



Principal Crystal Isom's Family Newsletter

Early Childhood Education Center

Dear Early Childhood Education Center Families,

As we embark on a new school year, I would like to take a moment to thank you for trusting us with caring for and educating your child. Your child will engage in engaging and challenging lessons that will capture their hearts and imaginations. City Garden's Guides and Assistant Guides will exceed your expectations to ignite a spark of curiosity and instill a love of knowledge in your child. Our classrooms are filled with an atmosphere of exploration, critical thinking and creativity. Your child will demonstrate independence and flourish emotionally and academically.

In order to cultivate independence, children will be required to enter the building without parent support. City Garden faculty and staff will ensure that they arrive in their respective classrooms.

If you have not done so, please complete the Student Information Packet. We need the packet completed prior to your child starting school. You can find the New Student Information Packet [here](#). You can find the Returning Student Information Packet [here](#).

It is vital that students report to school no later than 8:30 to ensure that they do not miss vital instructional time. Please plan to arrive by 8:10 if your child will eat breakfast at school.

Please read below for Upcoming Dates, New Information, and Reminders.

Upcoming Dates

August

- 21: First Day of School
- 23: Brigance Screening for 4 Year Old Students
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- 25: Dress Down Friday
- 28: P1 Ice Cream Social at the ECEC from 4:00 - 5:00 PM
- 29: P2 Ice Cream Social at the ECEC from 4:00 - 5:00 PM, Brigance Screening for 4 Year Old Students
- 30: P3 Ice Cream Social at the ECEC from 4:00 - 5:00 PM
- 31: P4 Ice Cream Social at the ECEC from 4:00 - 5:00 PM

September

- 1: Preschool Tuition Due Date
- 4: NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
- 5: P5 Ice Cream Social at the ECEC from 4:00 - 5:00 PM
- 6: P6 Ice Cream Social at the ECEC from 4:00 - 5:00 PM
- 7: K1 Ice Cream Social at the ECEC from 4:00 - 5:00 PM
- 8: K2 Ice Cream Social at the ECEC from 4:00 - 5:00 PM
- 12: K3 Ice Cream Social at the ECEC from 4:00 - 5:00 PM
- 15: ECEC Back to School BBQ at The Turkish Pavilion in Tower Grove Park from 4:00 - 6:00 PM. [REGISTER HERE!](#)
- 21: ECEC Montessori Parent Education Night from 5:00 - 7:00 PM
- 22: NO SCHOOL – Professional Development Day (Neighborhood Outreach from 2:30 - 4:00 PM)
- 23: The City Garden Fall Affair: A Passport Through the Garden from 5:00 - 7:00 PM at the EAEC

New Information

1. Pick Up Words – Each month, City Garden will share a list of three Pick Up Words to families. By providing these words to staff members at pick up, this helps to ensure that authorized adults are

present when picking up students. The August Pick Up Words are Harvest, Earl of Sandwich, Affirmation.

2. CGMS Parent Action Committee (PAC) – We are excited for another school year of community building and service opportunities! Please see here for more information:

<https://linktr.ee/weareallpac>

Reminders

1. Construction around Sidewalks – The City of St. Louis began renovation of the sidewalk near the Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC). Please be careful and mindful as you walk near campus.

2. Standard City Garden T-shirts – City Garden is proud to sell soft-style, cotton-blend t-shirts! They are \$10 for youth sizes and \$15 for adult sizes. Contact Gloria Haukap at gloria.haukap@citygardenschool.org to place your order and learn more.

3. City Garden Spirit Wear – In addition to selling standard City Garden t-shirts, our Athletics Department sells City Garden Spirit Wear! These items feature our City Garden Phoenix logo, and are great to wear when cheering on our City Garden sports teams. The Spirit Wear Pop Up Store is live now through September 5. Visit <https://bsnteamsports.com/shop/ku4neey1C5> to place your order today.

4. ECEC Family Handbook – We have finished compiling a comprehensive Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC) Family Handbook. We will make updates as needed, and notify families when any are made. [Please carefully read the ECEC Family Handbook here](#), and [complete the ECEC Family Handbook Signature Form here](#).

5. Quarter 1 School Meal Order Form – Please visit the [Q1 School Meal Order Form](#) to place breakfast and lunch orders for the first quarter (Aug. 21 - Oct. 13). You can access more information about menus, prices, payment, and FAQs through said form, or on the [Family Portal](#).

6. Volunteer Opportunities – We are seeking volunteers for the following opportunities:

- **Campus Beautification** – Help with sweeping, window washing, pulling weeds, and more around our two buildings. [Learn more and sign up!](#)
- **Classroom Material Making** – Help with making copies, laminating, and organizing reading materials for our classrooms. [Learn more and sign up!](#)

7. K-8 Dress Code Policy – [Read here!](#) Please note there is no Uniform Policy for preschool students.

8. Ice Cream Social – Visit the [Family Portal](#) or see your Welcome Email for your registration link

9. Classroom Survey Link – Visit the [Family Portal](#) or see your Welcome Email for your survey link

Please let me know if you have any questions, and thank you for your time!

In partnership,

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[Visit our Family Portal for more information!](#)