Trombly Early Childhood Center (ECC) FAQ

Q: Will there be age appropriate playground equipment?

A: A section of the playground will be designated for children 2-5 years. Some of the existing equipment will be removed from that section to make that area age appropriate.

Q: I noticed the program will offer *special* classes i.e. yoga, spanish, music, are those included in my child's tuition?

A: Yes, they are included in the monthly tuition.

Q: Is there summer programming at Trombly?

A: Not at Trombly, yet, but we are working with architects to develop a plan for adding electrical upgrades for air conditioning, as well as plumbing for additional sinks. However, parents will have an option to apply for any open spots at Barnes in the summer of 2020-21. Children entering Young 5's and Kindergarten can attend Camp O' Fun.

Q: My child is almost 2.5 - can they attend?

A: Based on strict state licensing laws all children must be a minimum of 2.5 years old to start at the Trombly site. If your child turns 2.5 years old after Sept. 8th (first day of school) and space is available they can enroll at that time.

Q: Does my child need to be potty trained to attend?

A: Children in Pre-K (4) must be potty trained to attend. However, children assigned to Prep and Preschool do not have to be potty trained. We do require pull-ups for children who are not potty trained.

Q. Where are the bathrooms at Trombly located? Are they child sized?

A: The bathrooms on the main floor are located in the middle of the main hallway. There are also child size bathroom facilities located near the preschool classrooms.

Q: Who is going to be my child's classroom teacher?

A: Teachers will be assigned in the summer of 2020. You will receive an introduction letter from your child's teacher welcoming you to the program in August 2020. In August, we will hold a preschool open house. You will have a chance to meet the teachers, peers and see the classrooms. Trombly Open House: August 27, 2020

Q: Is there going to be an infant and toddler program at Trombly ECC?

A: No, not for the 2020-21 school year. The districts goal is to create a tuition based program for children 6 weeks-5 years old in the future pending licensing requirements.

Q: Will there be special needs classes at Trombly?

A: In the future there is a possibility for early childhood special needs programming similar to the way Barnes functions. However, there are no services being offered at Trombly at this time.

Q: If my child attends a half day early childhood special education program at Barnes will there be transportation?

A: Transportation would only be provided as identified per a student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

Q: My child receives speech services at Barnes currently. If they move to Trombly will they be able to continue with the services?

A: Special education services will be provided at locations as needed per the student's IEP.

Q: Where will the children eat lunch?

A: The children will eat lunch in their assigned classrooms.

Q: Do I have to provide lunch for my child?

A: Yes, parents provide lunch for their child or there will be hot lunch available for purchase through the district hot lunch program. Hot lunch is only available to Preschool and Pre-K due to choking hazards.

Q: How do you communicate with the parents?

A: Our main way to reach parents is through an app called Homeroom. It is private, and only classroom parents can view. Our teachers take pictures of the activities throughout the day and share them via the app. Additional ways we communicate:

- Our staff will also use email to send notifications, reminders, invoices etc.
- Each school year, parents also have the opportunity to sign up for winter and spring conferences with their child's classroom teacher.
- There is a section of the district website dedicated to <u>Preschool</u> Information.

Q: How is the building secured?

A: Trombly ECC will utilize the current buzzer system. There will be entrances that visitors can use. We will also provide badges to families that will give them access to assigned doors for drop off and pick up.

Q: I live in the Trombly school district, will my child have preference to attend Trombly ECC?

A: No, beginning in the Fall of 2020 there will no longer be district boundaries for Trombly. Like all tuition based programming address is not a factor when enrolling.