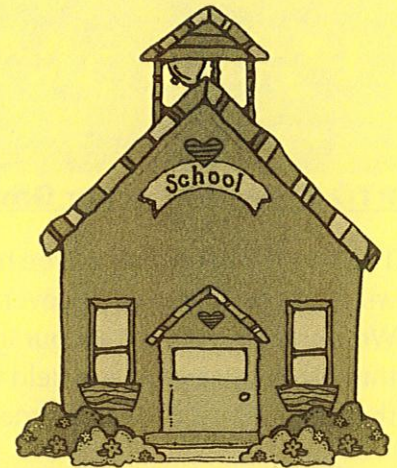


# KEEP IN TOUCH

## EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER PARENT NEWSLETTER – Aug/Sept 2023

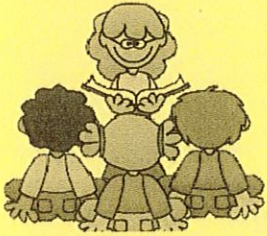
### **PRINCIPAL NEWS – MRS. BECK**

Welcome back! Everyone on the staff is glad to be back, and we are looking forward to a wonderful 2023-2024 school year. Look for this newsletter each month to keep up with what is happening at the ECLC and to KEEP IN TOUCH! Please try to keep in touch with me, Mrs. Nichols (our guidance counselor), and our teachers. We want to work collaboratively with you to help your children, solve problems, and answer questions. A great way to KEEP IN TOUCH is to sign up for the REMIND App with your child's teacher. The teacher will share group messages and you can also communicate one-on-one for more private concerns and questions. We have also found this to be the fastest way to communicate with parents throughout the school day. Look for a "How to sign up for the REMIND App" to be coming home soon.



Students may bring a water bottle to school. We have bottle filling stations at school so the students can fill up throughout the day. Water is the beverage permitted in the classrooms. Thank you.

### **NEW STAFF AND STAFF AT NEW GRADE LEVELS**



We have several new staff joining the ECLC staff for the 2023-24 school year. Please extend a warm welcome as you see them in the building.

Miss Salvo – K5 Teacher  
Mrs. Wright – K4 Paraprofessional

Miss Kinney - Paraprofessional  
Mrs. Sampson - Paraprofessional

### **SCHOOL HOURS**

***K5 and AM K4:*** The building opens for students at 7:30 a.m. To be to school on time, students should be in their classrooms by 8:00 a.m. Students are considered late after 8:15 a.m. Morning K4 students are dismissed at 10:45 a.m. at the west end sliding doors by their teachers. Parents must be visible at the door before the teacher will dismiss your child. Due to the pandemic, we ask that you remain outside the slider doors when picking up your child. Thank you.

***K5 and PM K4:*** Afternoon K4 students can be dropped off between 12:00 p.m.-12:15 p.m. and must be in class by 12:15 p.m. to be on time for the start of their day. K5 parent pick-up will be at the front doors at 2:50 p.m. and K4 parent pick-up will be at the west end sliding doors at 2:45 p.m. Please bear with us at pick-up time as we learn new faces. And, please do not be offended if we ask to see your I.D., we just want to make sure we are keeping everyone safe.

### **COUNSELOR'S CORNER – MRS. NICHOLS**

Welcome back to students, parents, and staff! I hope everyone had a relaxing summer. I look forward to working with all ECLC students this school year. I will be teaching classroom lessons as well as offering small group sessions, individual support, and referrals to community resources. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about your child's educational, social and/or emotional needs.

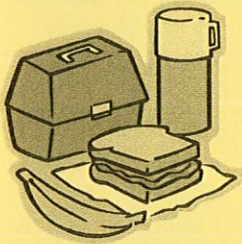


# Parental Involvement

## **PTG (Parent Teacher Group)**

The first PTG meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 a.m. in the library. This meeting will be a great time to discover what the ECLC PTG is all about. We are always looking for new members. We welcome you and encourage you to get involved. We do lots of great things for the children throughout the year, like field trips, fun family nights, book fairs, etc. If you are more inclined to meet through a Google Meet, let me know and I will set this up. My email is [sbbeck@gorockets.org](mailto:sbbeck@gorockets.org).

## **FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH**



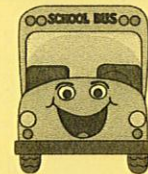
We offer a **free breakfast** and a **free lunch** to all district students.

If your son/daughter packs their lunch, they may still buy milk at lunch. Milk is an ala-carte item. Therefore, there is a fee of \$0.65.

## **NURSE NEWS**

Please send a change of clothes in with your child in their backpack in case of an accident or spill at school.

**K5 parents** – Thank you for getting your child's physical and dental exams done this summer. If you have not done so, please be sure to submit a copy of the paperwork to the school office as those are completed.



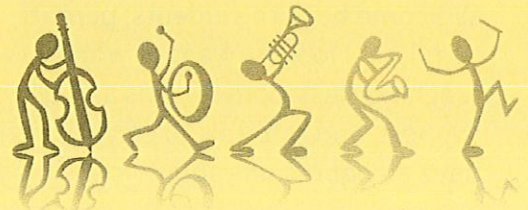
## **BUS TAGS**

Please have your child wear their bus tag each day for the first few weeks of school until their classroom teachers and aides learn their end of day routine.

If it gets lost, please call the office and we'll make another.

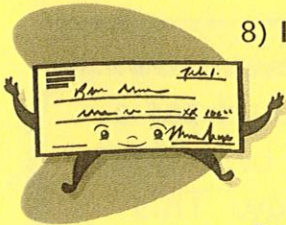
## **MUSIC NOTES – Miss H**

Greetings from Miss H in the Music Room! I am so excited to get the year started with K4 and K5 students. Throughout September, K4 students will begin to learn about basic music concepts such as steady beat, loud and quiet, and fast and slow. We will also explore spatial awareness with movement songs and games. K5 students will begin working on keeping a steady beat, using singing voices, and spatial awareness with movements, in addition to pitch accuracy, listening, and playing instruments. K5 students occasionally practice yoga as a fun day! If you would like to donate to the music room, we can always use tissues! If you have questions or would like any additional information about the music room, please feel free to contact me. I am looking forward to a musical year!



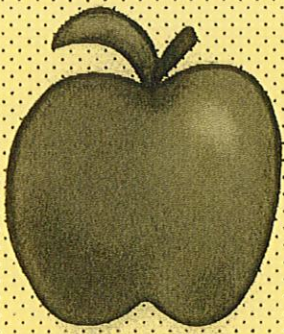
## **IMPORTANT SCHOOL INFORMATION**

- 1) Please complete the Back to School Update as soon as possible. It is important for us to have your most current contact information in the event that we need to reach you due to your child. Thank you to those that did so before school started. It is very appreciated.
- 2) Please take the time to read over the Elementary School Handbook. This will help to understand the elementary school and district expectations.
- 3) If your child is absent, please send a note/email ([hjamieson@gorockets.org](mailto:hjamieson@gorockets.org)) to explain the absence. We must receive this note within three days of the absence otherwise it will be considered an illegal absence. Please note that the district considers the following reasons legal reasons for absence:
  - illness, death in the family, religious holiday, impassible roads, delay/absence of bus, quarantine
  - Please remember once a child is registered for school, even in K4, school attendance is required by Pennsylvania state law.
- 3) If you drive your child to school in the morning, please do not drop them off until 7:30 a.m. There is no one available to supervise the children until this time. Because of this, an adult must be present with students while waiting for the doors to open.
- 4) Please be cautious and considerate in the front of the building when dropping off. There is a lot of traffic in the mornings and afternoons. Please be extra alert and pull forward as far as possible to leave room for others dropping off or picking up children.
- 5) Visitors to school between the hours of 7:30-4:00 must enter through the main entrance. All school doors are locked during the school day.
  - ALL SCHOOL VISITORS MUST IDENTIFY THEMSELVES ON THE BUZZER SYSTEM.
  - ALL SCHOOL VISITORS MAY BE ASKED FOR IDENTIFICATION WHEN VISITING THE BUILDING OR PICKING UP A CHILD.
- 6) Parents picking children up before dismissal must wait outside the school doors until your child is dismissed to you. There must be a note with a **specific and valid reason for early dismissal**. We will call your child to the office to meet you for dismissal.
- 7) If you do not regularly pick your child up, please contact the office as early as possible so that we can inform the teacher of this change in the schedule. For safety reasons, no students will walk outside to meet parents. They will be delivered to you by a school adult if it is dismissal time.

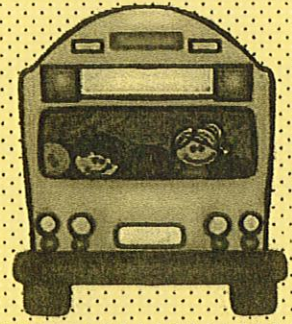


- 8) If you are sending a check to school for the cafeteria please make it payable to T ASD Cafeteria. Please put any payments in an envelope with your child's name, teacher's name, and "cafeteria money" marked on the envelope.

**Reminder: There is no school on Monday, September 4, 2023 in observance of Labor Day.**



# Back to School



## HEALTHY HABITS

Kids need between 10-12 hours of sleep every night. Here are some helpful hints for better sleep habits:

- keep a consistent bedtime and bedtime routine
- avoid caffeinated drinks in afternoon and evening
- plan an hour of quiet time before bed that does not include computers or TV, read a book instead.
- have a small snack like fruit or crackers with peanut butter before bed
- exercise during the day

## PHYSICAL AND DENTAL EXAMS

Reminder: All kindergarten students are required to have physical and dental exams turned in for the school year. Any exam done after July 1, 2022 will be accepted.

## DENTIST

The mobile dentist will be here September 14th. If you don't have a dentist, please sign your child up! This is a great opportunity. Call for more details!

## COMMUNICATION

If you have any concerns, please contact me at : [dmcallister@gorockets.org](mailto:dmcallister@gorockets.org) or 827-2715 x 7435

## EXTRA CLOTHES

Please send an extra set of clothes for your child in his/her backpack. Accidents happen and we have a very limited supply in the office.

## BREAKFAST

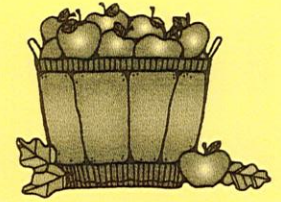
Kids should eat a healthy breakfast every day. This provides energy to help listen and learn at school.






Mrs. Beck Principal

# ECLC

# September 2023



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4 <b>Labor Day</b> <b>NO SCHOOL!</b> 	5	6 PTG Meeting 8:15 a.m.	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Mobile Dentist 	15	16
17	18	19 Spirit Wear Orders Due	20	21	22 K4 Red Day	23
24	25	26	27 Picture Day 	28	29	30