

# July 2022 NEWSLETTER

Partnering with the Schoenbaum Family Center and Crane Center for Early Childhood Research and Policy to improve children's well-being through research, practice, and policy.



## ***Buckeye Paws Latest Visit***

Our friends at BuckeyePaws visited on June 8th. The children were so excited to visit with Cascade and Brienne, who stayed in each classroom for a part of the morning. Many children stay the entire visit and discuss dogs, pets, and safe interactions with animals; other children prefer to check in for a quick pet and continue about their morning's work! We value this university partnership and look forward to their next visit early in the school year!

[View more photos on our website!](#)



## UPCOMING DATES

### **INDEPENDENCE DAY: SCHOOL CLOSED**

Monday, July 4

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY: SCHOOL CLOSED**

Monday & Tuesday, August 22 & 23

Visit our [events calendar](#) online for more information.

## **COVID Vaccines Available for Young Children**

The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) recommends that everyone ages 6 months and older get vaccinated against coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). As such, CDC and the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services has shared resources for parents, vaccine providers, and partners. A [website for parents and caregivers](#) includes information on COVID-19 vaccination for children and adolescents and Nationwide Children's Hospital offers further [vaccination information](#) as well as a link to schedule vaccination appointments at the main campus.

## Ohio Summer Food Service Program:

### *Kids Eat Free and No Registration*

All children ages 1 through 18 are eligible to receive free meals during the summer months at participating program sites. Individuals ages 19 through 21 who have been identified as having mental or physical disabilities and are following Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) through their current enrollment in educational programs also are eligible for free summer meals. Meals are served locally at Thompson Rec Center and Milo-Grogan Boys & Girls Club.

For more information [visit this site](#) or call **1-866-3-HUNGRY (486479)**.

## ASR's Couple and Family Therapy Intern

Annie is a graduate student at the OSU Couple and Family Therapy Clinic. She is available on Tuesdays and Fridays at our school to consult with families on a variety of family issues such as parenting, relationships, work-life balance, or coping with stressors such as moving, new additions to the family, starting or losing a job. Any family who is interested may reach out to learn more or schedule with Annie at (614) 636-4033.

## July Book Club

We're so excited to welcome you all back to our book club for July, The infant/toddler book that we have selected is "Sharing Time by Elizabeth Verdick. The book "Sharing Time" is a book that teaches life lessons and includes beautiful pictures that appeal to children. It shows the importance of sharing for infant and toddlers. For the Pre-K book, "Thread Of Love" by Kabir Sehgal and Surishtha Sehgal are a mom and son author duo who shed light on the Rakhi celebration that originated in India. The book speaks about the importance of familial relationships with a special focus on sibling relationships. Both books feature online activities and reading tips that can be found on the front flap of both books. Use the QR code to complete the activity with your child.

While you can scan the QR code to access the activities you can also click on the links below to access them while reading with your child.

[Link and QR Code for Infant/Toddler Students and Pre- K students.](#)



## July Featured Project

This month's featured project, Piece by Piece: The importance of puzzles in a preschool classroom, helped to build key cognitive abilities and social skills while also being a fun activity for the kids!

Children worked together to figure out where the pieces fit correctly, and engaged in building fine motor skills by exploring the different pieces.

Learn more about this featured project and how puzzles support cognitive development one piece at a time! [Click here.](#)



## July Community Events

### **[Jazz and Rib Fest](#) July 22–24, Scioto Mile**

Jazz & Rib Fest, presented by the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department, is a highly anticipated summertime tradition offering both jazz and rib connoisseurs the finest in music and barbecue.

### **[Ohio State Fair](#) July 27 – Aug. 7, Ohio State Fairgrounds**

Full of exciting attractions, food and entertainment, this multi-day fair brings in upwards of 800,000 visitors each year.

### **Columbus Public Library**

The Columbus Public Library features read-aloud on Tuesdays as well as serves as a feeding site for lunch for kids K-12. [Click here](#) to see all events.

### **Columbus Commons**

The Columbus Commons features commons for kids every Friday 10am -1pm with activities such as a bounce house, face painting, and a carousel! [Check out this link](#) for dates and specifics.



# Weinland Park Rise Up Festival

On June 23rd, 2022, Schoenbaum Family Center along with our Early Head Start counter parts partook in the Columbus Rise Up Columbus Festival held at Weinland Park. This festival was hosted by Columbus’ Department of Neighborhoods. The festival featured food, and other communities resources for families and their children and it was free to the community. The focus of the event was to promote new opportunities rising up in Columbus.

Our Family Engagement Specialist, Navya Nalla, as well as our very own SFC graduate Mallory Johnson, hosted the table. We look forward to seeing you all at all future events! Look out for more information for other events coming up throughout the Summer.



**RISE UP CBUS!**  
THE CITY OF COLUMBUS  
Rising Up. Growing Strong.  
RISE UP CBUS!

**JOIN US**

We're taking community pride to a whole new level! Come out to a **Rise Up CBUS!** event to talk with city staff and partners about **Opportunity Rising** - Mayor Andrew J. Ginther's aspirations for every Columbus resident to equitably prosper and grow.

**FIND A RISE UP CBUS! EVENT NEAR YOU**  
All events will be from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, please visit [www.columbus.gov/RiseUpCBUS](http://www.columbus.gov/RiseUpCBUS).

<b>MAY 6</b>	Bethel International United Methodist Church
<b>JUNE 16</b>	Scioto Southland Community Center
<b>JUNE 23</b>	Weinland Park
<b>JULY 7</b>	Linden Community Center
<b>JULY 14</b>	Barack Community Center
<b>JULY 29</b>	Barnett Community Center National Night Out Collaboration
<b>AUGUST 11</b>	Franklin Park
<b>AUGUST 18</b>	Hauntz Park
<b>SEPTEMBER 17</b>	North YMCA - (From 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.) Northland Unity Festival Collaboration

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