



# Helping Hands and Academy Nursery School



News

September 2018

## Greetings To Old Friends and To New Friends!

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year. This newsletter and calendar will be sent home with your child each month. Our goal is to provide you with a user friendly school calendar and information source. Throughout the year, information regarding upcoming events on our campus and out in the community will be posted here as well as weekly themes and special dates for your child's own classroom. We will also provide you with ideas for fun family activities, information about early childhood education, special education and other relevant resources.

### Communication

"How was school today?" and "What did you do in school today?" are two questions that parents have been asking their children forever and have often been getting brief and disappointing answers to. Instead, we suggest that you read the Daily Note that your child's teachers have written and then try to engage your child with comments rather than questions. For example, "I see that you had square crackers for snack today. I wonder how they tasted." "Did you eat crackers today?" Or, "Your note says that you sorted and then counted red and green apples today. That sounds kind of tricky." These types of comments may encourage your child to share more information with you and will hopefully lead to your goal of conversations about school. When a conversation is taking place, then try to ask a question or two. As always, feel free to call, write a note or email your child's teaching team whenever you have a question or would like more details about a school day or a particular part of the day. Let's talk!



### Welcome!

Speaking of communication, please feel free at any time throughout the school year to contact us with questions and/or concerns. When you call it is Cherie and Tammy, seen above, who answer our phones and in addition to all of their other responsibilities cheerfully greet everyone who enters through our main lobby. Stop in to say hello at any time. They often have stickers that they share with "good listeners." 😊



### FACEBOOK

If you haven't yet, please check us out on Facebook and take a moment to "like" us. We will use this medium to help keep you informed of events and activities taking place on our campus. We will also post calendar updates and reminders, including snow days in the winter. More frequently, look for photos of classroom activities and campus fun on our Facebook page. Please let us know if you do NOT want your child's photo on Facebook and we will oblige.

Our website at [www.helpinghands.org](http://www.helpinghands.org) is another source of information. When you have the opportunity, please take a look at our updated website and enjoy.

## Parking Lot Safety Reminders

Our first priority will always be safety so please remember to drive slowly in our parking lot and to be especially careful when backing up. We'll do our best to coordinate cars and buses - coming and going. **Please do not drive past the buses when they are parked. Use the thoroughfare farthest from our building.** Children should be holding hands with an adult at all times when in the parking lot. Thank you to everyone for your understanding and patience during transition times. Both are very much appreciated.



## Parent Night/Open House

Our first Parent Night of the school year will take place in your child's classroom. Each room will be hosting an "open house", probably on an evening in late September and your child will soon come home with specific dates and times for their class. You will have an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and learn more about what goes on each day at school. This is the only parent night of the school year that we do not provide childcare. Please make other arrangements for your child(ren).

## Nurse Arlene says.....

Every child here must have an updated physical on file **EACH** year. Please be sure to send, mail or fax one in and feel free to call if you have any questions. Nurse Arlene can be reached at 664-5066. Thank you very much!



## October.....

10/8 No School- Columbus Day  
10/24 No PM classes- Parent Conferences  
10/25 No AM classes- Parent Conferences  
(An Usborne Book Fair will take place in our lobby on these conference days)



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 <small>(Staff Development Day)</small>	5 <b>First Day of School</b>	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 <small>Wear polka dots for <b>DOT DAY</b> International Dot Day, a global celebration of creativity, courage and collaboration.</small>	15
16	17	18 <b>Parent Information Night</b> <small>Check w/ classrooms for times (between 6:30 pm and 8:30 pm)</small>	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 <b>NO AFTERNOON CLASSES OR VISITS</b> <small>(Staff Development PM)</small>	29



## WELCOME

We will do our best to make this, your child's first educational experience, a positive one so that a life long interest in learning is begun. Through age appropriate activities we will encourage growth in all areas of development and we'll have fun while doing it. We are so glad that you and your child are a part of our preschool family this year. Welcome!

**Please Remember Our Campus is a NUT FREE ZONE.**

There are students on campus with life-threatening allergies. Peanuts, peanut butter and all products containing NUTS are not permitted at school at any time. Any questions, please call our school nurse' Arlene at 664-5066