From Paige

I hope everyone is enjoying Fall before the outdoors turn into a winter wonderland.

It can be hard to know just how to dress for outdoor play from day to day. It’s often wet and when the sun peaks out, it’s still a bit nippy. Please be sure to send appropriate outside attire for your child to stay dry and warm so they can be comfortable and have fun! Hats and gloves/mittens are a must and warm footwear is helpful even without snow.

It may take longer, but do encourage your little ones to put on their own gear. It’s a valuable skill that we promote, as well as other self-help skills, at Bunnell House.

I do my best to keep the newsletter an easy read so you can get information and reminders without too much torture. Please let me know if you have information to share, such as upcoming events or topics you think would be appreciated by other families.

Happy Autumn!
~Paige

Lab School Dates to Remember

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Trick or Treating

The children love to dress up for Halloween and people on campus are delighted to see them. We will Trick or Treat with the children on the morning of Tuesday, October 31st at a very limited number of pre-arranged destinations on lower campus.

Children who do not normally attend on Tuesdays are welcomed to participate, accompanied by a parent or other attentive adult.

Closed October 27

The lab school will be closed Friday, October 27. Staff will be attending the local early childhood conference.
Models at Lab School
As a model program for university students, we continually strive to demonstrate best practices in the classrooms. That encompasses interacting with children, establishing the learning environment, cooperating with coworkers, and relating to families.

The university students also serve as models. It’s one of the areas in which practicum students are demonstrating their competence.

Parents are models for every child in attendance, too. Things may be done differently in our program, no matter how homey, than in your home, but please remember to:

☆ Be aware of the language you use—even mild profanity is inappropriate in Bunnell House or on the playground.
☆ Open kitchen gates and walk through rather than stepping over them (lift up on the loop and push the gate in either direction) and close gates behind you.
☆ Never allow children, even older siblings, to unlatch gates. Adults only are to open inside or outside gates.
☆ Abide by classroom rules and program policies. The parent handbook and program newsletter contain this information. If you are uncertain about these, just ask one of us for clarification.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Paige.

Questions or Concerns
If it’s about your child or the classroom: Teacher
If it’s about the program, billing or vacation notification: Director
Thank you!

Cold & Flu Season Health Tip:
Direct your coughs into the crook of your arm to inhibit germs from flying through the air or being transferred from your hand to other surfaces.

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 it: 474-6393
Thank you!
**Dropping Off**

Many of us have experienced the painful tug at our heart when our child sobs, clings, wails, flops and stomps when we drop them off at preschool.

We return for one more hug, one more kiss...okay, another kiss, an extra huggy-bear hug, butterfly kisses, another hug...okay, c’mon a lot of us have been there! And those little ones see our pain and they take that pain and twist it around their little bitty pinky fingers.

The best thing to do is to keep it warm and simple with “have a wonderful day—I love you and I’ll be thinking of you! I’ll see you after work!” and then a smile, kiss, hug, and walk confidently out the door. Pause only at the window outside to wave, then keep on going. Note the emphasis on pause. If you need to cry, do so out of your child’s view. A weeping parent in the parking lot does little to reassure a child that all is well and that they will have a fun day.

If your child is impeding your ability to leave (has you in a stranglehold or has attached to your ankles), ask a teacher for help—they want to end the agony as much as you do. Only ask for help if you mean it—taking your child back from the teacher only worsens the transition.

**Picking Up**

Now your child who screamed not to be left earlier in the day is refusing to leave when you come to pick up later. I’m not talking about when your child genuinely wants to show you something they did or something cool in their classroom. I’m talking about stall tactics, maybe fits, and stubbornly refusing to finish up their activity and get ready to go.

As the parent, you must take control while you can still pick them up and carry them out. If you establish that they are in charge when they are 3-years-old, they will not want to give that up during their teen years. They are also very difficult to carry then. Remember this advice is from a seasoned parent with many, many years experience (you really wouldn’t believe how many years...or children). So after you say, “Hi! How was your day?” be respectful and give them a warning if they seem like they’re going into stall mode. You: “I know you’re having fun, but it’s time to go now. You’ll be back tomorrow/Wednesday/fill in when.”

More stalling by child. You: “Are you going to put on your jacket or do I need to help you?” More stalling by child. You: “Okay, well I’ve got your jacket. Are you putting it on or do I need to help?” If your child continues to stall—and I’m being nice here because you know your child is actually saying “No! I don’t want to go! No! I’m still playing!” and being quite defiant—it’s time to tell them you are going to help and to begin putting the coat on their little body. This entire process must be done calmly and smoothly, without hesitation...or threats...or bribery.

If you don’t mind the stalling, don’t hang out repeating “it’s time to go” and “c’mon, it’s time to go” while continuing to chat with other adults. Your child will never believe that you really mean it when you do, in fact, mean it. It’s fine to sit and enjoy watching your child or chatting with your friend...but then remember, at this point, supervision of your child is your responsibility. ;-)

Good luck! 🍂
Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held the week of November 6th. Look for sign-up sheets at the end of October by the sign-in areas.

Parent-Teacher conferences are an excellent time to focus twenty minutes on one of your favorite topics—your child! Teachers will have examples of your child’s work to share with you as well as be able to answer any questions or address any concerns you may have.

Parking Reminder

- 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.
- Avoid parking at the lab school all day.
- 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.

Thank You!

Questions or Concerns

When questions or concerns arise related to your child at Bunnell House, please do not hesitate to contact us. We want both you and your child to be content with your lab school experience.

If the issue is classroom or child related (activities, behavior, development), contact your child’s teacher or assistant teacher. Please speak with a member of the staff rather than a practicum student.

For program related issues (scheduling, billing), please contact Paige.

Thank You!
Lab School Staff

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Monthly Fees
Effective July 1, 2017

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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.

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.

Twinkle, Twinkle Northern Lights
Twinkle, twinkle Northern Lights,
Shimmer in the arctic night,
Up above the world so high,
Blue-green ribbons in the sky,
Twinkle, twinkle Northern Lights,
Shimmer in my dreams tonight.

Winter Closure
Please note that the lab school will be closed from noon on December 20 through January 5.