

★ 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

Welcome New Families! Welcome Returning Families!

Bunnell House is a child's world where we focus on helping the little ones feel comfortable, emotionally and physically, so they can learn and play. It's just as important to us that you feel comfortable, too. We seek to develop a collaborative relationship between home and school that benefits your child and confirms for you that you've made a good choice for your child when you chose Bunnell House. Open communication is important in that relationship and this newsletter is one way we keep you informed. In addition, the parent listserv, informal conversations at drop-off and pick-up, and Parent-Teacher conferences twice a year are invaluable.

Family input is always welcome. Suggestions from parents have resulted in field trips to use a real fire hose, serving organic milk, collaboration with Music Education students, and establishing the parent listserv. Concerns and complaints may also arise—in fact, we've found improvements often grow out of complaints. We encourage you to communicate with us so we can adjust and improve.

We warmly welcome all of you to the lab school and hope that you and your children have an amazing semester. You are always welcome to visit me in the attic, call me (474-6393), or email me (pmvonderhaar@alaska.edu) if you have questions, concerns or compliments to share.

Have a sensational September!

~Paige



Open House

Thursday, September 21
4:00 ~ 5:30 pm

Visit with the staff.
Have fun with a family activity.
Nibble healthy snacks.

See you then!

Absent Children

The best way to notify your child's teacher is by phone. A voice message may be left at any time and the teacher will receive: **474-6393**

Thank you! ♦



Questions or Concerns

About your child or the classroom: *Teacher*

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

Thank you! ♦



Lab School Dates to Remember

September 4	Labor Day
September 21	Open House, 4:00-5:30 pm
October 27	NIAAEYC Conference Closure
October 31	Trick or Treating on Lower Campus
November 6-9	Parent-Teacher Conferences
November 22	Thanksgiving Feast
November 23-24	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 20-January 5	Winter Break



Practicum Students

We are very happy to have two students join us this semester!

Please join us in welcoming **Melany Abigania-Chun** and **Johnnie Clark**.

Melany will be completing an organizational action research project for the program and Johnnie will be completing Practicum I in the downstairs classroom.

Welcome Melany and Johnnie! ♦



Medications

A Medication Authorization Form must be completed for any medicines, even over-the-counter brands, that you wish for us to give your child. ♦



Immunizations

If you haven't done so already, you must provide us with a current copy of your child's immunizations. If your child has received any shots recently, please be sure we have the most updated record. ♦

Clothing

Outside

Be sure your child has appropriate clothing for the weather. We go outside even when it's wet so please be sure your child will be dry and snug.

Inside

Please provide an extra set of clothing for your child. Spills and accidents happen! Each child should also have "inside only" shoes for the classroom.

Thank you! ♦



It was an exciting day at Lab School...

This space usually highlights things we did over the last month. This month, it's all about our busy first day!

- ★ We waved goodbye at the waving window!
- ★ We welcomed new friends!
- ★ We listened to stories!
- ★ We created art!
- ★ We wore dress-ups!
- ★ We met Kevin the rabbit!
- ★ We played outside!
- ★ We enjoyed lunch!
- ★ We rested our bodies!
- ★ We had a great day!

Your Child's First Teacher

That's you! You may have read or heard that before. Now that your child is attending preschool there are other teachers to help you with that big job. Still, parents are a child's most influential teachers and in the long run what you say and do, your values and beliefs, and the emphasis you put or neglect to put on things has more of an impact on your child than his or her preschool teachers do. They are just the first in a long line of teachers your child will have—you are the constant influence, with daily reinforcement of what you are teaching.

Children love to have your undivided attention, so indulge them! Seize the opportunity to teach your children your values as you lavish your attention on them. Below are a variety of websites which offer activities, ideas and inspiration for parents and children to enjoy together. I hope you will take the precious time to explore them and share them with your wonderful little students! ♦

familytlc.net

familieswithpurpose.com

gamequarium.com

creativekidsathome.com

pbskids.org/curiousgeorge/parentsteachers

travelforkids.com



10 Signs of a Great Preschool

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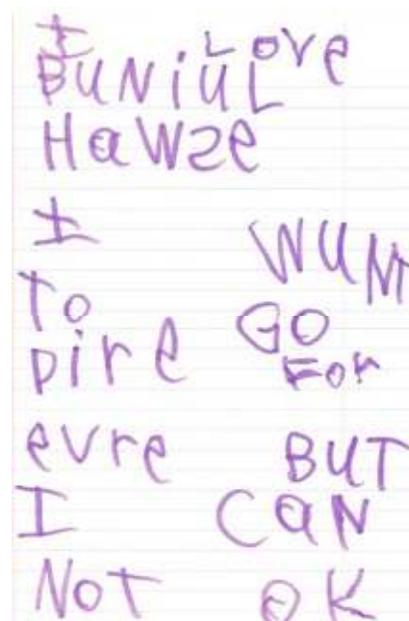
1. Children spend most of their playing and working with materials or other children. They do not wander aimlessly, and they are not expected to sit quietly for long periods of time.
2. Children have access to various activities throughout the day. Look for assorted building blocks and other construction materials, props for pretend play, picture books, paints and other art materials, and table toys such as matching games, pegboards, and puzzles. Children should not all be doing the same thing at the same time.
3. Teachers work with individual children, small groups, and the whole group at different times during the day. They do not spend all their time with the whole group.
4. The classroom is decorated with children's original artwork, their own writing with invented spelling, and stories dictated by children to teachers.
5. Children learn numbers and the alphabet in the context of their everyday experiences. The natural world of plants and animals and meaningful activities like cooking, taking attendance, or serving snack provide the basis for learning activities.
6. Children work on projects and have long periods of time (at least one hour) to play and explore. Worksheets are used little if at all.
7. Children have an opportunity to play outside every day. Outdoor play is never sacrificed for more instructional time.
8. Teachers read books to children individually or in small groups throughout the day, not just at group story time.
9. Curriculum is adapted for those who are ahead as well as those who need additional help. Teachers recognize that children's different background and experiences mean that they do not learn the same things at the same time in the same way.
10. Children and their parents look forward to school. Parents feel secure about sending their child to the program. Children are happy to attend; they do not cry regularly or complain of feeling sick. ♦



Quote to Note

Children are educated by what the grown-up is and not by his talk.

~Carl G. Jung



Translation:

I love Bunne ll House . I want to go there forever, but I can not. OK

Cell Phones

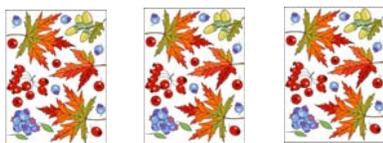
Please end cell phone conversations prior to entering Bunne ll House or the playground. Your child deserves your undivided attention and teachers may need to have a word with you. ♦

Parking

Parking can be a sensitive issue on campus so we want to be sure those of us associated with Bunnell House are always courteous and respectful. In keeping with that theme, we advise the following:

- When dropping off or picking up children, please use the 20 minute zone if it's available. Take care to park in a way that optimizes the number of vehicles that will fit.
- During Bunnell House events, please remember that there is no parking along the fence.
- Please pull vehicles as far up as possible when parking at the end of the fence (by the huge tree) so that the neighbors have access in and out.

Beep Beep!



Gates

Please always close the gate firmly behind you when entering or exiting the property. Even if you are only stepping in for a moment, distractions happen and children can be speedy. Additionally, it is our policy that adults only unlatch the gate. ♦



Shoes

Please send your child with shoes that a preschooler can manage without help. Slip-ons or Velcro closures are ideal.

Thank you!

Cold Hands

This time of year can be nippy, especially in the morning, and the playground equipment gets cold to hold onto. Light, knit gloves are ideal for keeping the nip off and little hands warm. ♦



Late Pick Up Fees

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

Monthly Fees Effective July 1, 2017

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 the account balance will be added after the 10th. ♦

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