

KEEP IN TOUCH

EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER PARENT NEWSLETTER – Sept 2026



PRINCIPAL NEWS – MRS. BECK

Welcome to a new school year! Everyone on the staff is glad to be back, and we are looking forward to an exciting 2026-2027 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. No sugary drinks are permitted in water bottles due to the spills/stains that they create. Thank you.



NEW STAFF

Please extend a warm welcome to Ms. Keyes - cafeteria and Mr. Hepler – Speech and Language Pathologist.

SCHOOL HOURS

Kindergarten and AM Prekindergarten: 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 PreK 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. We ask that you remain outside the slider doors when picking up your child. Thank you.

Kindergarten and PM Prekindergarten: Afternoon PreK 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. PreK PM students must be supervised by their adult until the doors open for safety reasons. Kindergarten parent pick-up will be at the front doors at 2:50 p.m. and PreK 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. 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.



SCHOOL PICTURES



School pictures will be on Monday, September 28th. More information and order forms will be coming home soon.

PTG (Parent Teacher Group)

The first PTG meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 9th 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, assemblies, etc. Hope to see you there.



NURSE NEWS

Welcome back to our students and families! We are eager to see the students return. Once we get everyone a little settled, we will start our vision, hearing, and height and weight screenings.

PLEASE HAVE AN EXTRA SET OF CLOTHES IN YOUR CHILD'S BACKPACK FOR ACCIDENTS OR SPILLS. We appreciate your help with this.

Kindergarten 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. Throughout September, Prekindergarten 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. Kindergarten 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. Kindergarten students occasionally practice yoga as a mindfulness activity! If you would like to donate to the music room, we can always use tissues or packs of kid's socks (for our yoga days!). If you have questions or would like any additional information about the music room, please feel free to contact me at any time. I am looking forward to a musical year!

IMPORTANT SCHOOL INFORMATION

1) Please complete the Back to School Update if you haven't already. It is important for us to have your most current contact information in the event that we need to reach you about your child. Thank you to those that have already taken the time to complete the Back to School Update. It is very appreciated!

2) Please take the time to read over the TASD Student 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) or complete the google form that the district will send 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 Prekindergarten, school attendance is required by Pennsylvania state law.

4) 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. This is also true at 12:00 pm for PreK afternoon students.

5) 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.



6) 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 THROUGH THE NEW RAPTOR SYSTEM.
- ALL SCHOOL VISITORS WILL BE ASKED FOR IDENTIFICATION WHEN VISITING THE BUILDING OR PICKING UP A CHILD.

7) Parents picking children up before dismissal must provide a note with a specific and valid reason for early dismissal. We will call your child to the office to meet you for dismissal.

8) 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.



Reminder: There is no school on Monday, September 7, 2026 in observance of Labor Day.