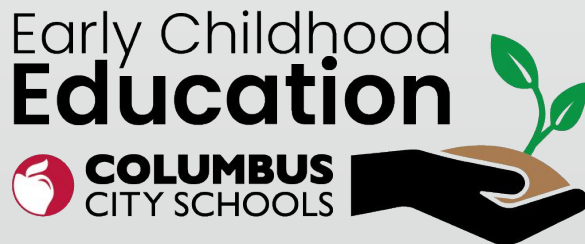




Division of Early Childhood Education

Family Advisory Committee for Early Childhood Education

F.A.C.E. Group



September 24, 2025

Welcome to CCS F.A.C.E. group!

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Family **A**dvisory **C**ommittee for **E**arly Childhood Education



Let's Breathe ...



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Early Childhood Education Specialist

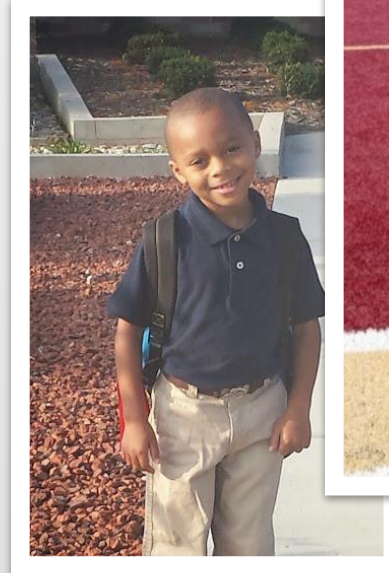
A little about me ...



Welcome to your CCS F.A.C.E. group!

Now please share a little about you...

- 1) **School** your child attends
- 2) **Favorite** thing about PreK
(and your name if you want)



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Welcome to your CCS F.A.C.E. group!

Now lets share some info about our program and why
we are here...



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Columbus City Schools' Early Childhood Education Program is a developmentally appropriate program that provides comprehensive services to preschool age children and their families in the following areas:

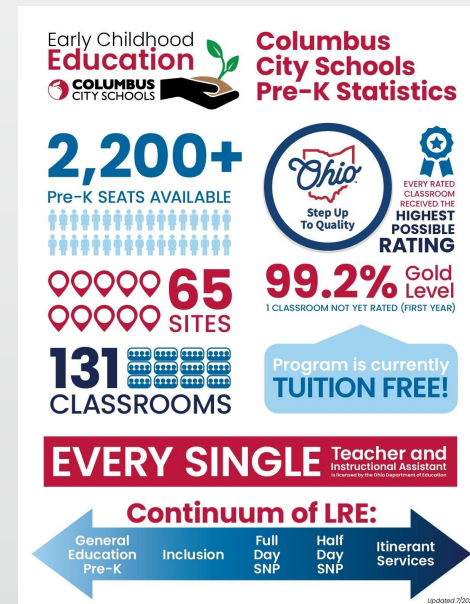
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F.A.C.E = Family Advisory Committee for Early Childhood Education

It is a vital part of the program because we believe that parents must be involved in the education of their children. Being a part of this advisory council is just one of the ways parents can be involved.

We welcome any **CCS PreK family members** who would like to participate in this capacity.



Brief Overview of F.A.C.E:

Families are also encouraged to get involved in other ways:

- **Monthly PreK Events** - Virtual and in-person
- **CCS FACES Virtual Family Engagement Sessions** - <https://www.youtube.com/columbuscityschoolsohio>
- **Become a Family Ambassador**
(primary role is creating and maintaining on-going opportunities for family and community engagement)
- **Attending Pathway Express Events** (3x a year)
- **Participating in other school or class events**



"Every child we serve will be successful and prepared to enter kindergarten."

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Videos can be found on CCS Youtube Channel - <https://www.youtube.com/@ColumbusCitySchoolsOhio>



FACES - Back to School Series Part 1

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IOWoT1yZyfA>



FACES - ESL & New American Families

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fbgyM14iOq8>

Best way to be involved: **Attendance!**

Did You Know?

- Regular school attendance in elementary school improves the chances that your child will read on grade level.

Parent's Responsibility

When a Child is Absent

- Parents should contact the school before or after the absence(s)
- Notification from parents should be occur within 48 hours
- Elementary School: Attendance is taken once a day by 9:30 AM.



Best way to be involved: Attendance!

Did You Know?

- Students who attend school regularly are more likely to graduate and find good jobs.

Pre-K Attendance Matters

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Showing up on time every day is important to your child's success and learning.

Regular attendance is especially significant in Pre-Kindergarten, as it teaches children early that going to school on time every day, is important.

The routines that your child develops in our early childhood education program will lay the foundation for the future.

Why Pre-K Attendance Matters

School attendance has a direct impact on academic success. Frequent absences can make it harder to:

- Gain early reading and math skills
- Build relationships
- Develop good attendance habits

Best way to be involved: Attendance!

Did You Know?

- A high school graduate makes \$1 million more than over a lifetime.

Pre-K Attendance Matters

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How to Excuse an Absence

Notify the school's office by phone or email each day that your child will be absent. **Notifying the teacher alone does not excuse a child's absence.**

Absences may be excused due to:

- **A personal illness or quarantine**
Excused with parent/legal guardian phone call or written excuse or doctor's note
- **Medical or dental appointment**
A written statement from a physician or dentist verifying the appointment may be required
- **Illness or death in the immediate household**
- **Religious holiday**

Absence FAQs

- Parents may excuse their child up to nine absences/year.
- If you are traveling, please speak with your principal ahead of time.
- Absences are calculated by the number of minutes of school missed. Late arrivals/leaving early without an excuse adds up!
- If your child accumulates 15 or more unexcused absences, they may be withdrawn from the program.
- Absences due to lack of transportation are not excused.

Check out the first day of PreK!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KEfHDrt65bl>



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Specific Topics of Interest: **Family Survey results**

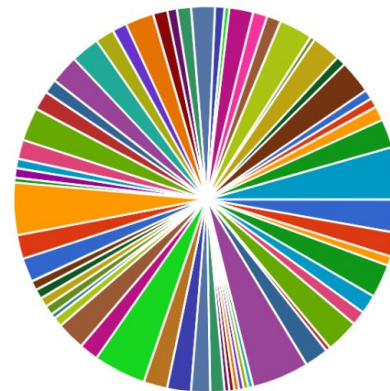
CCS Pre-K (Early Childhood Education) Family Initial Survey 2024 - 2025

Survey was sent: September 3-6, 2024 (ECE family orientation)

Responses final review: September 16, 2022

There were **251 PreK families who responded**. This included families from all Pre-K and SNP classrooms.

What CCS school building does your Pre-K child attend:
251 responses



Where's your school?

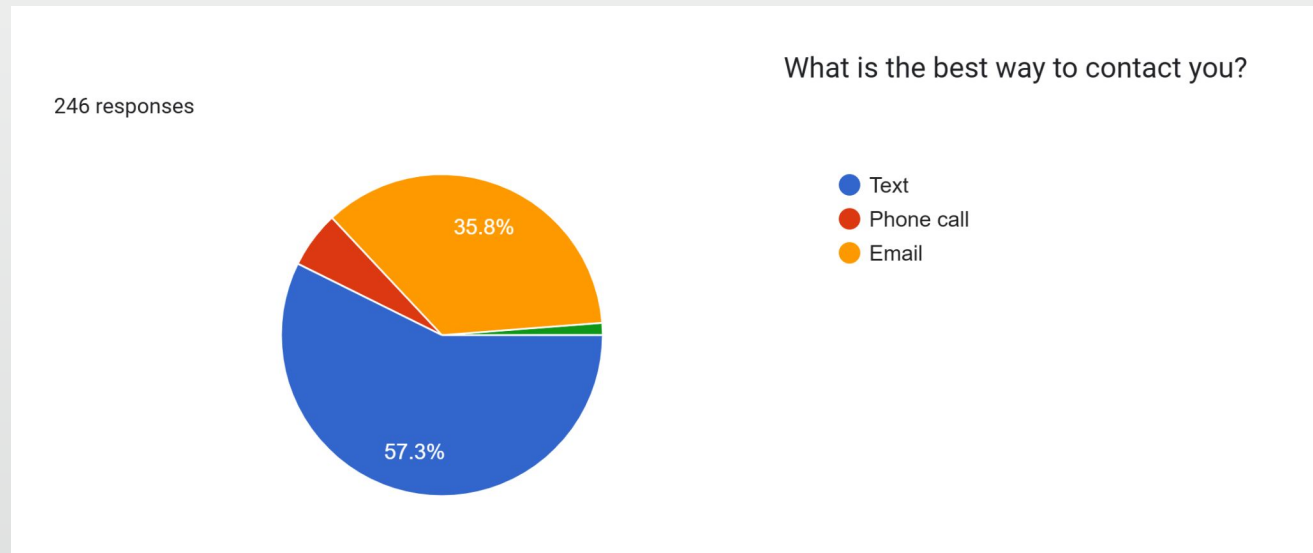
Specific Topics of Interest: Family Survey Results

Survey Highlights:

How families prefer to be contacted:

Families were able to choose multiple responses to this question. It appears that the best way to contact families is:

1. **Text (57%)**
2. Email (36%)
3. Phone (6%)



Specific Topics of Interest: Family Survey results

Survey Highlights:

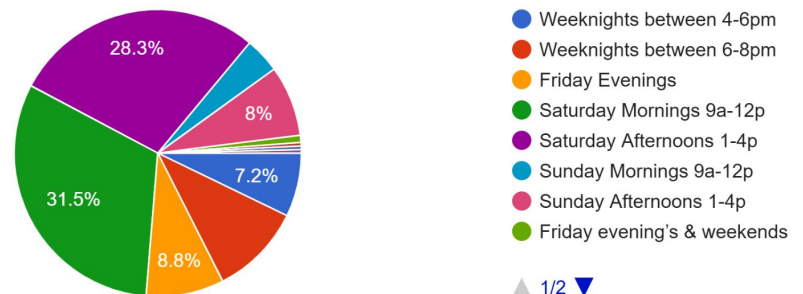
Family Involvement Opportunities:

When is the **best time for you and your family to come to Pre-K family engagement activities?**
(choose the best ONE). This was the results:

- **Saturday Mornings 9a-12p**
(31.5%)
- **Saturday Afternoons 1-4p**
(28%)
- Weeknights between 4-6pm (7%)
- Weeknights between 6-8pm (10%)
- Friday Evenings (9%)
- Sunday Mornings 9a-12p
- Sunday Afternoons 1-4p
- Friday evenings & weekends

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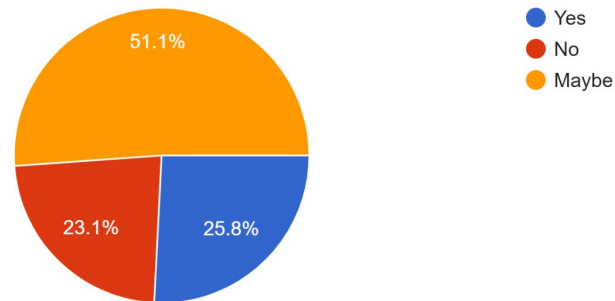
Would you like to be a part of a specific **Pre-K Family Connection Groups?**

(This would be Parent or Caregiver group that meets from time to time)

1. **Maybe (51%)**
2. **Yes (26%)**
3. **No (23%)**

Would you like to be a part of a specific Pre-K Family Connection Groups? (This would be Parent or Caregiver group that meets from time to time)

221 responses



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Survey Highlights:

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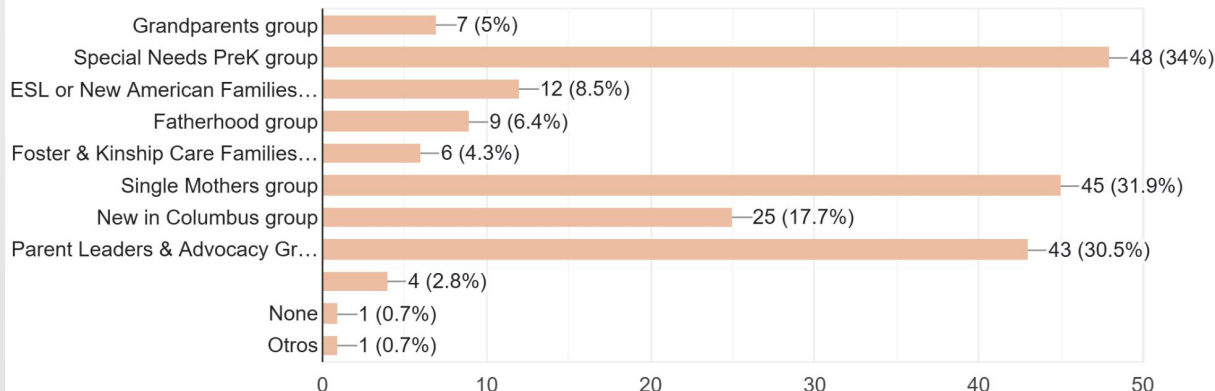
Would you like to be a part of a specific **Pre-K Family Connection Groups**?

If so, what group would you be interested in?

1. Grandparents group
- 2. Special Needs PreK group**
3. ESL or New American Families
4. Fatherhood group
5. Foster & Kinship Care Families
- 6. Single Mothers group**
7. New in Columbus group
- 8. Parent Leaders & Advocacy Group**

If so, what group would you be interested in?

141 responses



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Specific Topics of Interest: Family Survey results

Survey Highlights:

Family Involvement Opportunities:

What is one thing that you would like to **see at a Pre-K Events** this year?

The idea that popped up were:

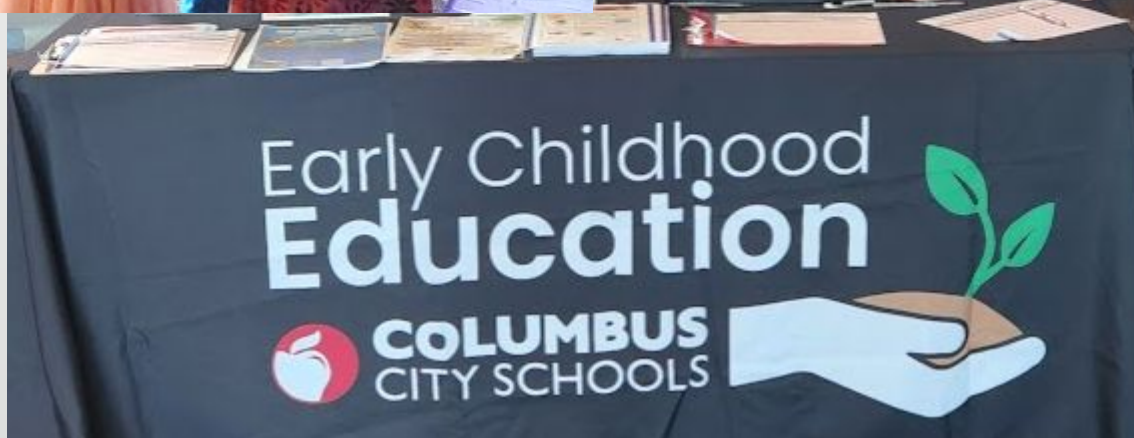
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Specific Topics of Interest: Family Survey results

Survey Highlights:

Family Involvement Opportunities:

Since families are open to attending engagement in-person ***we wanted to know where you would like to learn with your families for FREE.*** The highest ranking locations were:

We will be going to:

- Zoo
- Franklin Park Conservatory
- Columbus Museum of Arts
- CML Main Library

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4850 W Powell Rd, Powell, OH 43065


SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15
10 a.m.-12 p.m. at CML Main Library
95 S. Grant Ave, Columbus, OH 43215


SATURDAY, JANUARY 10
10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at
The Columbus Museum of Art
480 E. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215


FRIDAY, MARCH 20
5-7 p.m. at Franklin Park Conservatory
1777 E. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43203


SATURDAY, MAY 2
10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Fort Hayes
546 Jack Gibbs Blvd, Columbus, OH 43215



Visit the ECE homepage
for more information!
www.ccsok.us/Page/2212

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Gather Family Feedback

Family Involvement Opportunities question form survey:

What would you like to see for future family engagement activities?

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Family Involvement Opportunities question form survey:

What would you like to see for future family engagement activities?

- Subjects of interest?
- In-person or virtual?
- Length of time?
- Speakers?
- Monthly or more frequent?



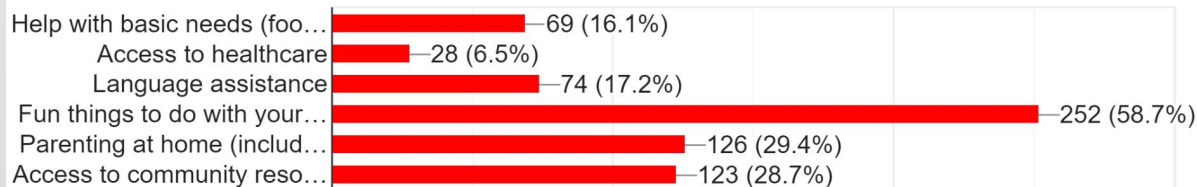
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Family Needs question from survey (in class):

1. **Educational things to do with your child or family** - 59%
2. Parenting at home (includes structure, discipline, connecting with your child, etc) – 29%
3. Access to community resources – 29%
4. Language Assistance – 17%
5. Help with basic needs – 16%
6. Access to healthcare – 6.5%

In what areas can we support you as a parent or guardian? (check any that may apply)

429 responses



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Gather Family Feedback

Family Involvement Opportunities question from survey:

We want to support you!

Meet with us **in-person or virtually** to get questions answered and connected with resources

Family Engagement Office Hours

Pre-K Family Engagement Office Hours at Linden Park ECE: October 30th, 10 AM -3 PM

Or Join the Zoom Link: <https://ccsoh-us.zoom.us/j/81588930181>

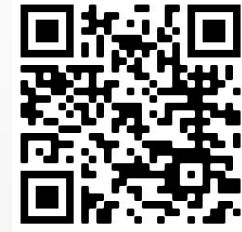


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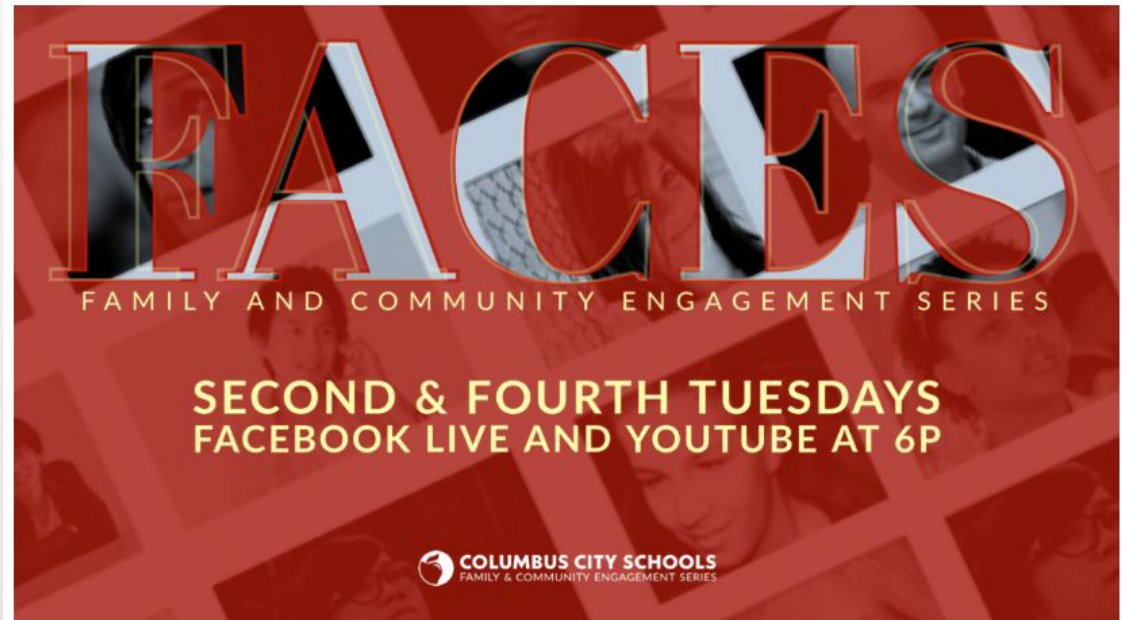
What: **Virtual Learning Experiences**

hosted by the Department of Communications and Engagement and feature expert District staff and many of our community partners sharing information and insights on important topics.

Who: **Open to all CCS students and their families**

Where: on the District's Facebook and YouTube channels

<https://www.youtube.com/@ColumbusCitySchoolsOhio>



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ECE Monthly Family Engagement Event:

What: Pre-K Monthly Learning Experiences

hosted by the ECE and feature early childhood experts and many of our community partners sharing information and insights on important topics.

Who: Open to all CCS ECE families

When: **varies**

(often in the evening 6-7:30p.m.)

Cost for Families: FREE

Can be found:

<https://www.ccssoh.us/Page/11565>



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2025-2026
Traditional School Year Pre-K Calendar

JULY 2025	AUGUST 2025	SEPTEMBER 2025	OCTOBER 2025
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All Schools Closed for Staff and Students	Schools Closed for Students Professional Development Day	Pre-K Family Engagement Day	Pathway Express/District Events
First and Last Day of School for Pre-K Students	Schools Closed for Students Records Day	Pre-K F.A.C.E. / Webinars	Schools Closed for Students Pre-K Professional Development Day

August 18-22	Professional Development Days
Aug. 25	First Day of School for Grades 1-12
Aug. 28	First Day of School for Kindergarten
Sept. 1	All Schools Closed - Labor Day
Sept. 4	First Day of School for Pre-K
Oct. 17	Professional Development Day
Oct. 22	Records Day
Nov. 4	Professional Development Day
Nov. 5	Pre-K PD Day - No School
Nov. 24-28	All Schools Closed - Wellness Week
Dec. 2	Pre-K PD Day - No School
Dec. 19	30 Minute Early Dismissal
Dec. 22-Jan. 2	All Schools Closed - Winter Break
Jan. 19	All Schools Closed - MLK Jr. Day
Jan. 20	Professional Development Day
Jan. 21	Records Day
Feb. 16	All Schools Closed
Feb. 17	Professional Development Day
Mar. 18	Records Day
Apr. 2	30 Minute Early Dismissal
Apr. 3-10	All Schools Closed - Spring Break
May 6	Pre-K PD Day - No School
May 25	All Schools Closed - Memorial Day
May 28	Last Day for Students
May 29	Records Day
June 19	All Schools Closed - Juneteenth

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PRE-K VIRTUAL MEETING DATES F.A.C.E. / Webinars (all at 6pm)

(F.A.C.E. = Family Advisory Committee for Early Childhood Education)	
Sept. 24	F.A.C.E. Welcome to PreK
Oct. 29	Webinar: Progress Reports and Conferences
Nov. 12	F.A.C.E. Behaviors & Strategies
Jan. 28	F.A.C.E. Kindergarten Enrollment/School Lottery
Feb. 25	Webinar: Therapists & Differentiation
Mar. 25	F.A.C.E. Spring Break and Summer Options
Apr. 15	Webinar: Kindergarten Transition & Summer

PATHWAY EXPRESS & DISTRICT EVENTS

Aug. 16	Back to School Resource Fair
Sept. 13	Lynds Fruit Farm
Dec. 13	Lincoln Theater
Feb. 21	Summer Opportunity Fair at CML
Apr. 25	Indian Village



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ECE web page:

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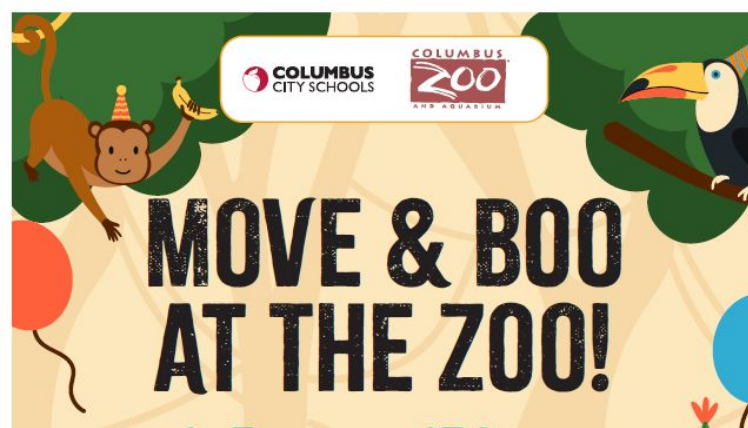
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More info:

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Cost for Families: FREE

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ECE Monthly Family Engagement Events:

A colorful poster for 'Storytime Adventures!' set against a dark blue space background with stars and planets. At the top left, a brown dog sits on a grey planet. At the top right, a white rocket with orange flames is launching. In the bottom left, a small orange-roofed house is shown. The poster features logos for Columbus City Schools and Columbus Metropolitan Library. The main title 'STORYTIME ADVENTURES!' is in large, light blue, textured letters. Below it, the date 'SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15' is in green, and the time '10 a.m.-12 p.m. at CML Main Library' is in white. The address '96 S. Grant Ave, Columbus, OH 43215' is in smaller white text. A paragraph describes the event: 'Come explore the world of books, early literacy, and imagination! We'll have storytime, fun literacy games, and tips for building strong reading habits at home.' A list of activities includes Story Time, Library Scavenger Hunt, Hands-On Activities, Book Giveaways, and Prizes. A QR code is labeled 'Scan to learn more!' and the website 'www.ccsch.us/Page/11565' is at the bottom.

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 **COLUMBUS METROPOLITAN LIBRARY**

STORYTIME ADVENTURES!

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ECE Monthly Family Engagement Events:

COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS **CMA**
Columbus Museum of Art

COLOR, CREATE EXPLORE!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10
10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at
The Columbus Museum of Art
480 E. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215

Your little one will become a creator, artist, and inventor all in one day! Dive into exciting STEAM (Science, Tech, Engineering, Art, Math) activities made just for PreK learners.

- Free Admission to CMA
- Pre-K Art Activities
- Book Giveaways
- Family Art Projects

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ECE Monthly Family Engagement Events:



A Ball With Butterflies!

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

5-7 p.m. at Franklin Park Conservatory
1777 E. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43203

Put on your dancing shoes and join us for a magical family evening surrounded by butterflies! Enjoy music, movement, and playful activities that help children explore emotions, build friendships, and celebrate kindness, all while dancing, laughing, and learning in a nature-filled setting.

- Free Admission to the Franklin Park Conservatory
- Magical Butterfly Garden
- Botanical Themed Crafts
- Learning Stations
- Book Giveaways

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ECE Monthly Family Engagement Events:

A colorful poster for a kindergarten readiness event. The background is light blue with white clouds and colorful triangular bunting flags at the top and bottom. The text is in various colors and fonts, including red, blue, and black. The event is titled 'COUNTDOWN TO KINDERGARTEN!' in large red letters. The date is 'SATURDAY, MAY 2' in blue script. The time and location are '10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Fort Hayes' and '546 Jack Gibbs Blvd., Columbus, OH 43215'. A paragraph describes the event as a special day for building kindergarten readiness. A list of activities includes free kits, games, giveaways, board-a-school bus, storybook characters, community resources, and enrollment information. A QR code is provided for more information, and a website URL is at the bottom right. The footer includes logos for Early Childhood Education and CCS PRE-K Family Engagement.

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COUNTDOWN TO KINDERGARTEN!

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10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Fort Hayes
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Join us for a special day focused on building Kindergarten readiness through hands-on learning activities, helpful tips for families, and resources to support a smooth transition from Pre-K to Kindergarten. Let's get ready to learn, grow, and take the next big step together!

- Free Kindergarten Readiness Kits
- Fun Games & Activities
- Giveaways
- Board-A-School Bus
- Storybook Characters
- Community Partner Resources
- Enrollment Information

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Pathway Express events:

What: **Learning and exploration experiences in Columbus community.**
www.ccsch.us/Page/12652

Who: Open to all CCS students and their families

When: **Quarterly (Saturday)**
December 13th from 10AM-1PM

Where: **Lincoln Theatre**

Cost for Families: **FREE**



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Linden Neighborhood events:

What: **Neighbor Trick or Treat**

Who: Open to all Linden area families

When: **(Sunday) Oct 26 / 3-5 pm**

Where: **Ohio History Center**

Cost for Families: **FREE**

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FOR

NEIGHBOR TRICK OR TREAT

AT THE OHIO HISTORY CENTER!

Sunday, October 26 • 3–5 p.m.
800 E. 17TH AVE., COLUMBUS, OH 43211

**JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF
FAMILY-FRIENDLY HALLOWEEN FUN!**

- Explore the Ohio History Center to collect candy!
- The event is free, but exclusively for our neighbors in Weinland Park and Linden.
- Feel free to dress up and have fun!

For questions, contact Andi Mocharski at amocharski@ohiohistory.org
or Javier Negrete at negrete.13@osu.edu

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More PreK Resources:

Need access to PreK resources and materials, monthly ECE newsletters, or my Pre-K community resources?

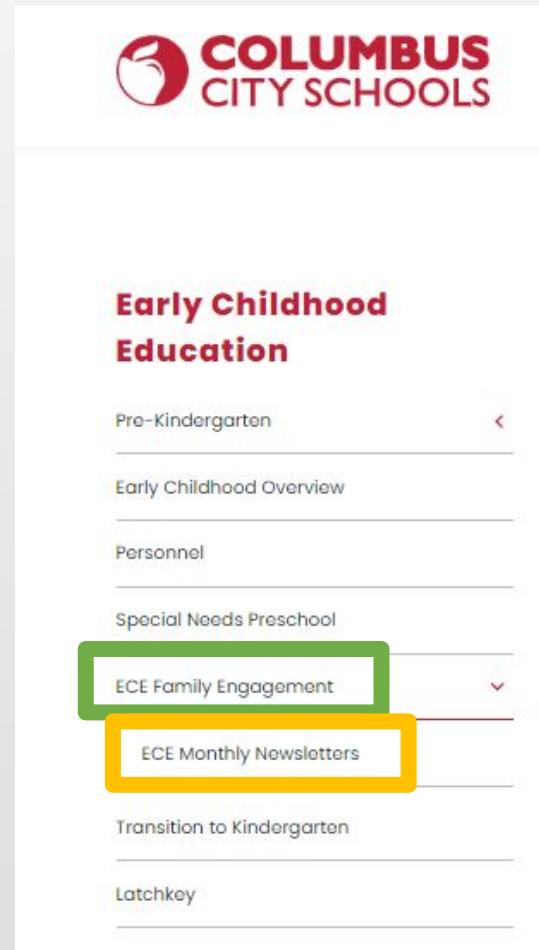
Everything you need is on the

[ECE Family Engagement Page](https://www.ccsch.us/Page/11565).

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

This year there will be monthly Family Engagement Events for our ECE families! You can also find resources from the last event, upcoming event information, and our Pre-K Calendars for the school year.



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Below you can find monthly Parents Make The Difference newsletters.



September 2024

Daily Learning Planner: Ideas Families Can Use to Help Children Prepare for School—Try a New Idea Every Day!

1. Make a habit of using Sunday nights as a time to talk with your child about the week ahead.
2. Have your child draw a picture of a special day you spent together over the summer.
3. Act out a familiar story together. Then switch roles.
4. Glue a picture on cardboard. Punch holes around the edges of the picture. Have your child thread a shoelace through the holes.
5. Talk with your child about shapes when you are on the road. Point out the different shapes of road signs.
6. Discuss things people can do with their bodies: walk, eat, wave, smell, throw. For each activity, ask your child, "Which body parts do you use?"
7. Together, draw or paint blindfolded. Take turns "directing" each other.
8. Look outside with your child at different times today and describe the weather, using words such as sunny, cloudy or rainy.
9. Put three spoons on a table. Ask your child to give you "just one." If this is easy for your preschooler, ask for "just two."
10. Learn a new word at breakfast. Help your child use it three times during the day.
11. Take a "counting walk" together. Pick something to count (cars, doors, cats) and keep track.
12. September is Library Card Month. Make sure everyone in your family has a library card.
13. Practice hopping, skipping and jumping with your child today.
14. Let your child see you reading for pleasure frequently.
15. Together, look at photos of your child at different ages. Ask your child, "Can you pick out the picture where you were the youngest?"
16. See how many places your child can find the letter A today.
17. Cut an apple in half horizontally. What does your child see? (A star.)
18. Use cereal pieces to help your child practice following directions: "Take some cereal off this pile and make a smaller pile."
19. Fill a small jar with dried beans or pebbles. Ask your child to guess the number of items. Count them together.
20. Wrap masking tape sticky-side out around your child's fingers. Let your preschooler use the "sticky hand" to pick up small, light objects.
21. With your child, pretend you have a magic carpet. Where would you fly to? What would you see?
22. Read your child a book in bed this morning.
23. Go on a walk with your child today. Collect three different kinds of leaves. Talk about the differences you see between them.
24. Talk about happy and sad feelings. Ask your child, "What things make you feel happy? What makes you feel sad?"
25. Teach your child a new song today. Then, have your preschooler teach you one.
26. Get out some measuring spoons. Ask your child to line them up from biggest to smallest, then nest them one inside another.
27. Blindfold your child. Can your preschooler identify items by touch, such as an apple, a sponge and a block?
28. Talk about the difference between pets and other animals. Ask your child if a dog makes a good pet. How about a tiger?
29. Teach your child a new self-care skill today, such as putting on shoes.
30. Play a game of tic-tac-toe together.

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More PreK Resources:

Dive into the curriculum with our handy flyer!
It's full of tips and links to help support learning at home.

(You have received this flyer at orientation)

Pre-K On My Way

YOU can visit the PreK On My Way Family Exchange every week for music, ebooks, and activities!

Website:

www.scholastic.com/prekonmywayfamily

Password: Scout



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More PreK Resources:

If you need **Help with Toilet Training**

Nationwide Children's Hospital and Columbus City Schools are teaming up to offer a free Positive Parenting Discussion Group for parents and caregivers of children 12 and under.

Topic: Toilet Training

Join other parents for a helpful 1 hour discussion on how to recognize if your child is ready for toilet training and tips on how to get started.

Contact: Crystal Milner

Crystal.Milner@nationwidechildrens.org



Parents, Stay Positive!

FREE Parenting Workshop

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Join other parents for a discussion on:

Toilet Training

Join us for a discussion and some tips on how to recognize if your child is ready and how to get started with toilet training.

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

6-7 pm

LOCATION: Zoom (Link to be sent out the week of the group)

RSVP to Crystal at crystal.milner@nationwidechildrens.org

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Next meeting date:

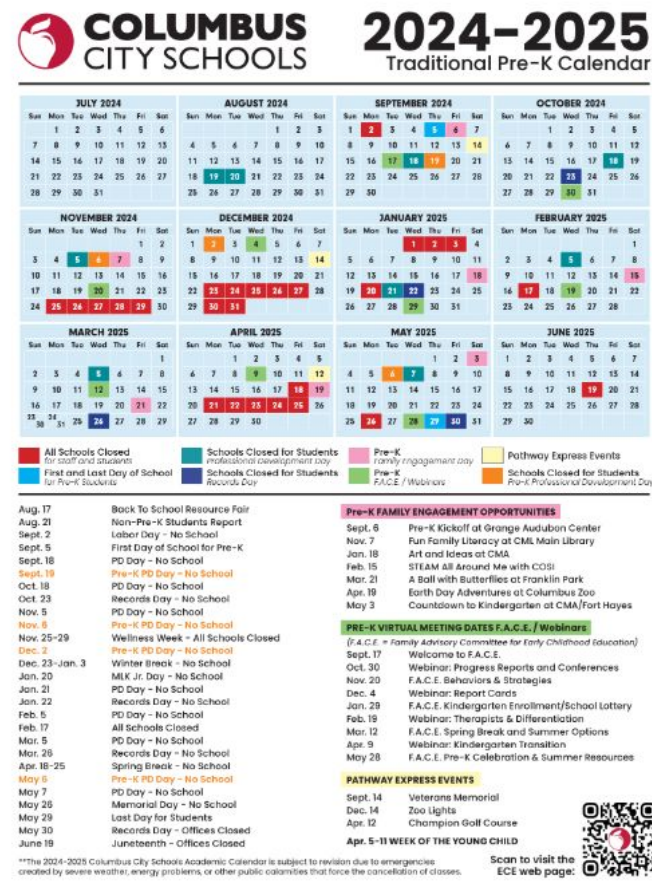
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PRE-K VIRTUAL MEETING DATES F.A.C.E. / Webinars (all at 6pm)

(F.A.C.E. = Family Advisory Committee for Early Childhood Education)

Sept. 24	F.A.C.E. Welcome to PreK
Oct. 29	Webinar: Progress Reports and Conferences
Nov. 12	F.A.C.E. Behaviors & Strategies
Jan. 28	F.A.C.E. Kindergarten Enrollment/School Lottery
Feb. 25	Webinar: Therapists & Differentiation
Mar. 25	F.A.C.E. Spring Break and Summer Options
Apr. 15	Webinar: Kindergarten Transition & Summer



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What time would work best?

Morning - Noon - Evening

Are you open to more in joining a group?



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Gather Family Feedback

Family Involvement Opportunities question from survey:

We want to support you!

Meet with us **in-person or virtually** to get questions answered and connected with resources

Family Engagement Office Hours

Pre-K Family Engagement Office Hours at Linden Park ECE: October 30th, 10 AM -3 PM

Or Join the Zoom Link: <https://ccsoh-us.zoom.us/j/81588930181>



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Answer Questions/Concerns

ECE Leadership can answer your questions

What questions do you have?



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How do I register my child?

Registration/Enrollment Info:

- If a child will be 5 years old by September 30th he/she is not eligible for Pre-K but is eligible for Kindergarten.
- Check website for info about school choice or call Central Enrollment Center - Phone (614)365-5822
- All of this information is available on the Columbus City Schools Website : <https://www.ccsok.us>

Thank you for coming to CCS F.A.C.E. group!

2025 First day of Pre-K



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***You can also get registered
for the ZOO!***

Check your child's cubby to see if you won!



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General Question?

Please Call

Columbus City Schools FACTLine @

Phone: 614-221-3228

FACTLine@columbus.k12.oh.us



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*Thank
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