

# ★ Bunnell House News ★

UAF Community and Technical College Early Childhood Lab School

~ We nurture children and support families in a university lab setting.

## From Paige

Woohoooo! It's summer and we've moved our classrooms outside to enjoy the outdoor space as much as we can. If you don't already, you'll wish you could stay and play all day. Summertime at the lab school is an incredibly fun and enriching time. Our philosophy of having the indoor classroom extend to outside is evident as the children investigate, question, experiment, and problem-solve. They *look* like they're "just playing", but are truly engaged in an educational experience.

We will have our traditional favorites—the vegetable garden, the sunflower house, the art studio, the fairy garden, trikes and scooters, mud and water play, snacks outside, and a more relaxed schedule. In addition, Dr. Carie Green will be doing research with us during the month of June.

It's so hard to stay in my office and do paperwork with the sound of happy children wafting through my window, so I can understand if you can't fight the urge either. We welcome you to join us to play, read, eat, or observe anytime.

~Paige



## Welcome, Friends!

Welcome to our new friends **Amane**, **Charlie**, **Cooper**, **Leilani**, and **Violet**. We're excited to make memories with you!



## Questions or Concerns

About your child or the classroom: *Your child's teacher*

About the program, billing, or vacation notification: *Paige*

Thank you! ♦

Water play every day,  
weather permitting!



Needed:  
swimsuit,  
towel, water  
shoes

## Lab School Dates to Remember

June 1	Summer Program begins
July 4 & 5	Independence Day Holiday Closure
August 20-24	August Closure
August 27	Fall Program begins
September 3	Labor Day Holiday Closure

## Quote to Note

One of the virtues of being very young is that you don't let the facts get in the way of your imagination.

~Sam Levenson

## Vacations

If possible, please let Paige know a week or so in advance when your child will be gone for vacation or any extended time.

It's helpful to know the dates of absence for the purpose of scheduling staff. ♦



## Absent Children

The best way to get a message to your child's teacher is by phone. A voice message may be left at any time and the teacher will receive it promptly:

**474-6393**

Thank you! ♦



## What Should He or She Be Doing?

Don't! Don't! Don't!

Do you ever find yourself saying "don't do this" or "don't do that" over and over and over to your child? "Don't" tells what not to do, but doesn't let the child know what *to do*. Instead of saying "don't," ask yourself what he/she should be doing and then tell them! Instead of "don't kick your sister" say "keep your feet to yourself." Instead of "don't play with your food" say "eat your potatoes." Rather than "don't run" say "walk" or "slow down."

Don't delay...uh...I mean, try it! ♦



Happy Father's Day



**We planted. We watered.  
Now our garden is growing!**





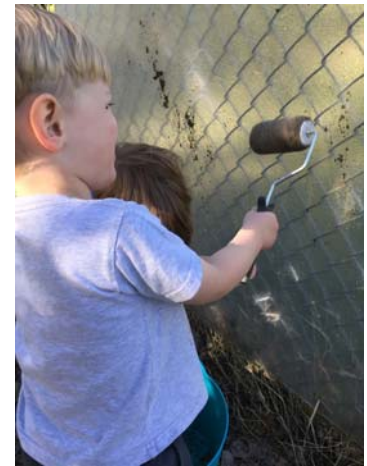
## Fences and Gates

Please do not allow your child to climb the fence—the fence is designed to keep children safe and not for their climbing enjoyment. You may need to remind your child that Bunnell House rules are the same whether you are present or not.

Please always close gates behind you when entering or exiting the kitchens or playground. **Children must always be accompanied by an adult into and out of the kitchens.** This is required by State of Alaska Child Care Licensing.

Remember, too, it is our policy that **adults only operate gates.**

Thank you! ♦



## When Do Children Move Downstairs?

Children who will be 4-years-old on or before September 1, 2018 will move to Pammy's classroom after our August closure.

Your child may talk about "visiting downstairs." This is one way we prepare children for their move downstairs. Pammy also offers a home visit in August.

Please talk to us if you have any questions or concerns. We want children and their families to be happy and comfortable. ♦



**Friendly Reminder:**  
We're a peanut free program.



## Immunizations

If you are asked for an updated copy of your child's immunization record, please provide it promptly. In accordance with State of Alaska regulations, we are required to exclude children lacking up-to-date immunizations.

**Soon-to-be-kindergarten-parents:**

*If your child has turned five or will be turning five, it's time for 5-year-old immunizations. ♦*



### It's 5:30 pm

It can be inviting to stay and chat on the playground while children continue to play. If you arrive near closing time, please sign out and gather your child and belongings so that staff may secure the grounds and building at 5:30. The staff has closing duties as well as families to see and places to be. ☺ Thank you! ♦

### Monthly Fees

MTWRF	\$985
MWF	\$615
TR	\$410
Late Pick up—\$5/minute	

Fees are due by the 10th of each month. A late fee of 10% of account balance will be added after the 10th. ♦

### Late Pick Up Fees

Late pick up fees are \$5 per minute. Fees will be added to your account based on the time recorded when you check out your child. ♦

### It was an exciting day at Lab School...

- ★ We discovered gems!
- ★ We met new friends!
- ★ We watered our garden!
- ★ We loved the new vehicles—school buses, fire trucks, race cars, dump trucks, car carriers, and recycle trucks!
- ★ We excavated in the sand box!
- ★ We created art!
- ★ We rode trikes!



### Extra Clothing

Check your child's cubby — many children are missing a full set of extra clothing.

If your child does have extra clothes, please make sure they still fit and are appropriate for the current weather. A turtleneck and fleece pants may be too warm on a summer day.

Also, please provide a light jacket or sweater for cool mornings and rain gear for wet days. We spend as much time as possible outside!



### Footwear

Your child needs both inside and outside shoes for Bunnell House.

Outside shoes must be appropriate for active play, including climbing, jumping, pedaling, and running.



We discourage sandals or other open shoes because they come off easily and fill up with pea gravel quickly.

Rain boots should be used on wet days only to avoid hot, uncomfortable little feet. ♦



### Lab School Staff

♥ Director  
 ♥ Up stairs Lead Teacher  
 ♥ Up stairs Assistant Teacher  
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