

Frequently Asked AELC Questions



WELCOME TO THE AVON EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Please know that we seek to partner with you as you raise and educate your child. No one knows your child better than you do, so we will be seeking your help in the issues of student progress and discipline. Working as a team at this primary level, the school and home can accomplish great things in the development of your child.

Remember to feel free to call me at school (440-934-5124) if you have any questions or concerns. We are here to offer any assistance that we can. Thank you for sharing your child with us.

Mrs. Nora Fox
Principal

Ms. Brandie Rush
Preschool Director

OFFICE STAFF:

Mrs. Fox-Principal
Ms. Rush- Preschool Director
Mrs. Yeagley-Secretary
Mrs. Boehnlein-Office Aide
Mrs. Opel-School Nurse

CONTACT INFO:

3075 Stoney Ridge Road
Avon, Ohio 44011
Office-440-934-5124
Attendance- 440-695-0561
Fax- 440-934-2147

SCHOOL HOURS:

Office Hours 8:00-4:00
Preschool Morning Classes 9:00-11:45
Preschool Afternoon Classes 1:00-3:45

WHAT IF MY CHILD IS GOING TO BE LATE OR ABSENT?

Please call The attendance line at 440-695-0561 **before 9:00 am**. For doctor's appointments, please get a doctor's note to bring with your child when they return to school.

WHEN SHOULD I KEEP MY CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL?

Please keep your child home if he/she has had a fever of 100 degrees or higher, diarrhea, bad stomach ache, or vomited in the last 24 hours, or if they have any redness/ drainage from the eyes, an unknown rash or itching, sore throat, persistent runny nose, and/or coughing. If they have any symptoms of head lice please keep them home.

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN TO SCHOOL?

They may return when they have been **fever, vomit, and/or diarrhea free for 24 hours unmedicated**. Students may return after they have been on antibiotics for 24 hours from the time of the 1st dose. If they have been diagnosed with head lice, they need to be lice free prior to returning to school and must be checked by a school nurse in the Avon district.

HOW DO I FIND OUT IF SCHOOL HAS BEEN CANCELED?

Follow @Ben_Hodge on Twitter. The school cancellation will be posted there first. Please also check the homepage on the website. As long as there is power, we post to the website before sending out any other notification. Don't forget to refresh the page if you are leaving it open and waiting for an update. After sending an alert message, we contact the local television stations. We contact channels 3, 5, 8 and 19 (in that order).

Please have up-to-date information in PowerSchool by contacting your child's school office. Our automated phone messaging system pulls phone numbers from that PowerSchool to make the calls. Emails are also pulled from PowerSchool. If you would like a text message as well, text the word "join" to 56360.

Sign up for enews by clicking on the "eNews" link found under the "About" tab on the menu. You should know that enews is used regularly by the district and does not immediately send.

TRANSPORTATION AND DROP OFF / PICK UP PROCEDURES:

Bus- Most typical peers in our preschool program do not qualify for district transportation services. Preschool students with a sibling in Kindergarten would be able to ride the bus with their sibling at either the beginning or end of the day, but would need an adult to pick them up at midday. Please call or email Brandie Rush for more details. Bus routes are typically assigned a week or so before school begins. Transportation tags will be given at Open House to all students regardless of their type of home transportation.

Car Rider- Pick-up begins at 3:40.

ARRIVAL:

The front doors will open at **8:45** am to begin student drop-off. Students are to be in their classrooms by **9:00 am**, as this is the start of our school day, therefore the doors will close at **8:57 am**. If you miss the drop-off time, you will need to park in the visitor lot and walk your child into the office to sign them in as tardy.

DROP OFF PROCEDURES:

Drop off is at the front of the school at the main entrance. Cars will come into the main driveway, stay to the right into the parking lot and circle the parking lot to the drop-off area which will be the front circle. Cones will be set up indicating the drop off area. There will be several cars dropping off as the cones will indicate. It is critical that they exit from the passenger side of the car **ONLY**. This will ensure the safety of all our children. Once your child is out and the cars in front of you are moving you will then exit using the main driveway. Please note: If your child needs assistance unbuckling, we ask that you park in the visitor lot, unbuckle your child, and then proceed in the line once again to drop off.

CAR TAGS:

Every family will be issued one car tag with your family name on the tag. Additional tags may be purchased for \$1.00 in the main office should you require more. Please make sure you have your tag visible for staff at pick-up.

PICK UP PROCEDURES:

Cars will come into the main driveway and stay to the right into the parking lot and circle the parking lot to the front pick-up area which will be the front circle. It is critical that students enter the passenger side of the car **ONLY**. Once your child is in and the cars in front of you are moving you will then exit using the main driveway. Please note: If your child needs assistance buckling, we ask that you park in the visitor's parking lot after getting your child and assist them with buckling and then exit via the main exit.

HOW SHOULD I DRESS MY CHILD FOR SCHOOL?

More details are found in our handbook, but we recommend comfortable play clothes, socks and closed toe shoes daily. Flip-flops, Crocs and sandals are discouraged due to playground wood chips and mulch.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS:

Per district policy, we ask that all birthday treats be non edible items. (For example: pencils, stickers, erasers, etc)

Invitations to parties: Teachers are only permitted to hand out invitations for parties if all students in the class are being invited.

ALLERGIES:

All allergy classrooms are labeled. Our district has implemented a "No Food" policy. We have emergency Epi pens available for staff to use in an emergency situation. All staff are trained on the proper use of Epi pens.

MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL:

NO MEDICATION IS TO BE TRANSPORTED IN A STUDENT'S BACKPACK!

Medication, whether prescription or over-the-counter, may be given at school with proper documentation. Medication forms are available online. Prescription medication must be in its original packaging and contain a pharmacy label on both the medication and the packaging. All forms for prescription medication must be signed by the prescribing physician and the parent. Over the counter medication (in its original packaging) may be administered at school, providing proper documentation is on file with our nurse.

HOW DO I RECEIVE COMMUNICATION FROM THE SCHOOL?

- Follow AELC on Twitter @AVONELC
- Follow Mr. Hodge on Twitter @ben_hodge
- Communication sent through School Messenger/Email

CHANGE OF CLOTHES:

We suggest sending a change of clothes, including socks and shoes, for your child in a ziplock bag or plastic shoebox labeled with their first and last name.

PRESCHOOL SPECIFIC INFORMATION

I WANT MY CHILD TO ATTEND SOARING LITTLE EAGLES. HOW DO I MAKE THIS HAPPEN?

- The link will go live starting at 8:00 am on Tuesday January 14, 2020 (For new families)
- The link will be available on the AELC website under the registration tab
- If you do not have access to technology at home, Chromebooks will be available at the Avon Early Learning Center at 8:00 am on Tuesday January 14, 2019.
- Spots are filled on a first come first serve basis.

WHAT DOES THE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM LOOK LIKE?

- Integrated Preschool Classrooms: (3-4 year old and 4-5 year old classroom options available)
AM session: 9:00 – 11:45, Monday through Thursday
PM session: 1:00 – 3:45, Monday through Thursday
- General Education Preschool Classrooms: (3-4 year olds)
AM session: 9:00 - 11:45, Monday through Thursday
- General Education Preschool Classrooms: (4-5 year olds)
AM session: 9:00 - 11:45, Monday through Friday
PM session: 1:00 - 3:45, Monday through Friday

LOCATION: Avon Early Learning Center 3075 Stoney Ridge Road

Class placement is determined based on the child's age on or before August 1 of the given school year.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN INTEGRATED AND GENERAL EDUCATION CLASSROOM?

- Integrated Preschool Classroom: These classrooms are a mix of preschool students with disabilities and typically developing peers. The class size caps at 16 students and is an equal mix (8:8) of students with disabilities and typical peers. There is one teacher (an intervention specialist) and two educational aides assigned to these classrooms.
- General Education Classroom: A general education classroom caps at 18 students. There is one general education teacher and one educational aide assigned to these classrooms.

WHAT ARE THE PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS?

- Children must be three years of age on or before August 1st.
- Children **MUST** be toilet trained.
- Parents provide transportation to and from school.
- Compliance with preschool regulations, which requires regular attendance at school and parent conferences twice (2) per school year.
- Compliance with Communicable Disease Policy, including all requirements for immunizations and physical examinations prior to school entrance

TUITION FOR THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR:

4 day sessions: \$2500.00 5 day sessions: \$3200.00

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

- Payments can be made online using Pay Schools Central, located on the district website: www.avonlocalschools.org
- Using Pay Schools Central allows you to customize an individual payment schedule that best meets your needs (weekly, monthly, quarterly, etc.)
- Pay Monthly by check (made payable to Avon Local Schools) and delivered to the Avon Early Learning Center 3075 Stoney Ridge Road. Payment is due on the first of each month, September through May

Please do not send payments to school with your child.

The AELC Staff is committed to make your child's and your experience at the Avon Early Learning Center as amazing as possible. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions, comments or concerns.

Thank you,

Mrs. Fox, Principal

Ms. Brandie Rush, Preschool Director