

THE BEECHWOOD SCHOOL

September 2017 NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME!

Dear Parents,

Every September brings excitement and angst for all involved. We look forward to the new school year and serving your family. It is a privilege to partner with so many wonderful families and to be supported by great staff.

Thank you for your cooperation during this adjustment time. Your understanding that the children are getting used to new people and new surroundings is especially appreciated. We would like every family to feel comfortable and to think of Beechwood as your second home. Please do not hesitate to stop in the office to ask questions. Feel free to contact your child's teacher. If we do not know the answer to your question, we will work with you to find it out.

Sincerely, Marge McElroy & Sue Hagan

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT FOR PARENTS

Come meet your child's teachers and learn about their daily routines and goals for the year.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

7:00-Ms. Tanya, Mrs. Angevine, Mrs. Reali,
Mrs. Rutkowski

7:45-Mrs. Ehrlich, Mrs. Ranshaw, Mrs. Varevice

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE PROCEDURES

Please be sure to sign your child in & out at arrival and dismissal times.

It is Beechwood's Policy that all parents, staff and visitors enter ONLY through the main door upstairs. You may pick your child up at the gate, come in the main door and sign out.

Even for children with classes in the lower level, parents must enter through the main door, but may leave through the glass door after collecting his/her belongings.

Beechwood cannot have parents stay with their children in the yard at pick up times (11:30 - 1PM & 2:45-3:45). Please take your child from the yard at your designated pick up time. Staff/child ratio is based on enrollment count at various times of day. For this reason, we ask our parents & siblings not to visit in the yard at pick up times.

BEECHWOOD'S FALL FESTIVAL

Our 12th Annual Beechwood School Fall Festival will be on Saturday, October 14th from 10:00 AM until 12:00 Noon.

Come join us for creative craft activities, fun games and snacks. Prizes will be available too! Tickets for the festival may be bought at the school office as of Sept. 18. Tickets purchased in advance will be \$10 per child (adults and children under 2 are free). Tickets purchased at the door will be \$12. Profits are donated to a children's charity. If you have a favorite charity, please contact the office.

REMINDER TUITION INSTALLMENT # 2 IS DUE SEPTEMBER 11TH. THANK YOU

NAP ACCESSORIES & RECOMMENDATIONS REQUIRED

1. All items must be labeled
 2. Top & bottom covers
 - A. 2 small sheets or light blankets – one to lay on and the other as a cover-up.

or

 - B. A small one piece nap roll up
3. Backpack or bag to place all bedding items

OPTIONAL

1. Small camp pillow with removable cover
2. Book or stuffed animal

DANCE CLASSES!

Dance Classes will be offered again this year for ages 3yrs and older with Ms. Denette. Classes will be held Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons at 3:00PM and 3:45PM beginning September 26 & 27. Children are divided according to age. More information on specifics and cost will follow shortly!



PEANUT & TREENUT ALLERGIES

There are a number of children attending Beechwood this year with peanut &/or tree nut (i.e. almonds and walnuts) allergies. The Beechwood School always strives to provide a fun, SAFE, educational environment for every child. To this end, we are asking that NO PRODUCTS CONTAINING NUT, OR PEANUT BUTTER be sent into Beechwood from your home (birthday celebrations and special holiday treats.) We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

ADDITIONAL HOURS

In the October newsletter, the open lunches and afternoon hours will be posted. *This is available for occasional use and is to be paid on the day you child stays.*

If there is a regular need for your child to stay additional time, those hours will be considered a schedule change and a rebill will be provided.

There is a \$20 service charge for rebills.



LONG TERM DEPARTURE NOTICES

Thank you to all the parents who have completed these forms. If a person who is not listed on your departure notice is picking up your child a note must be written and posted on the departure board that is hanging near the office.

ANNUAL HEAD LICE INFORMATION

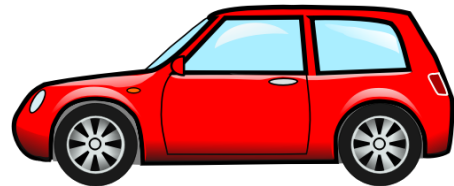
This is the time of year when head lice can become a problem. Infestation of head lice is highly contagious and causes intense itching. In order to keep this problem at bay, heads are checked by the staff. **WE ALSO ASK THAT YOU CHECK YOUR CHILD'S HEAD REGULARLY.** It is easier to find the eggs than the lice. Eggs are tiny, pearly white egg shaped objects; each one firmly cemented to the hair shaft. They cannot be flicked away like dandruff. There may be itchy red pimples where the hair meets the back of the neck. If you suspect your child has head lice, please seek medical advice and notify the school immediately so that appropriate control measures may be taken. (However, **DO NOT** wash your child's hair with lice shampoo if you have no lice in the household.) A child may return to school when **ALL** nits (eggs) are removed from the hair.

1:00 PM PICK UP

Parents and sitters, picking up after lunch, should arrive between 12:45 – 1PM. If you wish to go in the yard after pick up, please **ONLY** use the second yard. It is distracting for the children resting in Mrs. Rutkowski's room to hear their friends playing outside in the first yard.

LATE PICKUP

Although most of our families are very good about their pick up times, we would like to ask all of our families to please adhere to their designated pick up time; i.e. 11:30AM, 1PM and (our full day families), 5:30PM. Each time slot is a time of class transition. At 11:30AM some children go home and the remainder are at lunch or recess. At 1PM more children go home and everyone else goes for a rest. At 5:30 PM our staff has family and evening activities to attend. It is necessary to charge a late fee for every part of 10 minutes past ones' pick up time. Full day families will only be charged after 5:30. The fee is \$5.00 per 10 minutes past 5:30 PM. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



SPEED LIMIT & PARKING

Please remember that Beechwood Avenue is a residential street and it is **VERY IMPORTANT** that all of us observe the 25 MPH SPEED LIMIT. This courtesy also applies to Maple and Bryn Mawr Avenues.

Parking is usually available in the lot. Mornings are busy, but cars usually move frequently, allowing for more spaces to open up. If you want to park in the street, please be careful to:

- (a) Not park **too** close to the right side of the school driveway
- (b) Be sure **NOT TO BLOCK** neighbors' driveways.