

First School News

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WELCOME TO A NEW YEAR!

From: Shayna Schroeder Director of Curriculum & Stacey Yarger, Director of Admissions

Welcome to our new and returning families. Please help us welcome **54** new families to our school! This is going to be a great year with many exciting happenings. Read on to find out some of the things we have in store for you.

A WONDERFUL START!

We hope you all are happy with your choice of school and that the new school jitters are lessening with each new day at school. We really love having your children with us and are excited for a great year ahead.

“OPEN DOOR” POLICY

Mrs. Schroeder and Mrs. Yarger share Director duties. Mrs. Schroeder is the Director of Curriculum while Mrs. Yarger is the Director of Admissions/Operations. PLEASE feel free to visit either of us at any time. We would love to chat with you and learn about your family and also to address any concerns or ideas you may have to make our school better.

PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS

We would love to mention your business in our Newsletter if you think your fellow families would be interested. We love to promote and support our own! Any business is welcome. Mrs. Merrill sells Mary Kay, just as an example.

SOME NUTRITION Lunch bunch TIPS FROM PARENT and Registered Dietitian Noelle Thomas

No fuel in the tummy means no energy in the brain.

Give your child the independence of being able to open up their own lunch container and items. Choose easy open containers like Bento or similar boxes. Use reusable cupcake liners to separate items within containers.

Lunch should include a protein, starch, fruit and vegetable. Make the meal attractive by including lots of color for your little one to eat!

Noelle Thomas, RD, LD



FATHER'S FRIDAY! Oct. 6

We have lots of fun activities planned for Dad (or special male Friend) and the kids on Friday October 6 here at school. More information will be coming soon. The time will be 5:00–7:00 pm. You will be assigned a time.

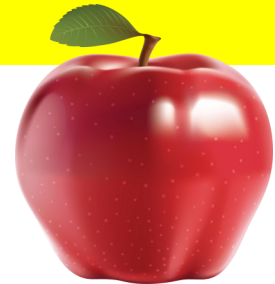
LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch will start on September 5th, Tuesday. We are pleased to welcome all of our Lunch Bunch friends this year! In Lunch Bunch we start at 11:15. We eat our lunches with our friends and discuss our mornings. Each month will bring a new theme for exploration. We will read literature, explore the gardens, and create art projects. While weather allows, we will also play outdoor games and enjoy the playgrounds. Please remember that the pick up time for Lunch Bunch this year is 12:45. We have a no peanut & treenut policy. This means no peanut butter, almond butter, Nutella, etc. Sun butter (made of sunflower seeds) is acceptable. *If you send sunbutter, it is helpful to write on the bag so that we can identify the difference.* We look forward to a good year! Please contact Stacey to check on availability for the days you are interested. There is a limit of 12 students per day.

Dates to Remember:

- SEPT 4: Labor Day, no school
- SEPT 5: Lunch Bunch starts.
- Sept. 11: Wear Red, White & Blue
- Sept. 19: Learn With Me starts
- Sept. 28 & 29 Spirit Day
- Oct. 6 Father's Friday, more info coming
- Photo Week : Oct. 10-13

Thank you to everyone who placed a SPIRIT WEAR order! The orders will be placed on 9/6 and should be arriving within the next 3 weeks. We will have our first Spirit Wear days on Sept. 28 & 29 and hopefully the orders will be in.



PICK UP AND DROP OFF - You are doing really well.

Please review the following safety procedures:

1. At Pick Up please hold your car tag up until the teacher is putting your child in the car. This is not done to frustrate you – it is for your child's safety and your convenience.
2. If you do not have your car tag you will need to provide your driver's license.
3. Pick up times are 11:10 for morning, 12:45 for Lunch bunch, and 2:15 for afternoon.
4. Once your child is in your car, please pull up as far as you can next to the pond to assist them in buckling.
5. At PICK UP time in the MORNING please use BOTH LANES. Thanks! In the AFTERNOON please use the closest lane to school only.
6. At DROP OFF, please do not get out of your car if you are in line. The teacher will open the car door and get your child out. *But please unlatch your child seat latch before this. It really helps with the traffic flow. Thanks.*

SCHOOL PICTURES

Kerin Campbell, of Campbell Photography will once again take photographs of your children. Weather permitting, she'll take outdoor photos.

Due to an unexpected knee surgery, photo week is different from what was in the calendar. It will be on Oct. 10, 11, 12, and 13.

Thanks for understanding.

BIRTHDAY TREATS

- It's always fun to celebrate birthdays at preschool. Because of some of our children who have allergies, here are some suggestions for treats you do not have to worry about:
- Oreos, Rice Krispy Treats, Stickers, Pencils, A book to donate to the classroom, anything from any of the Dollar stores. Remember, it does not have to be a food treat....the children are happy with any kind of treat!

NEW STAFF MEMBERS!

Please welcome these terrific new staff members to the First School team!

Mrs. Angu Balraj: MWF AM 3s

Mrs. Gina Wieseneegg: MWF AM 4s

Mrs. Lauren Bergstresser: Learn With Me

Mrs. Melanie Spittler: Fun Room Teacher on Tuesday and Wednesday

WELCOME!!!! We are thrilled to have them!

HELP WANTED: We are still searching for a Fun Room teacher for Monday, Thursday and Friday. Please let Shayna know if you'd be interested in this fun position or know of anyone who might be. Thanks!

Also, we'd like to thank parent Mr. Ian Simpson for helping out with the morning drop off line on Monday/Wednesday/Friday!

I put out a plea a few weeks ago for car line help and was so touched by all of the offers. Mr. Simpson said he'd do it as long as we needed him but I am keeping all of the names on file.

FACEBOOK

Be sure to like us on Facebook. We can be found at FirstSchoolDayton. We try to post fun photos to let you see what is going on at school as well as post reminders about upcoming events.



TUITION INFO and Notes from The Office:

Tuition is paid in 9 equal installments. The first installment was billed and paid in August. The next installment will be billed around September 15 and payment will be due on the 30th. The rest of the installments will follow from October through April with billing on the 15th and payment due by the last day of the month. Payment can be in cash or check.

EMAILS: I send emails to you periodically and need to be updated if you have not received anything from me yet....I have sent a few out this year and am hoping you are receiving them. I send them from info@firstschooldayton.com or Stacey@firstschooldayton.com. I send to one member in the family. Please let me know if you'd like to add more email addresses for your family.