ECC Family Newsletter

November 21, 2021

Dear ECC Families,

We made it to Thanksgiving Break!!
With all the challenges that this pandemic and Covid have caused in school operations, I have grown and learned so much! I am thankful for having such a caring staff at the ECC and a supportive group of families who trust us with their child's first years of school. Enjoy your time together! Happy Thanksgiving!

Plan to attend our 1st **Coffee Chat** of the school year on **Monday, November 22nd @9am in the cafeteria.** Coffee Chats are a great opportunity to learn more about our programs, ask questions in an informal setting, and see the school. This quarter's Coffee Chat will have a presentation from our Kinder Council on our PBIS word of the month. Mrs. Hays, our school counselor will share strategies and resources to support students experiencing anxiety. I will go over data reports for preschool and kindergarten and discuss the Peer Model Screening process.

Teachers have sent out links for **conference sign-ups**. Please reach out if you are having trouble accessing the electronic sign-up. We can help you with a time to meet your student's teacher. **Mrs. McClellan, our music teacher and Mr. Percival, our PE teacher** will be in attendance at the December 7th conference night. Please feel free to stop by and discuss your child's performance in these classes.

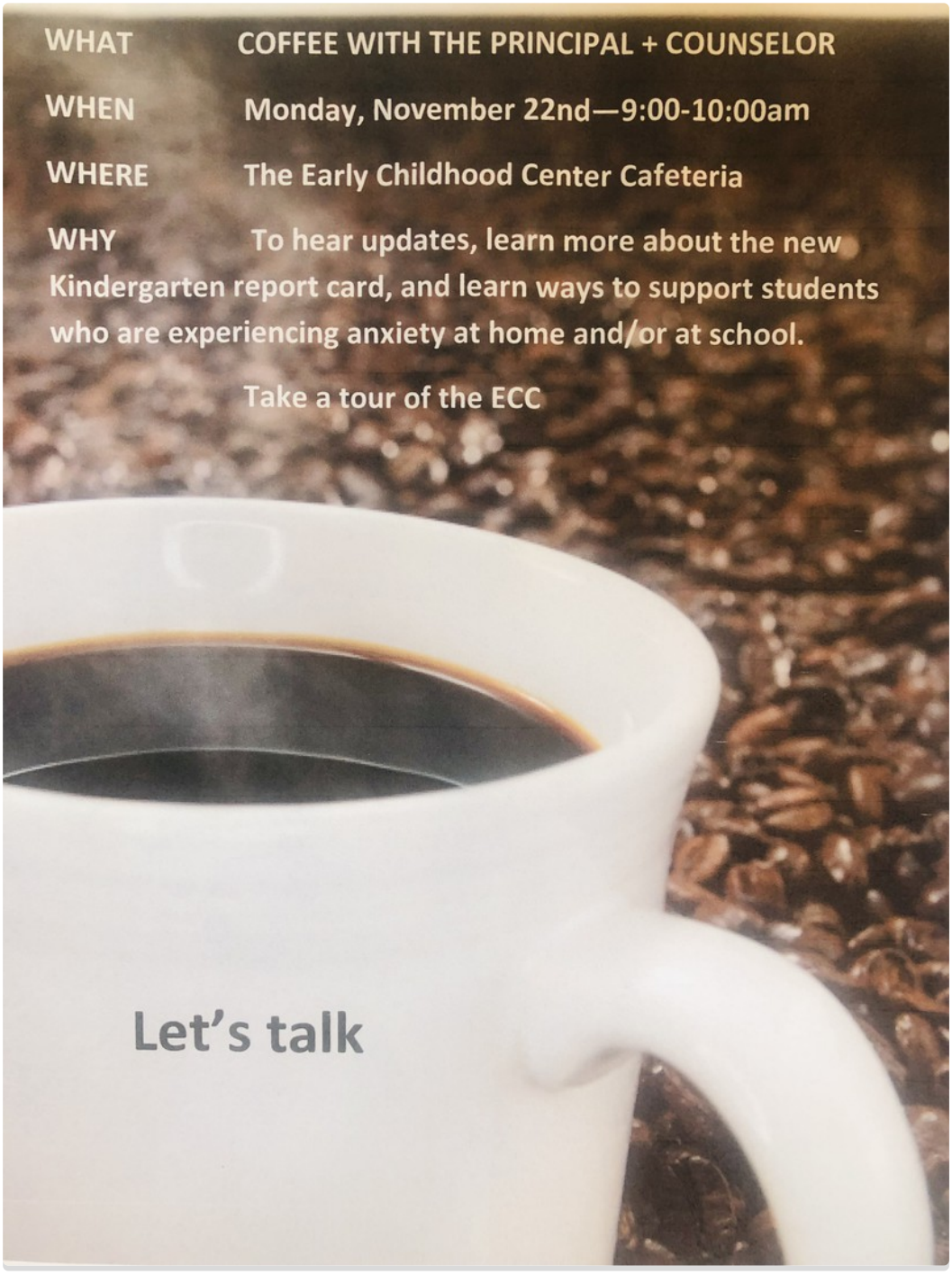
Our new **PBIS Word of the Month is, Be Responsible**. Check out our newsletter below to learn more about how you can support this word at home.

Reminder, you can find past newsletters on our district's website. Click on buildings/Early Childhood Center.
https://www.ofcs.net/5/News/Letters

Check out our week in pictures at the bottom of this newsletter!

With Gratitude,
Dora

Coffee with the Principal + Counselor



Welcome Mrs. Duncan to our Preschool Team!

My name is Kristin Duncan and I am the new para educator in the inclusive special needs class. My family and I recently relocated here from the coast of North Carolina. I bring over 25 years of working with special needs children ages 3-5 years. I am excited to join the Bulldog family and look forward to a great rest of the year!

Kinder Council boxed up our Food Drive donations!

Our Itty Bitty Bulldogs are Thankful for Many Things!

- Lachlan is thankful for his sister.
- Mackenzie is thankful for Ms. Beth
- MJ is thankful for Nolan.
- Alexandra is thankful for friends that help.
- McKinley is thankful for her teachers.
- Eli is thankful for getting ice cream.
- Alexa is thankful for playing outside.
- Zeke is thankful for his parents who get me my favorite chips.
- Adam is thankful for his sister Marlo.
- Hudson is thankful for a happy Christmas.
- Greyson is thankful for food, turkey, pudding and chicken nuggets. He is also thankful for friends, kindergarten, teachers, and his brother Asher.
- Elizabeth is thankful for mommy, daddy, sister and cousins.
- Matthew is thankful for mom, dad, two sisters, and his friend Jacob.
- Sara is thankful for flowers, pets, family and her sister.

- Brendan is thankful for food, going places and family.
- Kora is thankful for her dog Tillie.
- Winston is thankful for his Uncle Daniel and Aunt Rebecca.
- Klara is thankful for food.
- Clara is thankful for everyone and mom.
- Eliza is thankful for her family.
- Indigo is thankful for playing dolls with her friend Hannah.
- Gio is thankful for his friends.
- Brooke is thankful for her Mommy and Daddy.
- Graham is thankful for everyone who helps him.
- Vera is thankful for her Mom, Dad, and brother.
- Ava is thankful for her family
- Wade is thankful for being able to visit Grandma and Papa in Florida this Christmas.
- Olivia is thankful for her family and those that love her.
- Finn is thankful for Mrs. Bechtel.
- Bennett is thankful for the Army that saves us.
- William is thankful for his family and his sister.
- EJ is thankful for God, his family, and Ms. Simpson.
- Adam is thankful for his family.
- Margo is thankful for her family and school.
- Dorothy is thankful for her family, brothers, and sister.

Important Dates

November 22nd; Coffee Chat with Mrs. Bechtel and Mrs. Hays @9am in Cafeteria
November 23rd; Preschool Fall Feast (See flyer below)
November 24th-26th; No School Thanksgiving Break

December 1st: Preschool's 50's Day to celebrate the 50th Day of School!
We're dressing 50's style and having a 50's Dance Party!

December 2nd and 7th: ECC Parent-Teacher Conferences ***(3-7pm) In-Person***
Teachers will send sign-ups through SeeSaw

preschool fall feas...

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Word of the Month: Be Responsible

Parents,
Please view this Be Responsible Newsletter with your child. It is full of videos and lessons to support our PBIS Word of the Month at home. Each month, we will introduce a new word to support character development at the ECC.

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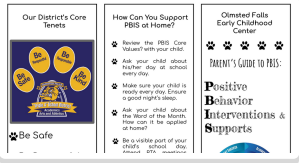

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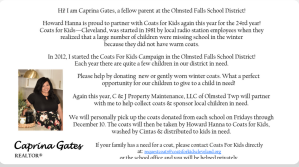

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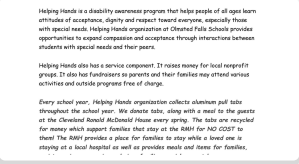

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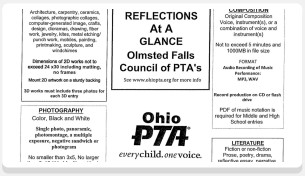
PTA Reflections Contest

The annual PTA Reflections Contest is going on for all students interested in entering artwork, literature, music composition, photography, film, or dance choreography. The theme is " I Will Change the World By..." Applications and information packets are attached and will be sent home with your student this week. All entries can be turned in to the main office in an box labeled: PTA Reflections contest. **They are due by November 29th.**



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Library Book Check-Out Days

- **Monday**: Mrs. Pinzone
- **Tuesday**: Mrs. Strawser
- **Wednesday**: Mrs. Heinrich and Miss Simpson
- **Thursday**: Ms. Doyle and Mrs. Michaels
- **Friday**: Mrs. McNeeley, Mrs. Roberto, Mrs. Kley, and Mrs. DiCapua

Lunch Menu for November 22nd and 23rd

Monday: Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, California Blend Veg, Applesauce

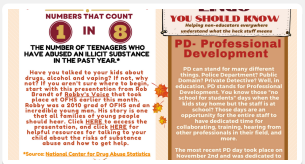
Tuesday: Chicken Nuggets, Baked Beans, Kiwi, Cookie

Wednesday: No School

Thursday: No School

Friday: No School

In The Loop~November



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Mrs. Barnard's Speech Therapy Site

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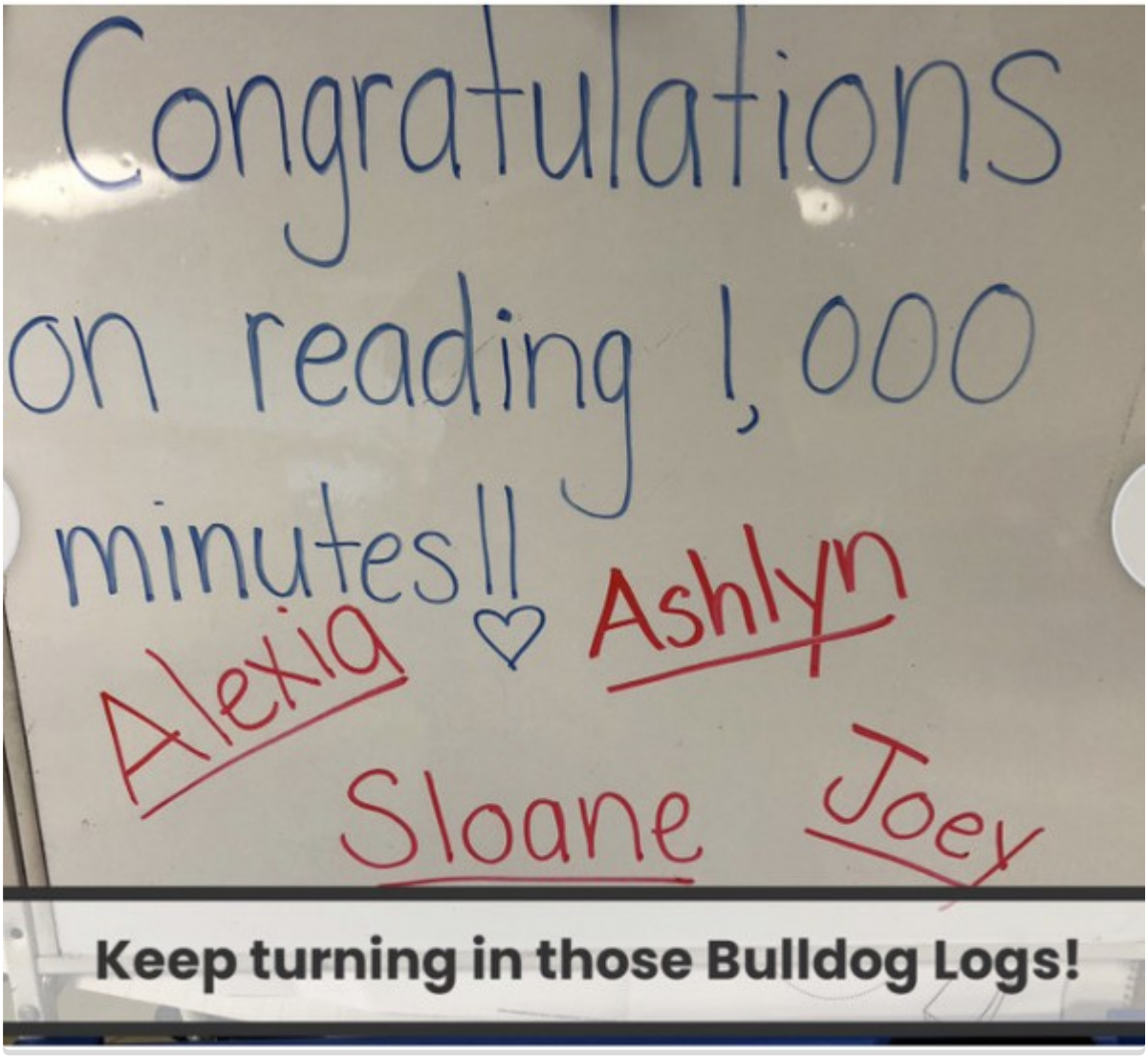
Happy Birthday to You!

Preschool

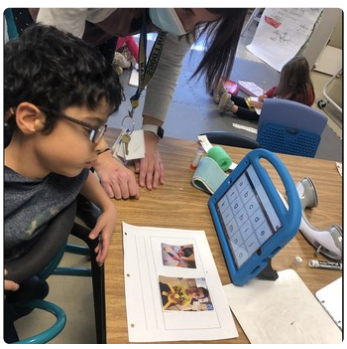
Kindergarten

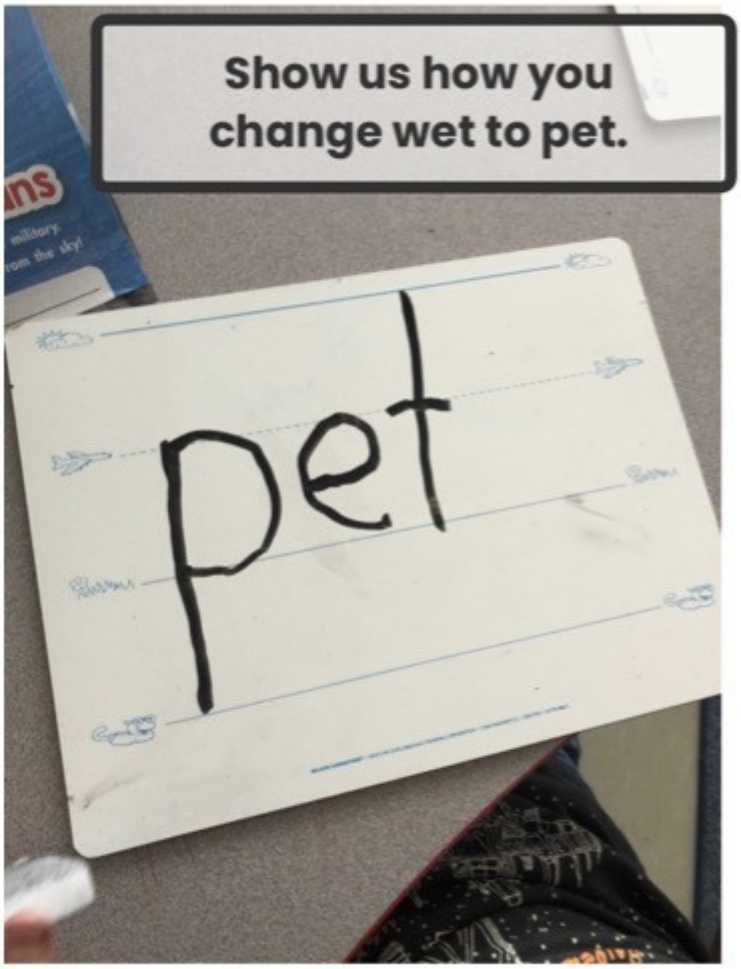
Exploring our Investigation Stations!

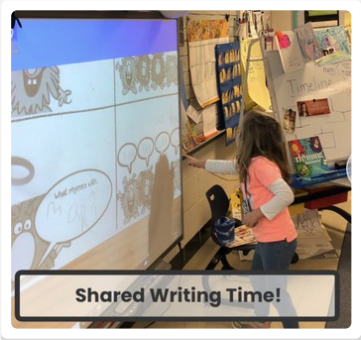
Readers and Writers Workshop


Congratulations
on reading 1,000
minutes!!
Alexia
Ashlyn
Sloane
Joey
Keep turning in those Bulldog Logs!

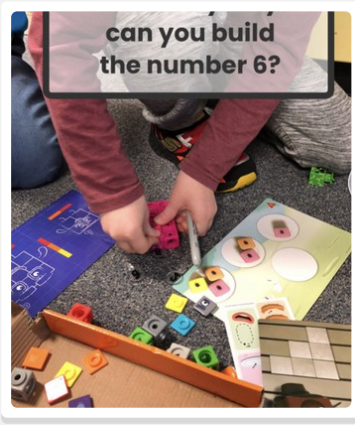
HUNDREDS CHART







Math Stations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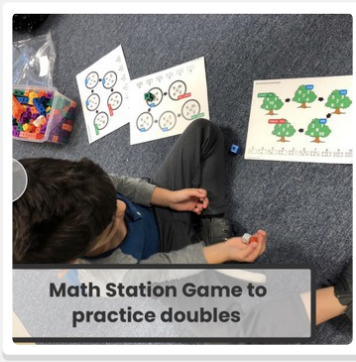
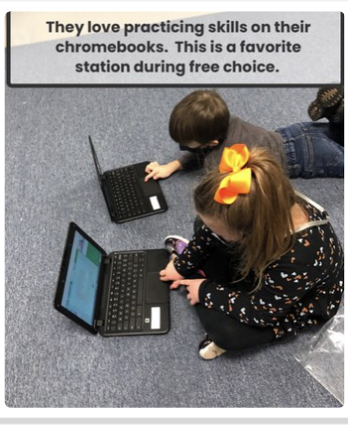
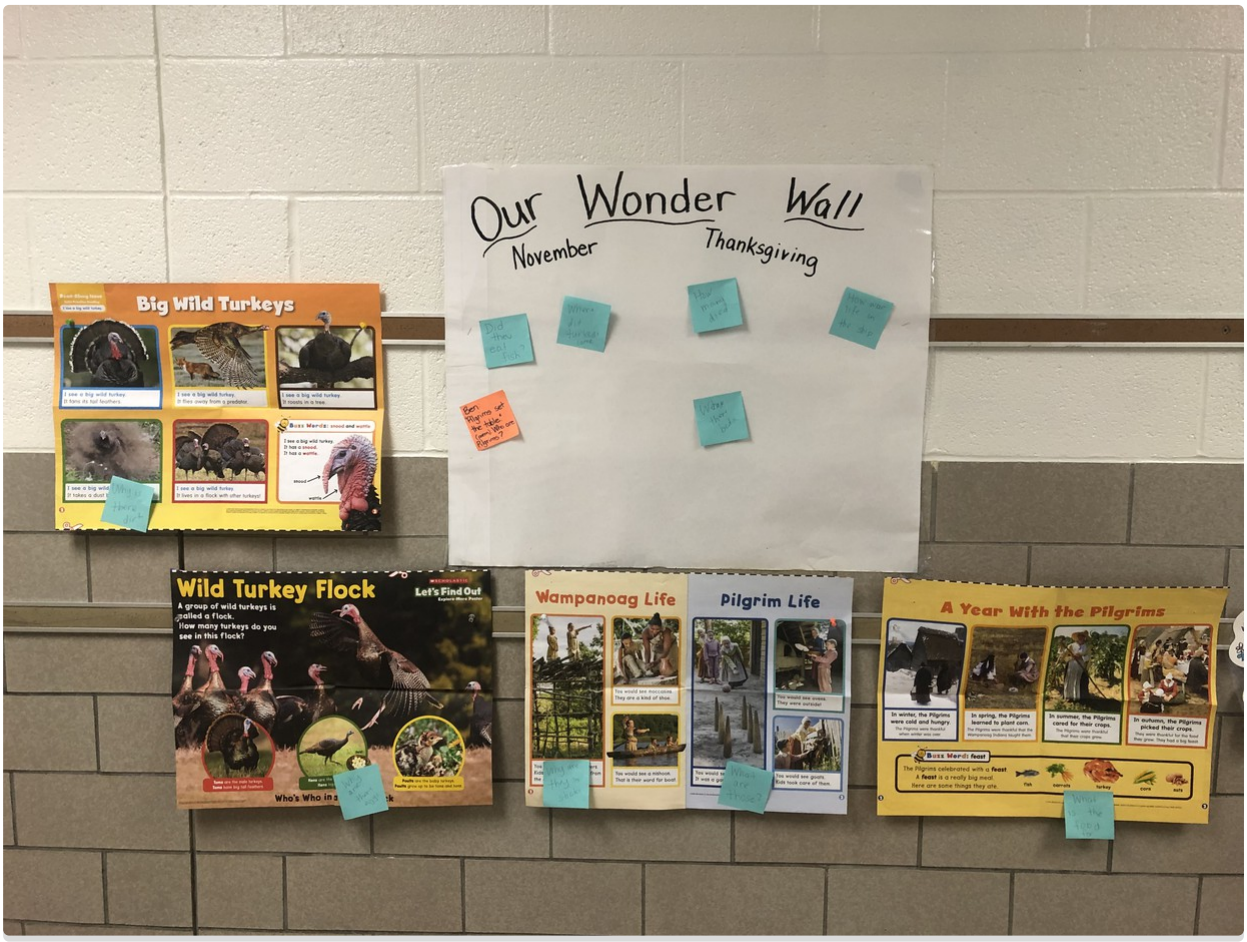
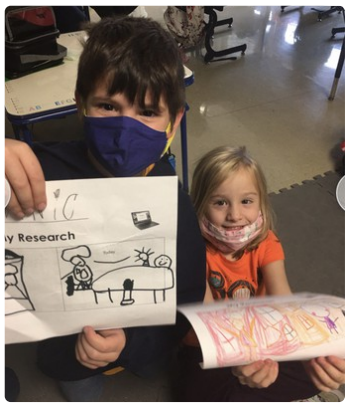
the number 6?


Math Station Game to
practice doubles


They love practicing skills on their
chromebooks. This is a favorite
station during free choice.

Inquiry

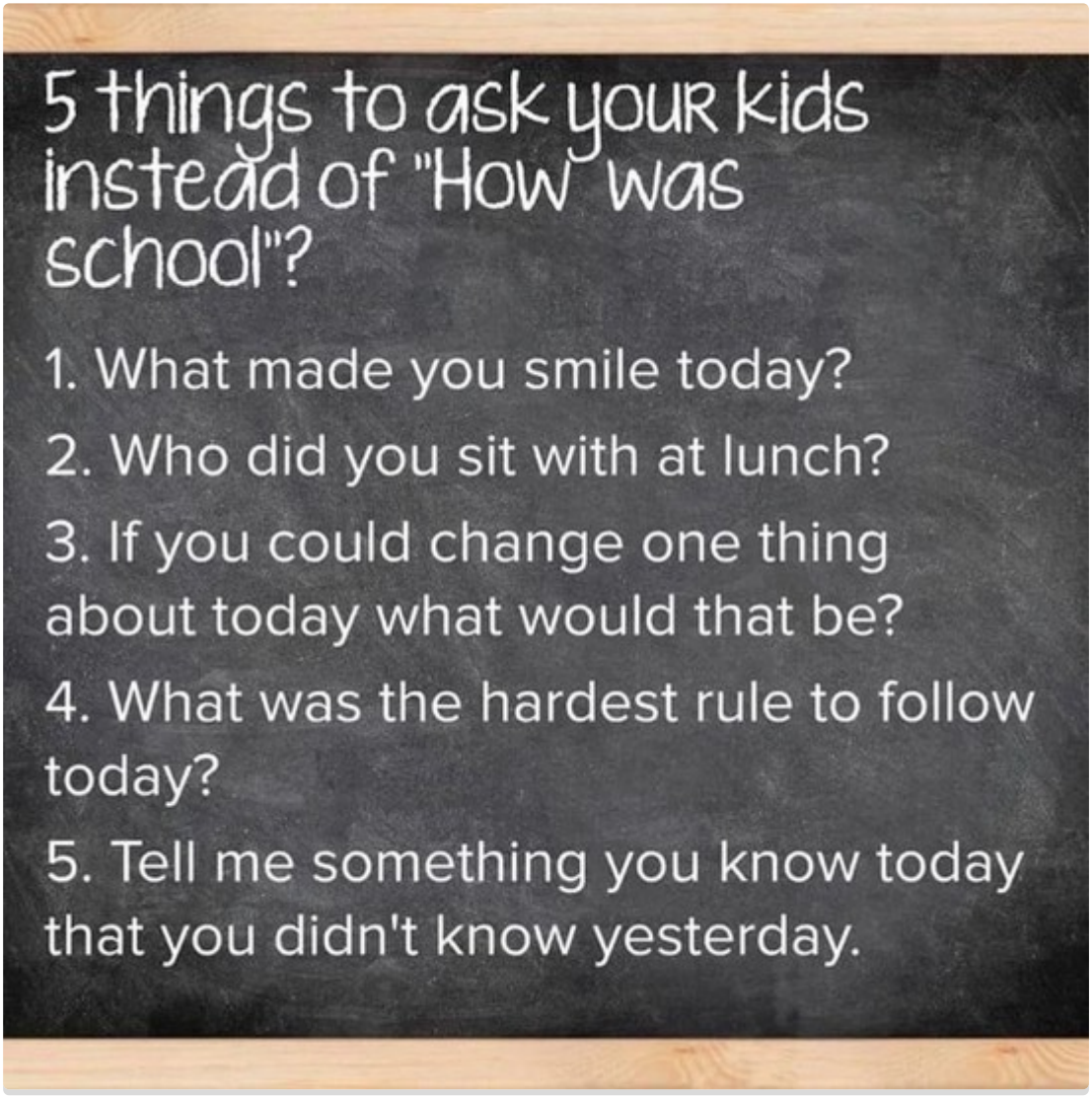

Our Wonder Wall
November
Thanksgiving
Big Wild Turkeys
Wild Turkey Flock
A group of wild turkeys is
called a flock.
How many turkeys do you
see in this flock?
Let's Find Out
Wampanoag Life
Pilgrim Life
A Year With the Pilgrims


Research

Music and Recess

Ms. Cassie showing us that the wood beam is now gone!

Future pilot!



Pay School Fees Online Here!

ECC School Fees 2021-2022

Preschool students: $60.00 a year

- Snack and instructional supplies

Preschool Peer Models: $150.00 a month (snack fee & supplies built in)

Kindergarten: $75.00 Total

- $6 art supplies
- $5 field trips/activities

- $25.00 technology (Raz Kids, SeeSaw, Compass Learning, NWEA and DRA)
- $39 Instructional (Math/ELA workbooks, Scholastic Weekly Readers, consumables)

School Times

Kindergarten School Day:
7:55-2:25pm

Note: *Doors open at 7:45am. If your child plans to eat breakfast, please have them at school by 7:45. Students cannot enter the building prior to 7:45am.*

Preschool AM:
8:00-10:30am

Preschool PM:
11:40-2:10pm

The ECC Office Hours:
7:30am-3:30pm (after 3:30, you are able to leave a message)

Update to Face Masks and Quarantine Guidelines

Quarantine Guidelines
The Ohio Department of Health has made some significant changes to the quarantine guidelines that districts may use. As an Olmsted Falls parent/guardian you need to know that our school district will use these new, alternative guidelines.
Under the former guidelines, students exposed to COVID-19 were quarantined by the local board of health and then excluded from school. **Under the new guidelines, a student exposed to COVID-19 is able to remain in school as long as the student wears a face covering for 14-days and has their symptoms monitored.** The student may remove the mask if they do not develop symptoms and demonstrate a negative COVID-19 test between days 5-7 from the date of exposure. The district will accept negative results from a Binax COVID19 at-home test or from one administered by a healthcare provider. The parent should work with the district's school nurse.

Facial Coverings
I am also writing to provide you with an important update related to protective facial coverings. On October 15, 2021 under OFCS School Board Policy 8450.01, I continued to keep the masking policy in place. In that letter to you I indicated that the mask requirement would be in effect until it is lifted, and that the decision would be re-evaluated on October 29, 2021. This communication is to inform you that ***protective facial coverings will become optional beginning Monday, November 1.*** We will re-evaluate the facial covering policy on a week-to-week basis and continue to track the COVID-19 metrics. As a reminder, facial coverings will still be required at all times while riding the school bus as this continues to be required by federal law.

Mask Exempt Students
If a student is mask exempt and is exposed, they will have to either choose to wear a mask for 14 days or isolate. Students cannot remain in class without a mask on after exposure. If they do not develop symptoms while isolating and demonstrate a negative COVID-19 test between days 5-7 from

the date of exposure. The district will accept negative results from a Binax COVID19 at-home test or from one administered by a healthcare provider. **The parent should work with the district's school nurse.**

Olmsted Falls City Schools COVID Dashboard

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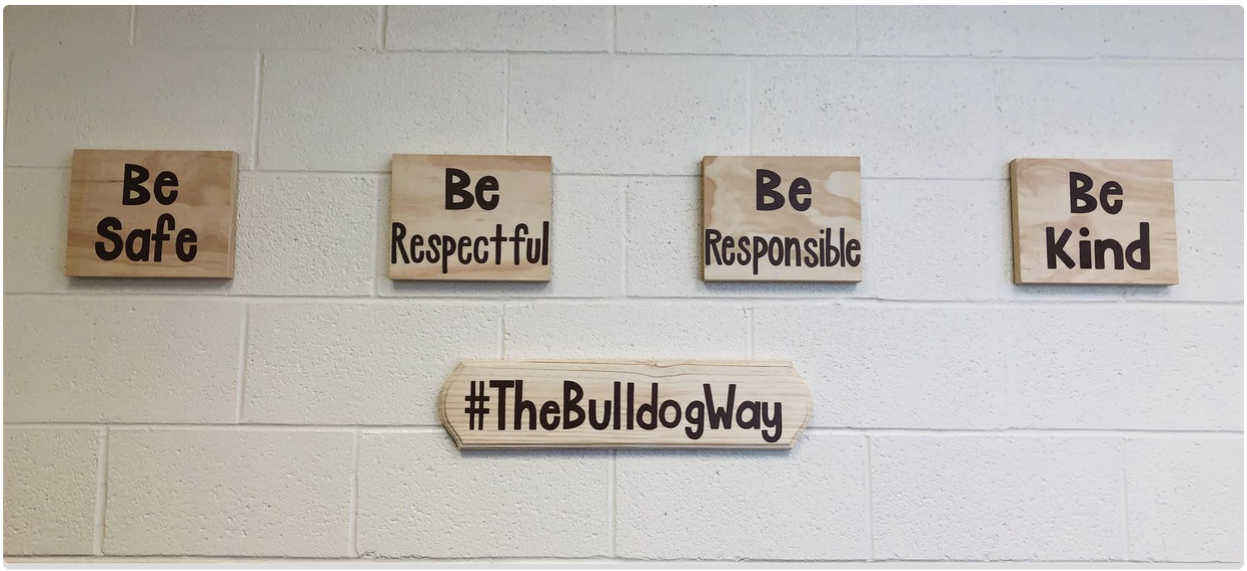

The Early Childhood Center

@ECCBulldogs

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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