



The Children's Center Connection November 2020



Parent-Teacher Conferences

The Children's Center is offering parent teacher conferences for all families during this fall. It is a time for the teachers to share information and observations about your child's development. It is also a time for you to tell us more about your child. Together it is a time to set goals and plan to maximize your child's experiences here.

Earlier in the school year parents completed an Ages & Stages Questionnaire (ASQ), a broad screening tool that covers several developmental domains. Teachers will assess the children according to the Objectives for Development and Learning with Teaching Strategies GOLD. Teach-

ers will share information gathered from both tools at the conference and also use the findings to plan and individualize activities. Together, teachers and parents will complete the written summary during the final portion of the conference.

Conference dates will be staggered between the weeks of November 16th and December 18th. Conference sign ups will be located in each classroom and/or electronically with Google Docs. We are hoping for 100% participation. Strong communication is key to your child's success!

Important Dates To Remember

November 3



Election Day

November 16-
Dec 18



Parent Teacher
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November 26
Thanksgiving Day
Center Closed



November 27
Center Closed



Thankful Tree

Recently our staff completed a survey about the languages of appreciation. We found that words of affirmation was the most frequent result. With that in mind, we ask that you take a leaf from the basket in the Wheaton hall and write a note of thankfulness for one or more of our staff. Leaves can be pinned up all around of the tree. Teachers will see all the ways in they are valued.



Temporary Virtual Learning Classroom to Close

Shaker Heights is transitioning to in-person instruction and we bid farewell to our school-agers. We enjoyed having the big kids at the program. Many thanks to Ms. Heather for keeping the students on track and engaged in their studies. We wish you well!

Time to Update the Cubbies

The cooler fall weather is here. If you have not done so already, please make sure your child has an extra set of warmer clothes. We plan to go out in a variety of weather, so please bring labeled rain boots, hats, gloves, scarves and warm jackets. Hopefully, snow boots can wait until next month!

Pandemic Protocols Update

We have a few updates on our plans as we move forward with child care during the pandemic.

Ratios and Group-size

Child care was allowed by the State of Ohio to return to regular ratios and group sizes on August 9th. We chose to stay at lower ratios and group sizes and benefitted by grants offered through the State's CARES Act money. This financial support ended in October.

It is a challenge to maintain the lower ratios and group sizes from open to close each day. Our plan is to work toward a maximum group size of 9 children for most classrooms. Second floor classrooms will remain split. When we get to our desired number for the Turtle and Panda Classes, partitions can be removed.

Our group sizes remain smaller than Step Up to Quality. We combine groups (same age only) during opening and closing hours, usually 7:30-8:30 AM and 4:15-5:30 PM. We will follow Step Up to Quality child to staff ratios and group sizes when staffing necessitates.

This plan allows us the flexibility to revert to stricter ratios should the state require it.

Ratio Guide Chart

AGE	FBCCC Pandemic Plan RATIO	FBCCC SUTQ MIN RATIO	FBCCC SUTQ MAX GROUP	STATE MINIMUM RATIO	STATE MAXIMUM GROUP
Birth 12 months	1:5 2:9	1:5, 2:12	12	1:5, 2:12	Group 12
12 – 18 months	1:6, 2:9	1:6, 2:12	12	1:6, 2:12	Group 12
18 – 30 months	1:7 2:9	1:7	14	1:7	Group 14
30 – 36 months	1:8 2:9	1:8	16	1:8	Group 16
3 years	1:9	1:10	20	1:12	Group 24
4 years	1:9	1:12	24	1:14	Group 28

Holiday Gatherings and Travel

Thanksgiving and the Christmas holidays are right around the corner. Since we are in a high-incidence county, the governor suggests avoiding non-essential business outside the home and to reconsider hosting or attending gatherings.

We encourage families to limit travel and extended time at family gatherings. We ask families and staff to follow the recommendations for travel posted on ohio.coronavirus.gov. If you travel to certain states, you are asked to self-quarantine for 14 days upon return. The current list includes: Alabama, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Nevada, South Dakota, Utah and Wisconsin.

Air Purifiers

Look for our Amazon Wish list soon. We would like to purchase air purifiers for our classrooms and will need financial support to make this happen.



November Lunch Menu

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 Ham and white cheese sauce, wheat pasta, peas and melon	3 Potato soup w/ corn and apples	4 Turkey tetrazzini, mushrooms, green beans and melon	5 VIP MAEVA Pizza, berries and carrots	6 Parker house bun meatball sub, cucumbers and bananas
9 Shepherd's pie, with mixed veggies and apples	10 Chicken rice soup w/ carrots and oranges	11 Cheese ravioli, Carmelina red sauce, green beans and melon	12 VIP MARLEY Chicken, apples, broccoli, chocolate muffin lol (roll)	13 Fish sandwich on a wheat bun, carrots and bananas
16 Teriyaki chicken stir fry w/ rice and mixed veggies, melon	17 Hamburger noodle soup w/ carrots and apples	18 Clean rice w/ ground chicken, brown rice, green beans and oranges	19 VIP KATE Chicken noodle soup, dinner roll, grapes	20 Cheese Quesadilla, corn salsa and bananas
23 Meatballs w/ noodles, green beans and apples	24 Chicken patty, peas and melons	25 Ham sandwiches on wheat bread, carrots and oranges	26  Eat TONS and take a nap.	27 CENTER CLOSED
30 Sausage w/ pastas, corn and melon				

Organic skim milk is served with lunch for children 2 years and older.
 Organic whole milk is served to children under 24 months of age.
 Menu is subject to change.

