




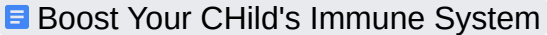
Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Preschool Weekly Newsletter 1/24/2025

- We hope you enjoyed some extra time with your children this week with the holidays and the calamity days, due to the freezing temperatures. We are certainly happy to be back at school. Stay warm and cozy out there.
- **Please fill out the GOOGLE SURVEY below for 2025-2026**
 - On Wednesday, January 15 you should have received a survey to indicate your plans for the fall, 2025-2026 school year. If you have not filled it out, please do so no later than Jan. 31.
 - [Preschool/Kindergarten Intentions for the 2025-2026 School Year Survey](#)
 - This is for ALL of our current preschool students, one form should be completed for each student if you have siblings currently attending.
 - Read the information carefully.
 - Do NOT indicate Kindergarten requests, only requests for preschool.
 - If you would like to place an upcoming younger student on our Preschool waiting list, here is the link to the web page. [Preschool Waitlist](#)
 - Information for Kindergarten will be shared at the Parent Meeting discussed below.
 - **Kindergarten Enrollment will not open until March.** There is nothing you can do to enroll now. Our students will roll up to Kindergarten and will simply need their Final Forms updated. However, if you would like tuition-based all-day kindergarten, there will be a list to sign-up on and a deposit to pay in March. More information to come.

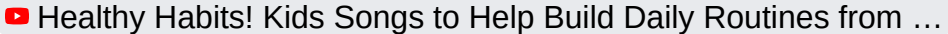
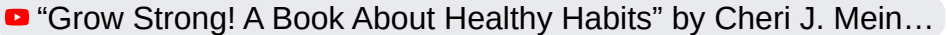
- **Kindergarten informational meeting**

- February 25, 2025, at Stephen Bell Elementary 6:00-7:00 pm
- Please note the new date cutoff for enrolling in kindergarten. **Children MUST turn 5 by August 1 to be eligible.**
- See the flyer for more information and to RSVP
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- **Health, Safety, and Development for your Preschooler** *(new each week)*

- Follow these links for an article and tips about how to boost your child's immune system once they start school. It is very common for children to often get ill when first starting school or daycare. They need time to build their immune systems.
 - [Why does my child get sick after starting school or day care? : Inside Children's Blog](#)
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- **Fun Learning Activities for Preschoolers** *(new each week)*

- Follow these links for some ways to help your kids build healthy habits which will in turn build their immune systems
 - [Helping Children Practice Healthy Habits | PBS KIDS for Parents](#)
 - [Healthy Habits: 10 Fun Activities to Promote Wellness in Kids](#)
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- **Sick Child Procedures**

- It is this time of year that we would like to remind everyone of the mandated procedures for illness at preschool. **PLEASE** follow these procedures closely to help ensure the health and safety of all the students and staff. Children who have had a fever of 100 degrees, vomiting or diarrhea, or severe respiratory symptoms during the past 24 hours should NOT be in school. Not only does this spread the germs to others, but when a child is not feeling well, they do not engage or learn as well as they should. Please keep them home to rest and recuperate before returning to school. We greatly appreciate your assistance with this. See below for the statement that is in our preschool handbook and highly supported by the school nurse. Thank you so much for helping us to keep everyone safe and healthy.

- **Sick Child Procedure (from pages 11-12 in preschool handbook)**

- Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Schools Early Childhood Education classes attempt to provide a healthy environment for all children and staff. Although regular attendance is encouraged, if your child is sick and needs to stay home, **please call the school office (848-5001, Option #5 then Option #1) and leave a message regarding the nature of the illness.** If your child receives transportation services, please also call the transportation department to inform them of your child's absence (848-4029). Please remember to call if your child will not be in school — we worry when we do not see your child's smiling face.

- **Parents should keep children home if they have any of the following:**

- Diarrhea (more than one abnormally loose stool within a 24-hour period) or any vomiting during the past 24 hour period
 - Severe coughing, causing the child to become red or blue in the face or to make a whooping sound;
 - Difficult or rapid breathing;
 - Yellowish skin or eyes;
 - Conjunctivitis
 - Untreated infected skin patch(s);
 - Unusually dark urine and/or gray or white stool;
 - Stiff neck;
 - Lice, bed bugs, or other parasitic infestation; or
 - Scabies (contagious skin disease)
 - Temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit, taken by the auxiliary method, when in combination with other signs of illness;

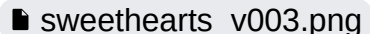
- **February Family Field Trip—**

- For those who signed up, please mark your calendar for the Family Field Trip on Friday, February 14
 - Each preschool student plus one parent will be paid for by the school
 - Everyone will meet at the Victoria Theater and parents will be responsible for transporting and supervising children during the show
 - A Year With Frog and Toad is a live stage performance designed for young children. It will be from 9:30-10:30, but please be sure to arrive at least 15 minutes early to find your seats, etc.
 - We will soon be notifying those who would like additional seats of how many will be available
 - [Victoria Theater-A Year with Frog and Toad---Family survey](#)
 - [Discovery: A Year With Frog And Toad | Dayton Live](#)

- **Preschool happenings February**

- February 13–Valentine’s exchange
- February 14–no school–Victoria Theater Family Field Trip
- February 17–no school–Presidents Day

- **Community Events**

- **Positive Parenting Group**
 - The GCESC Early Childhood Mental Health Team offers parenting support virtual seminars to network with others
- **Little Sweetheart Dance sponsored by BHS Supportive Peers**
 - Saturday, February 8 from 4-6 pm at the estate at Sunset Farm
 - Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased here:
<https://www.sugarcreek.k12.oh.us/BuyTickets.aspx>
 - See flyer for more info 

- **Looking for substitute teachers and assistants for preschool**

- If you or someone you know is interested in being a substitute teacher or substitute assistant at our preschool, please contact Kimi Kessler at the Greene County ESC at KKessler@greeneesc.org
- **NO degree is required to sub at this time!!**
- Great part-time and flexible job for stay-at-home parents who might only be available when the kids are in school and want to earn some extra money while having lots of fun. Think of it as getting paid to volunteer at your child’s school.
- **Pay has increased to \$130 per day for teacher subs and \$100 per day for aide subs and you can work only half days if needed. Priority for teacher subs will be given to those with a bachelor’s degree and/or teaching license first**
- Our staff is very helpful and will provide support in the classrooms while you are here. If you are hesitant, ask your child’s teacher and they can tell you more about it.

- **Kroger Plus Program**

- KrogerCommunityRewards.com
St. Pierre Education Center
#18456
- Please consider signing up for rewards to our preschool!

- **Questions? Concerns? Comments?**

- Please feel free to email Traci Womack, Preschool Director at traci.womack@bss.k12.oh.us (email is the best way to contact me since I am typically only in Bellbrook on Mondays, Wednesdays, and some Thursdays)
- You can also contact Miss Jenny in the preschool office at 937-848-5001 ext. 6902 jennifer.dreischarf@bss.k12.oh.us