

The BUMP Bulletin

September 2021



Dates to Remember:
9/6- No School Labor Day
9/22- Bexley Library Visits
BUMP!
9/28 -School Pictures
9/29- School Pictures

Off & Running!

Our school year is off and running! Our first week was a huge success with lots of smiles and few tears. Our drop-off line has been running smoothly and all the children have done great with the transition. Pick up has gone well and gets easier every day. Please remember, once you have dropped off your child, it is helpful to move out of their sight if you plan on staying. Often just seeing a loved one is enough to trigger tears. Please let us know if you need extra help with separating – our teachers are willing to jump in and will provide extra hugs and reassurance so you can say your goodbyes.

Just a couple of housekeeping reminders; child medical statements for new students must be turned in by October 1st. If your doctor is going to fax the form to us, please check in periodically to see if we have received it. We are trying to send confirmation emails as we get them, but we are receiving a lot of forms and may get backed up.

Parents, please remember your masks when coming into the building. If you don't have one with you, there are baskets inside the door with free masks. The children are doing a great job wearing theirs during the day!

Snack and lunch have gone well. Thank you for labeling snack to make the process easier! Please remember to send in a change of back up clothes if you have not already done so. Please also watch the weather as cooler temps roll in and send your child with a jacket for the playground.

School Pictures

School pictures are still happening this year! We will get creative with distancing to allow for a class photo and of course still offer individual photos. We will take pictures on Tuesday, September 28 and Wednesday, September 29th. Devon Albeit is our photographer and you can see her website at: <https://www.devonalbeit.com/school-portrait-details>

Password: schooled

We will send a flyer home as well as email with her specific information, but the important thing to note is that all orders are placed by you online through her site. We are happy to help with the process, but there are no forms to turn in saving you time! All children are photographed, and you can view your child's picture prior to ordering.

OSU Cognitive Lab

Ohio State University Cognitive Lab will be back at BUMP this year to work with our preschoolers. This is strictly voluntary, and no child participates without a parent's permission. Permission slips as well as the study cover letter is attached to this newsletter email. Their focus is studying how children learn, problem solve, and reason. All the OSU researchers are graduate level or above and have been background checked and received clearance letters from ODJFS.

Bexley Library Returns

The Bexley Library outreach librarians will be returning to BUMP this fall for an outdoor story time with our classrooms. The children love the mix of stories, puppets, and music that the librarians bring with them. We will be outside in the portico for September and October. Our first date is September 22nd, so please send a jacket or sweater if it's cool outside!

Parent Connections

Parents, do you have questions or need to know how to contact BUMP? Since the beginning of the pandemic, much of our information has moved online, digital, and emailed and can leave many of us struggling to find the information or resources we need. Please let us know if you have questions or need help finding information. We know that this pandemic has weighed on so many of us and has caused ourselves, our children, and our families a lot of stress. To contact the preschool our direct phone is: 614-231-2783, email: bump@bexleyumc.org, or call/text Katie's cell at 614-657-2257.

Finally, if you need some resources to help you during this time, please check out the following links:

<https://www.cdc.gov/mentalhealth/stress-coping/parental-resources/index.html>

https://www.aacap.org/AACAP/Families_and_Youth/Resource_Libraries/covid-19/resources_helping_kids_parents_cope.aspx

<https://www.verywellfamily.com/self-care-for-parents-4178010>

