



A Great Start Preschool April 2024 ~ Newsletter



Important Dates to Remember:

- (M) April 1:** Classes Resume from Spring Break
(M) April 8: No School (due to Solar Eclipse)
(W) April 10: Tuition Due
(M) April 15 6:30pm Parent Group Meeting (our version of a PTO)
(W) April 17: Prom RSVP Due
(F) April 26 (6:30-8:00pm)- Preschool Prom (\$5 per person, RSVP by April 17th)
(F) April 26th- Teacher Appreciation Week Donations Due
 **Mark your calendar for these other special events:
<http://www.agreatstartpreschool.com/calendar/>
May 6th-10th Teacher Appreciation Week (Contributions Due April 26th)
Monday, May 20: End of Year Program and Graduation for all MWF Classes including MW and F Little Learners, MWF Smart Start Classes, All Preschool Plus including Ms. Mandy's Tues/Thurs Classes, ALL KinderStart Classes and Kindergarten (more details to come).
May 20 (11am-8pm): City BBQ Fundraiser
May 21&22: Last Regular Days of School (and Carnival Fun Days, during Regular School Hours, Volunteers will be needed!)
May 23 (4-7pm) Huey Magoo's Fundraiser
May 23: End of Year Celebration for all students, 11am-1pm at Forest Field Park (more details to come)
July 9th: Dayton Dragons Tour and Game

Thank you for meeting with your child's teacher for Parent Teacher Conferences! If you were not able to meet for a conference but are still interested in setting up a time to meet, please speak with me or your child's teacher. If you have any questions at any time, please let us know!

Our Door and Security updates have been completed! Parents and visitors will still need to enter through door 10 only (the same main entrance near the preschool office). However, staff will be able to enter through doors 8 and 9 after using the playground, which means we no longer have to leave the doors cracked while a class is outside. Door 9 was replaced completely with a new door with a panic push bar to exit. We also added cameras to doors 8, 9, and 10, as well as in the hallway leading to 8 and the back hallway near the preschool office. Thank you for your patience throughout all of our upgrades! These improvements were paid for in part by a Safety and Security Grant, and with funds from our recent Fundraisers.

Preschool Prom Friday, April 26, 6:30-8:00pm. Cost is \$5.00 per person. This is a super fun annual event for the whole family! This event will for sure go on- no chance of cancellation like our fall event. Again this year, we have DJ Tunes Tony for a fun night of dancing, games, several free photo stations (bring your own camera), and have two food trucks to purchase delicious dinner and yummy treats: Cinn-Wagon and Cloudy Days Home of The Specialty Cotton Candy! There is no special attire required- there will be everything from jeans and tshirts to suits and formal dresses! Come dressed in whatever you would like! Watch for volunteer sign ups to be posted, as we will need help to set up on Thursday and Friday and clean up Friday night! We hope everyone can make it to this special event! RSVP by April 17th.

A Great Start Preschool is going to a Dayton Dragons Game
 On Tuesday, July 9! There will be an optional stadium tour at 10am in the morning for those who purchase game tickets, followed by the 7:05pm evening game. We will have the entire Lawn A area designated for AGSP again this year. This event will be open to current and 24-25 School Year Families and Friends. Order tickets online here: <https://fevo-enterprise.com/Greatstart>

Playground Rules: For those using the playground after school (if not in use by Kindergarten or After-Care), please make sure our rules are enforced:

- Mulch stays on the ground. This means no throwing the mulch, no dumping the mulch onto the blacktop and sidewalk. Not only is this a slipping hazard and wasteful of very expensive mulch, it is very time consuming for me to have to go outside several times a week to pick mulch up. Which I do, piece by piece.
 - The climber is the only piece of equipment that can be climbed on. Do not climb the walls of the climber and do not jump off of the top of the climber walls. The picnic table, bench, kitchen area, and ball container are not to be climbed on.
 - The only way in and out of the playground is using the gates near door 8 and 9. Only adults should be opening the gates, not children.
 - Children MUST be supervised, either by their grown up or by a designated person that knows they are watching your child while they play. This is a playground safety rule that is enforced by code. Children are not allowed to be on the playground alone.
 - Keep your body to yourself. No tackle football, tackling equipment, or tackling people.
 - The slides are DOWN only, FEET FIRST.
 - When you leave, put the bikes and scooters along the front fence and put all the balls away. Please take your belongings and your trash with you.
 - If you notice your child being too rough, ramming their scooters and trikes into the fence, or otherwise not following the rules, tell them it's time to go. They are welcome to return when they are ready to follow the playground rules.
- Thank you for helping to enforce these rules to keep our playground safe and in good condition!

Fall Registration: We will continue to enroll for Fall Classes! We currently have openings for 3, 4, and 5 year olds at this time (although some sessions are full). Tell your friends! Registration is online, <https://www.tinyurl.com/AGSP24-25Registration>

Communication: We strive to maintain efficient communication with all of our families, from the office and from the classroom. We encourage you to email the office or speak with your child's teacher at dismissal if you have any questions at any time! I usually send emails weekly or bi-weekly to all enrolled families. If others would like to be added to our email distribution list (parents, grandparents, babysitters, etc), please let me know. Make sure to also join your child's class Facebook Page. Don't forget to read the Monthly Activity Calendar to see some of the awesome things we have planned for your child's class.

Reminders:

- * If your child will be absent or significantly late, please let us know by calling 937-312-1621 or email christina@agreatstartpreschool.com
- * Please check the *main compartment* of your child's backpack daily for notes from the office or teacher, artwork, etc.
- * To reach your child's teacher by email, please email the office at christina@agreatstartpreschool.com with your teacher's name in the memo.
- *Have something to send into the preschool? You can put it in the drop box to the right of the preschool office, or the drop box outside door 10 above the keypad, or send it in the main compartment of your child's backpack, which our Aides will check daily. There is also a basket for paperwork on my desk.
- *Key: MW = Mon/Wed F= Fri MWF=Mon/Wed/Fri TR=Tues/Thurs

If you have any comments, questions, or concerns at any time, please speak directly to me or to your child's teacher.

Welcome Spring!

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