



Bethel Christian Preschool

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Calendar

- ◆ November 1-
Fourth tuition
payment due
- ◆ November 15-
Parent/Teacher
Conferences
- ◆ November
21,22-
Thanksgiving
Break, no school

**Preschool classes
end at 12:15, it
is very important
that all parents
are here on time
for dismissal.
Thank you!**

Parking Lot Safety



As you enter and exit the church parking lot **please slow down** and be aware of other children and families getting into and out of their cars. Take a moment and have a safe morning!



News from Ms. Karen

Another school year is off to a great start. There are currently 73 children enrolled with spaces for a few more. We'd like to welcome our new teachers for this year. Heidi Adkins-Koehler is our new Sunbeam teacher and Kevin Kearney is our substitute teacher.

Ages and Stages Questionnaires (ASQ)

As a Step Up to Quality (SUTQ) 2 Star Preschool, BCP needs to meet certain criteria. One is that all children receive a developmental screening each year. We use the ASQs since you, the parents, are the experts on your child and can share this information with their teachers. The teachers use the ASQs to help plan activities and to guide a family when a child may need additional support. For more information about SUTQ check out their website at <http://jfs.ohio.gov/cdc/stepUpQuality.stm>

Eat Lunch at School with Friends!

Lunch Bunch is held from 12:15-1:15 on Tues. and Wed. It is \$7 per session. Each child brings their own nutritious lunch, and they enjoy fellowship and fun together. Children must be potty trained to attend.

Parent Teacher Conferences Thursday November 15

Twice a year teachers and parents meet to share information and observations about each student, based on the Goals and Objectives from Creative Curriculum.

This is a brief conference, 15 minutes, to share a few specific developmental goals and objectives and the progress your child is making. If at the end of the conference parents feel they need more information, a separate appointment can be made. It is best if the preschool aged children are not present during the conference so that parents and teachers may speak freely.

There will be no classes for Backyard Buddies, Preschool Pals and both ABC Kids classes during Parent conferences.

Child care will be available in the Family Life Center only for your scheduled conference time. Sign-up sheets for conference times will be available in your child's classroom.

Sunbeams will have their regularly scheduled class on that Thursday.



Inclement Weather

Winter weather could be just around the corner!

We will use the Family Life Center for our large motor play when the temperature or wind chill is below 25 degrees, or a lot of snow is on the ground. **Whenever there is a break in the weather, we will go out on the playground.** Please dress your children warmly for outside play.

Also please remember to dress your child in layers, including an outside-appropriate coat, during these autumn months as we will go outside on cool days.

If Columbus City Schools are closed due to bad weather, Bethel Christian will also be closed.

Information will be on the web site, the preschool phone (614-451-1117) and WSYX ABC channel 6; WTTE FOX channel 28 as soon as Columbus cancels classes.

If Columbus Public is open.....
Bethel Christian Preschool is also!

"When we treat children's play as seriously as it deserves, we are helping them feel the joy that's to be found in the creative spirit. We're helping ourselves stay in touch with that spirit, too. It's the things we play with and the people who help us play that make a great difference in our lives." ~Mr. Rogers

Bethel Christian Preschool is a play-based center that utilizes Creative Curriculum as our framework, the [Ohio Early Learning Content Standards](#), and emergent curriculum to plan lessons. We are a child-centered preschool that honors the exploratory nature of young children.

A play-based center is one that provides a balance between teacher-initiated activities and activities that children choose. The teachers are guides who set up the environment so as to maximize children's learning and facilitate their explorations in material and social interactions.

"Through play, children learn to take turns, delay gratification, negotiate conflicts, solve problems, share goals, acquire flexibility, and live with disappointment. By allowing children to imagine walking in another person's shoes, imaginative play also seeds the development of empathy, a key ingredient for intellectual and social-emotional success."

~Erika Christakis, MEd, MPH and Nicholas Christakis, MD, PhD of Harvard University in their article [Want to get your kids into college? Let them play](#)



The preschool is joining with the church in their efforts to raise \$3500 to build a well in Sierra Leone through The Water Project. We will try to overflow the 4 gallon jug by placing coins and polished stones representing dollars into the water. For more information, please visit www.thewaterproject.com

OSU Cognitive Development Lab

For several years, the Cognitive Development Lab at OSU has sent graduate students to Bethel for the purpose of collecting data on how young children learn. The children play "computer games" with the OSU researchers. There is a permission slip with detailed information on this project in all the preschooler parent file folders. Additional information can be found on their web site - <http://cogdev.osu.edu/>.

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Can't find the newsletter?
Need tuition information?
Check out the BIUMC website under **Education** and click on **Preschool.**
www.mybethel.

Tuition Payments

Preschool tuition is based on a yearly fee, which can be payable in 9 monthly installments, August through April. The monthly tuition payments are due between the 1st and 10th of each month. The fourth payment will be due in November. The preschool does not bill parents for the monthly fees, but will send out occasional tuition reminders in the classroom parent folders. The tuition reminders will also reflect if a balance is due for the yearly supply fee or Lunch Bunch. For questions concerning your balance, please see Karen.