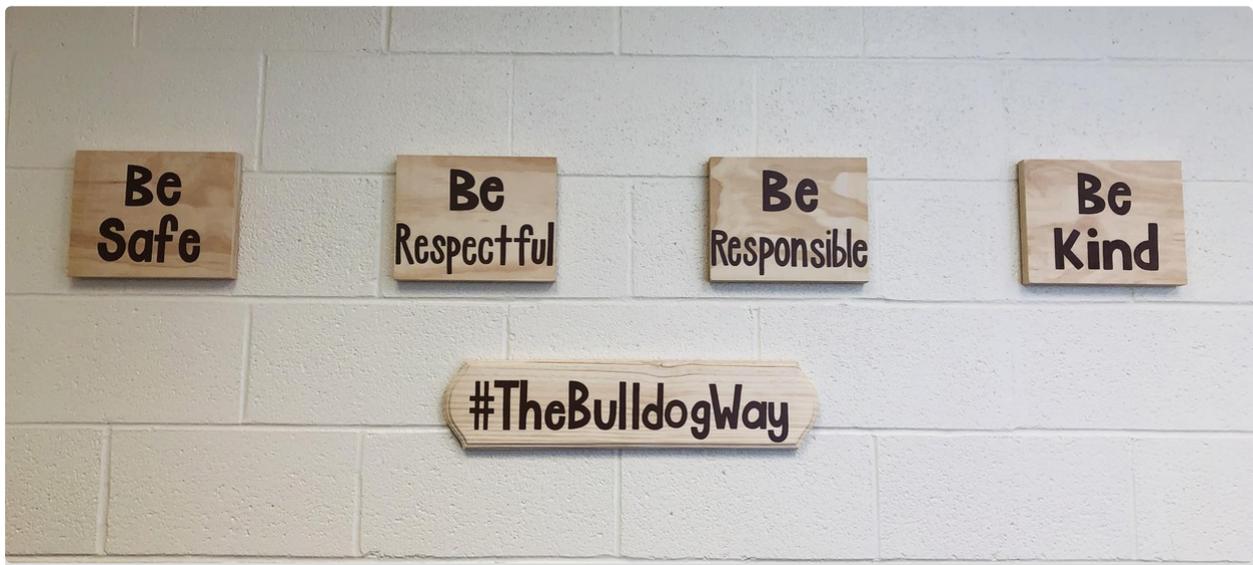
Rule #3: Be Responsible

Rule #4: Be Kind

As part of our PBIS process, teachers and other staff members use evidence-based practices to increase student learning and decrease classroom disruptions. To keep students on the rules in a positive manner, we do the following when teaching academics and behavior:

- Constantly teach and refer to our school-wide expectations. (We use our monthly videos connected to our Word of the Month to support this)
- Provide students with more praise than correction.
- Talk to students with respect using positive voice tone.
- Actively engage everyone in the class during instruction.
- Use pre-correcting, prompting, and redirecting as we teach.
- Look for the positive first and provide positive, immediate, frequent, and explicit feedback.

We agree to...



October Word of the Month: Respectful

Be Respectful

I CAN...

Raise my hand to speak

Help keep classroom supplies neat and tidy

Use kind words

Listen to others when they speak

Treat others the way I want to be treated



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Parents,

This slide show will be used in class to help teach students about being safe while at school. Please view so that you can support this common language at home. There is a list of suggested books on the last slide that can be read at home.



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When we see students demonstrating our Word of the Month (school rules), we let them know they are being a "Bucket Filler" and making our school a better place. We often will take a picture of them taking

action, to put on our board. We also provide "Spots of Kindness" to students to decorate and stick on our wall in the main hallway. Our spots are growing every day!



Weekly To Go Lunch Menu

Monday - Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich, Carrots, Fruit

Tuesday - Turkey and Cheese Sandwich, Celery Sticks, Fruit

Wednesday - Yogurt, Granola, and String Cheese, Sunset Sip Juice Cup, Fruit

Thursday - Chicken Strip Wrap, Ranch, Cucumbers, Fruit

Friday - Nachos with Cheese, Carrots/Celery, Fruit

Join our PTAs

OECPTA (Olmsted Early Childhood PTA)

 **MemberHub**

oecpta.new.memberhub.store

FLECC (Falls-Lennox & ECC PTA)

 **MemberHub**

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FLECC PTA Meetings

October 27, 2020 meet.google.com/tmm-kagc-vth(US) +1 401-526-8318 PIN: 125 579 407

November 17, 2020 meet.google.com/cvh-xnzw-ufv(US) +1 530-444-9694 PIN: 962 137 121#

January 26, 2021 meet.google.com/fva-odfp-egb(US) +1 240-532-2983 PIN: 482 171 984#

February 23, 2021 meet.google.com/mkm-thyz-qkv(US) +1 478-352-1709 PIN: 742 148 414#

March 23, 2021 meet.google.com/bjd-cspc-iry(US) +1 859-493-1761 PIN: 655 189 582#

April 20, 2021 meet.google.com/qeo-ukse-fdm(US) +1 234-414-1875 PIN: 646 724 344#

May 25, 2021 meet.google.com/ucv-pnjh-qhw(US) +1 575-459-0094 PIN: 692 306 732#

ECC Important Dates 2020-2021

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Olmsted Falls Early Childhood Center 2020-2021		
Date	Event	Description
September 22nd	Friday Day	School Walk Event
October 9th	NO SCHOOL	NOVA Day
October 29th	Preschool Curriculum Night	Family Engagement
October 29th	Halloween Fall Celebrations	School Walk Event
November 2nd	EBECC/COLELLA/NO SCHOOL	Preschool Teachers Professional Day
November 3rd	NO SCHOOL	Election Day
November 24th and 25th	Parent Teacher Conferences 2 Day	Family Engagement

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Reminders

Start and End Times:

- **Preschool:**

AM 8:00-10:30

PM: 11:40-2:10

- **Kindergarten:**

AM 7:55-10:25 (doors open at 7:45)

PM 11:55-2:25 (doors open at 11:45)

Preschool is Monday-Thursday half days. Our **Peer Model Program is currently suspended due to COVID-19.** Once our county is in a Level 1, based on the COVID Alert System, we will begin phasing this program into our day.

Kindergarten students will have In-Person instruction for half days, 5 days a week, whenever we are "On Campus Learning." This would be for Levels 1-3, while not in remote or "Off Campus Learning."

This instruction will focus on the core content areas (reading, writing, math, social studies, and science).

When students are at home (the other half of their day), they will receive learning menus with activities that provide hands-on learning experiences based on the lessons from class. They will also receive activities and video lessons from their Specialists (art, music, PE, and technology).

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is taken every day in each Pathway. The following list is from our ECC Student Handbook and details Excused Reasons for Absences.

The following are the only reasons for being absent as defined by law and adopted by this Board:

1. Personal illness (a written physician's statement verifying the illness may be required after reaching excessive absence thresholds of 38 hours in a month or 65 hours in a year)
2. Illness in the family necessitates the presence of the child at home
3. Quarantine of the home
4. Death in the family
5. Necessary work at home due to absence or incapacity of parent(s)/guardian(s)
6. Out of state travel (up to a maximum twenty four (24) hours per school year that the student's school is open for instruction) to participate in a District approved enrichment or extracurricular activity
7. Observance of religious holidays
8. Emergency or other set of circumstances in which the judgment of the Superintendent/designee constitutes a good and sufficient cause for absence from school
9. Medically necessary leave for a pregnant student in accordance with [Policy 5751](#)
10. Service as a precinct officer at a primary, special or general election in accordance with the program set forth in Policy 5725

The Counselor's Corner



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Virtual Specials begin on September 14th for Kindergarten



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Meet The Staff (with our safety gear off)

Welcome to the ECC

Click on this button to "Meet our Staff"

Mrs. Bechtel's Virtual Office



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The Early Childhood Center

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Early Childhood Center Mission:

Olmsted Falls Early Childhood Center strives to create a nurturing learning environment. We believe in the power of strong relationships within our school community to help students feel safe and comfortable in sharing who they are, while developing the skills necessary to think critically, problem solve, and work collaboratively with others.

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