

# ~Preschool Happenings~



## September 2024

Welcome to HUMC Preschool! We are excited for a new school year full of learning, playing and making new friends. It is a blessing to have your child and your family be a part of our Preschool community! These first two weeks of preschool have been so much fun getting to know the children and watching them explore their classrooms. Our monthly newsletter, Preschool Happenings, will give a glimpse into the program and important information. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please let us know. It is going to be a great school year!

### Meet the New Preschool Administrators



Katie Williams  
Administrator

Katie has been the assistant administrator here at HUMC Preschool for 7 years. Before coming to HUMC Preschool, she worked at Meadow Park Children's Center for 16 years teaching 3, 4 and 5 year olds. She lives in Columbus with her husband, Brian and their 2 boys, Collin (14) and Justin (11) and their little Morkie pup, Leo. The Williams family are huge Columbus Blue Jackets and Buckeye fans! Katie's boys both play hockey too. Early childhood development and play based learning is a passion of Katie's and she can't wait to begin this new chapter of leadership at HUMC Preschool!



Rachael Blankenbiller  
Assistant Administrator

Rachael is beginning her 9th year with us at the preschool, having spent 7 years as a teacher and the last 2 as a floater. Now, she is thrilled to step into her new role as Assistant Director. A proud graduate of The University of Western Ontario and a native Canadian, Rachael has been living in the United States for 20 years. She recently celebrated her 20th wedding anniversary with her husband, Charlie. Together, they have two children, Nolan (17) and Blythe (14), as well as their sweet rescue pup, Hazel. Rachael is eager to bring her energy and enthusiasm to organizing our exciting Spirit Nights and spreading the word about our wonderful preschool within the community.

## Letter of the Week

Starting the week of September 23rd, we will begin talking about the letter of the week. We follow the Orton Gillingham multisensory approach to teaching letters with sounds.

Letters are presented in a specific order, for example, Aa then Tt, Bb, Ff, Hh, Pp to produce rhyming words like pat, bat, hat. Teachers will be attaching letter sheets to their weekly emails so that you may print them off at home if your child is interested, that go along with the letter of the week. These letter sheets are just for fun at home! If you don't have a printer at home or maybe out of ink, let your child's teacher know and we can send home a hard copy!

## Picture Day is Coming!

Picture days will be October 9th, 10th, and the 11th. Below is the schedule for your child's class:

Wednesday, October 9th	Thursday, October 10th
<p><b><u>Morning:</u></b></p> <p>209 MWF 3's Mrs. Gruber &amp; Mrs. Sanders 101 MWF 4's Mrs. Graham &amp; Mrs. Kuhlman 108 MWF 4's Mrs. Bembenic &amp; Mrs. Leskovec 106 M-TH 4's Mrs. Kocher &amp; Mrs. Stewart</p>	<p><b><u>Morning:</u></b></p> <p>209 TTH Mrs. Gruber &amp; Mrs. Rice 101 TTH 3's Mrs. Graham &amp; Mrs. Leskovec 108 TTH 3's Mrs. Bembenic &amp; Mrs. Dountz 105 M-TH 4's Mrs. Merz &amp; Mrs. Valenti</p>
<p><b><u>Afternoon:</u></b></p> <p>101 MWF 4's Mrs. Graham &amp; Mrs. Kuhlman 108 MWF 3's Mrs. Holcomb &amp; Mrs. Bembenic</p>	<p><b><u>Afternoon:</u></b></p> <p>101 TTH 3's Mrs. Holcomb &amp; Mrs. Graham 105 M-TH Mrs. Stewart &amp; Mrs. Merz</p>
<p><b><u>Friday, October 11th</u></b></p> <p>Morning 211 M-F Mrs. Ray &amp; Mrs. Holcomb</p>	