

Barnes Early Childhood Development Center
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Dear Parents,

We are excited to return for the summer! Our staff knows how important summer child care programs are to the community and we are doing our best to make informed decisions regarding summer care. The safety of our students and staff takes precedence over everything. We are following the recommendations from the [CDC](#) and the [State of Michigan Child Care guidelines](#) very closely in order to maintain our safe and healthy environment for everyone.

With that being said, our Summer Child Care program will look different this year. GPPSS will not hold it's traditional Camp O'Fun program. Instead we will offer Summer Child Care for families in need. We will hold the Summer Child Care program at Kerby Elementary, 285 Kerby Rd., 48236. This will be similar to our Kids Club program. We want to make sure staff and children can have fun in a safe environment. Students will be placed in a classroom with nine other students. Families will be placed in the same classroom. From there, students will be added to each classroom based on age.

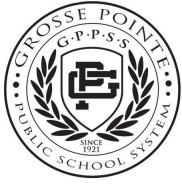
Summer 2020 Dates and Times:

- Summer registration will begin on June 15 and end on June 18.
- Registration will begin at 8 am on June 15 and will end at 4 pm on June 18.
 - Registration can be found using the link found on the Camp O'Fun site:
<https://www.gpschools.org/Page/1113>
 - Summer Child Care space is limited.
- Summer Child Care will run July 6-August 21
 - Closed: August 4 - Primary Election Day
- Summer Child Care hours will run 7:45am-4:15pm
 - Hours are in place in order to comply with reduced group sizes, eliminate staff shift changes and the combining of classrooms. We believe this temporary time adjustment is necessary.

Summer Child Care Rates:

- Registration Fee: \$75 (non-refundable)
- Monthly Rates:
 - July
 - 5 days: \$1,120
 - 4 days: \$980
 - 3 days: \$800
 - August
 - 5 days: \$840
 - 4 days: \$735
 - 3 days: \$600
- Student that receive Free/Reduced Lunch
 - If you wish to register for Summer Child Care and receive Free/Reduced Lunch (within the GPPSS), your summer rate will be discounted by 50%. Once eligibility is verified, you will receive an invoice. Your invoice is due by June 19 and must be paid in full.

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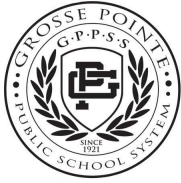
- Due to COVID-19, monthly summer child care fees are to be paid in full prior to attendance. This is to ensure our summer staff based on enrollment.
 - July fees are due at registration.
 - August fees are due July 15.

New Health and Safety Precautions:

We have heightened our cleaning and sanitization protocols. We have also made some changes to daily programming as follows:

- **Attendance Minimums & Small Class Sizes**
 - Children must attend a minimum of 3 days per week. You must choose to attend 3, 4, or 5 days per week for the entire month. Due to COVID-19, we must have a consistent schedule for your child. These days must be the same every week for the month. (ex. M/T/W for all weeks in July)
 - No drop in days or schedule changes will be permitted.
 - Space is limited.
- **Limited Building Access**
 - Families should designate one person for pick up and drop off. Children will be dropped off in the main lobby area of Kerby Elementary. To limit the number of people in our building an assigned staff member will take your child to the classroom and bring them out at the end of the day. Drop off and pick up adults will be required to wear a mask when interacting with preschool staff.
 - Parents are not permitted inside the building, beyond signing their child in/out.
 - Drop off and pick up adults will be required to wear a mask when interacting with summer care staff.
- **Program 2020 Changes**
 - Our summer child care program will not go on any off-site field trips.
 - We will not have a weekly party.
 - No large group activities will take place.
 - The majority of time spent at Kerby will be inside the classroom, except when on the playground/field and in the gym.
- **Drop Off/Pick Up Procedures**
 - All staff and children will have their temperature taken before admittance to the program.
 - Parents will stand outside with their children on the indicated spots until it is time for them to sign in.
 - Once temperatures are taken and children are signed in, a staff member will bring each child to their assigned classroom.
 - During pick up, a staff member will bring children to the front with their parent arrives.

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- **Extended Time Out for Illness**
 - Children who have a fever of 100.4 or higher, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea will be required to be picked up immediately. Your child will be taken to an isolation room to wait for the pick up person.
 - Children must be symptom free for 72 hours before returning to care without the use of any medicine.
 - If a child, or family member is exposed to COVID-19, the child must wait 14 days before returning to care. We will also follow the direction of the local health department, CDC and LARA as needed.

- **Daily Health Screening**
 - Staff and children will have their temperature taken when they arrive at school. Staff and children must be symptom free for 72 hours from cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea. When you drop your child off at Kerby you are assuring us that your child(ren) is free of any symptoms and he/she has not received any fever reducing medicine in the last 24 hours.

- **Lunch and Snacks**
 - Disposable paper cups will be available for use. All children are encouraged to bring in a labeled water bottle daily. Water bottles cannot be left at school. Parents will be responsible for packing daily snacks and lunch for their child. The program will not be providing snacks this summer. Children will eat lunch inside their classroom.

- **Sunscreen**
 - Children must come to school with their first application of sunscreen applied at home. Staff can reapply in the afternoon if needed.

- **Masks**
 - Staff will be provided with masks and will wear throughout the day as appropriate. Children are not required to wear masks. If you would like your child to wear a mask, staff cannot be responsible for appropriate use or keeping it on your child.

- **Shared Spaces**
 - We will limit the use of shared spaces, as well as the combining of different groups. Playground and gym use will be staggered.

- **Cleaning and Sanitizing**
 - We will continue following cleaning guidelines from LARA and best hand washing practices. Toys and high touch surfaces will be regularly cleaned through the day.

- **Playground/Gym/Field**
 - Children will be allowed on the playground/gym/field, classrooms will have designated times and high touch points will be sanitized in between groups.

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We are preparing to provide the safest environment possible for your child and our staff. We ask that you keep your child home if they are feeling sick. Including cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea. Please have a few alternate plans in the event your child cannot come or stay at school because of illness.

We will be working hard to stay healthy and safe this summer- while also having fun! Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions. (313) 432-3009.

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Daily Parent Drop Off Checklist

- Symptom free
- Sunscreen applied
- Lunch packed
- AM snack
- PM snack
- Water Bottle (labeled)
- Mask

Sincerely,

Crystal and Sara

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