

**MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD
EARLY LEARNING CENTER
2020-2021 BACK TO SCHOOL NEWS**

IMPORTANT PAPERWORK

Dear Parents,

The ELC staff and I would like to welcome you to Most Precious Blood Early Learning Center for the 2020-2021 school year! The packet you have just received contains paperwork that needs to be returned to the ELC no later than Friday, August 7th. If your paperwork is not turned in by this date, your child will not be guaranteed a space in our program.

In addition to your paperwork and classroom supplies, we ask that you donate two rolls of paper towels and 1 box of facial tissue on or before your child's first day of attendance. Please label the items and turn them into the office. MPBELC classes begin Monday, August 24th.

DATES TO REMEMBER

THURS. AUG 20 th	PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE 9:00-11:00
FRI. AUG 21 st	PRE-K OPEN HOUSE 9:00-11:00
MON. AUG 24 th	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
MON. SEPT. 7 th	ELC CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY
OCT. 27 th & 28 th	BLOOM SCHOOLS PICTURES

TUITION

This year you will have the option to pay your tuition with an E-check, or a credit card. The ELC will no longer accept paper checks for tuition. Invoices will be sent out by email at the beginning of the month. When you receive your invoice, you will see a "Pay your bill online" button which you will select. You will then be taken to a secure online payment form with your name and balance due populated. Click next and then choose your preferred payment option. **Tuition is due at 1/4 your usual rate for the 1 week in August.** Also included in your packet are the ELC Tuition Schedule/Rates for the 2020-2021 school year. Please do not forget to return the signed and dated white copy of your tuition contract.

MATERIAL/FIELD TRIP FEE

In the past we have charged a material fee at the beginning of the year, and then collected an auction fee, and field trip fees throughout the school year. This year the auction fee will be combined with the material fee (\$75.00), and the field trip fee (\$75.00) will be waived until we can begin taking field trips again. The material fee will be included on your August invoice.

LUNCH INFO.

Students will have the choice of either cold or hot lunch. Lunch boxes/bags must have child's name written on the outside. Cold lunches can be put in the classroom lunch basket. We will provide milk or water for lunch. Hot lunch is \$2.50 per day. Hot lunch charges will be totaled and billed at the end of the month for the previous month on EZCARE (the tuition billing system). We will have a hot lunch sign-up sheet located by the sign in/out book. Your child must be signed up by 9:00a.m. to be included in the lunch count. We pick up hot lunch at the school cafeteria and bring it back to the classroom. **Warning: Hot lunches coming from MPB School cafeteria may contain peanuts or tree nuts.**

PIZZA

Each **Monday** that we are in school, we will be ordering cheese and pepperoni pizzas. In addition, we will serve fruit and milk. The cost for each slice is \$1.50. Pizza charges will be totaled and billed at the end of the month for the previous month on EZCARE. The sign-up sheet will be located by the sign in/out books. **Sign-up for pizza and payment must be done by 9:00am Friday of the previous week**, in order to have the pizza delivered for Monday mornings. We will usually have several weeks for you to sign-up ahead of time. The first pizza Monday will be August 31st.

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Parent Advisory Committee is a group of parents who have children enrolled at the Early Learning Center and/or School-Age Program. We meet three to four times a year to discuss stewardship, staff and parent concerns, and events such as our Christmas Family to Family project. The 2020-2021 school year board members are Tara Laychak, Kate Payne, and Chanin Strassburger. I would like to thank all of them for volunteering and continued support.

STAFF UPDATE

A great many thanks to Ms. MaKayla, and Ms. Cathy for helping with our summer camp. I hope they have a great school year!

SCHOOL YEAR CURRICULUM

We have combined the Archdiocese of Denver's Early Childhood Curriculum with the NAEYC's (National Association for the Education of Young Children) curriculum for children ages 3 to 5. The Archdiocese curriculum includes Religion, Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies.

We are excited to report that we will be continuing with the Bible school curriculum purchased last year with a grant from the MPB Education Foundation. The curriculum is called "Allelu! Growing and Celebrating with Jesus".

2020-2021 PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Parent volunteers are needed for the following ELC events:

Halloween Trunk or Treat

Teacher Appreciation

Christmas Adopt-A-Family Program

If you are able to help, please sign-up on the parent board.

IMPORTANT INFO.

Sign In/Out Book...Signing your child in & out is required by Human Services. Please do not forget to sign in & out each day.

Message Board...If someone else is picking up your child please let us know so that we can write it on the Message Board. A photo I.D. will be required when someone new is picking up your child.

Medicine...We are required by Human Services to have a permission for medication form filled out by your child's physician before we can give any medication. **If you do not have the medication form, we cannot administer the medication.** The forms are in the back of the parent handbook.

Clothes...Each child needs a labeled change of clothes in their cubby.

Blankets...Each child needs a small blanket for naptime. Please label and take-home weekly to wash.

Mailboxes...In an effort to facilitate better communication between teachers & parents, we have "paper only" mailboxes located near the classroom doors. The staff will check these daily for you.

Late pick up...MPBELC closes daily at 5:00 p.m. Please have your child picked up by then or you will be charged a late fee. The late fee is \$1.00 per minute, per child (payable immediately to teacher in charge). Please be considerate of our staff & pick up your child on time.

Please feel free to call or email with any questions or concerns. I look forward to seeing you soon!

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