



Oak Park Extended School Care Newsletter

May/June 2023

April Recap

The kids have really enjoyed making pom pom creatures and some animals and pets. They also made some Pokemon critters mostly following a pattern in the books, but some have used their own imaginations to create amazing pom pom art. In addition, we made many crafts such as flowers and dinosaurs using cupcake liners. We continued to go outside in the afternoons as the weather turned unseasonably warm.

Looking Ahead

We hope the warm weather continues as we venture outside longer as the days lengthen. We will continue to make pom poms as long as the children request patterns. We will always have traditional seasonable crafts available such as flowers and beach themed crafts.

COVID-19 Reminders

We are all trying to stay healthy. If your child is not feeling well, it is better for them to stay home. We will continue reinforcing hand washing and good hygiene practices to prevent the spread of any contagious diseases.

Sign in and out- Parents must come to the cafeteria after ringing the bell to sign their child in or out of the program.

Please be sure your child has a **reusable water bottle** with their name clearly marked. Make sure that the bottle does **NOT leak** and can easily be opened and closed by your child.

Breakfast

Kindergarten, First, Second and Third graders will be eating breakfast in the cafeteria with their classmates. Fourth through Sixth graders will go through the line to get their grab and go breakfast, which they will eat in their classroom.

Snacks

Snacks will be individually wrapped items to be distributed by the Extended School Care Staff. Snacks from home are not to be shared due to allergy concerns.

Hand sanitizer is available in the wall dispensers. Using hand sanitizer doesn't replace the need to wash hands with soap and water.

We will be spending time **outdoors**. If the green sign is hanging by door number 1, check in/out will be conducted on the playground. Please be sure that your child has appropriate clothing and shoes for outdoor play.

Important Parent Reminders

1. Credit Card payments must be made by the 1st of the month to be considered on time. Checks and money orders will still be accepted up to the 5th of the month.
2. Payments may be dropped in our payment box at the site or in the box at the District Office on the Church Rd. entrance of the building by door 3.

3. For dropping off and picking up your child, enter through the Main Entrance and ring the bell. We will unlock the door and you will walk your child to the cafeteria to sign them in.
4. If we are outside or in the gym, parents must escort their children to the playground or gym for drop off. If picking up, you must sign your child out from the gym or outside.
5. If your child is not attending the program, call the Extended School Care Office or the site phone. Please request that notes given to the teacher be shared with the Extended School Care staff.
6. Leave all toys, electronic devices and cell phones at home. We are not responsible for lost, stolen or broken cell phones, toys, and electronic devices.
7. All changes to your child's schedule must be requested in writing by the 14th of the month. Approved changes will be instituted by the first of the next month of care.
8. Children are not allowed to leave the childcare area to return to the classroom during the before and after school program hours.
9. Please make sure that your child's ChromeBook is charged before coming to school.

Important Dates

Tues. May 16th-No School/No Program Offered.

Mon. May 29th- No School/No Program. Have a happy and safe Memorial Day.

Wed. June 14- The Last Day of School is an early dismissal day - School dismisses at 12:35pm. Students will pick up lunch in their classroom and eat with Extended School Care. We have special activities planned. Let the Extended Care Staff know if your child will not be attending that day.

Extended School Care Staff

Beth Hornberger- site director

Archana Mittal-AM program assistant

Susan Blunt- PM program assistant

Oak Park's Phone Number - 215-368-9785

May's Theme- May Bouquet

June's Theme-Trip to the Beach and Shark Week

District Webpage - www.npenn.org

We are here to ensure the health and safety of your children. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to talk to Ms. Hornberger or email at hornbeb@npenn.org.

2023-2024 Extended School Care Registration

Families of currently enrolled children should have already completed and returned their forms. Registration is not complete until all forms are filled out and turned in. New siblings require a \$75.00 deposit. Registration for any remaining spots will open to the public in May.

We wish good luck in all your future endeavors to our sixth graders and the families that are moving or are leaving Oak Park. Hoping that everyone has a wonderful and relaxing summer filled with adventures.