

★ Bunnell House News ★

UAF Community and Technical College Early Childhood Lab School

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

Lab School Calendar

March 8

Enrollment Updates due

March 11-15: Closed

Spring Break

April 8-11

Parent-Teacher
Conferences

May 27: Closed

Memorial Day

June 3-August 15

Summer Program

July 4 & 5: Closed

Independence Day

August 19-23: Closed

Fall Semester Prep

August 26

Fall Program Begins

From Paige

In the Spring, I have counted
136 different kinds of weather
inside of 24 hours.

~Mark Twain

Goodness, we had so much illness! Thankfully, everyone seems to be much healthier these days and full of spring fever energy. March will bring us more beautiful sunshine and warmer temperatures which means that, hopefully, by the end of the month we'll be tiptoeing through slush and puddles. This is a good time to start thinking about water repellent gear for your little one—make sure they have it and that what they have still fits them.

Bunnell House will be closed for Spring Break March 11-15. During this time we'll be working, but the program will be closed for children.

Finally, please remember to turn in your enrollment update forms by March 8 *even if your child will not be here for summer or fall 2019.*

Here's to a healthy, fun, productive month!

~Paige

Need to Reach Us?

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Tax Time

Our EIN (Tax ID Number):
92-6000-147



Enrollment Updates Due March 8

Forms were emailed on February 25. Please read and complete the form carefully.

The information you provide is necessary to plan for summer and fall enrollment.

Thank you! ♦

Why Does the Lab School Close During Spring Break?

We close during the week of spring break in order to learn, clean, plan, arrange, and rejuvenate. Each area is important whether to keep us current with licensing, increase our knowledge and understanding of young children, improve our program, or to help us work better as a team. We are continually striving to provide not only high quality care for your children, but a rich learning environment for the university students who complete course requirements here.

Learning: We renew or complete required certifications (First Aid, CPR, Safety, and/or Food Handler) and participate in professional development that targets areas we want to strengthen.

Cleaning: We do seasonal, heavy duty cleaning such as scouring and scrubbing and sanitizing furniture, walls and toys.

Planning: We meet to discuss future activities of Bunnell House as well as strategies to improve what we're doing.

Arranging: Teachers prepare their classrooms for the spring curriculum.

Rejuvenating: We spend time in group activities that help us relax, share a laugh and support one another.

During our spring break closure we'll be working to continue the high quality you expect from us.♦

Welcome Back Emily & Alecia

Please join us in welcoming back **Emily & Alecia!**

Emily will be back in the classroom for a few hours each week beginning March 4. Emily and her husband, Will, did their own welcoming of son, Jack, on December 6.

Alecia will rejoin us on March 18.

We can't wait to have these wonderful teachers back in our midst! ♥



Quote to Note

How one handles success or failure is determined by their early childhood.

~Harold Ramis

Cell Phones

Please end cellphone conversations prior to entering Bunnell House or the playground. Your child deserves your undivided attention and teachers may need to speak 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!♦





It was an exciting day at Lab School...

- ★ We celebrated Chinese New Year!
- ★ We baked cookies!
- ★ We were assessed by paramedicine students who checked our vital signs!
- ★ We hosted Sweetheart Teas for our families!
- ★ We made papier-mâché !
- ★ We constructed a dragon's head from the papier-mâché !
- ★ We chopped fresh carrots!



Late Pick Up Fees

Bunnell House hours: 7:30-5:30

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 on Procure. ♦



Phone In
Absent Children
474-6393

The best way to get a message to your child's classroom teacher is by phone. A voice message may be left at any time. ♦



Monthly Fees

MTWRF \$985
MWF \$615 (summer only)
TR \$410 (summer only)
Late Pick up—\$5/minute

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

Fee Payment

Fees may be paid by credit card, check, or money order. A new credit card authorization form must be completed each month. Forms are located at the check-in station at the back of the gray payment box. Payments go into the locked box which is checked daily until all payments for the month are received. ♦

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 requirements, 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. ♦



Manners...or not

Guidelines for children's table manners were first published in 1530.

Erasmus of the Netherlands wrote about the importance of instilling manners at an early age. "If you cannot swallow a piece of food," he wrote, "turn 'round discreetly and throw it somewhere.'" ♦

What Should They 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 children?

"Don't" tells a child what *not* to do, but it doesn't let them 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! ☺ ♦