## F.A.Q.'s

- 1. Q. What is the ratio of teachers to students at BBCP?
  - A. All teacher / pupil ratios at BBCP are lower than the state mandated ratios.

	<u>State</u>	<u>BBCF</u>
3's	1:12	1:9
4's	1:14	1:9
5's	1:14	1:12
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- 2. Q. What is the cut-off birthdate for each class?
  - A. For the 3's and 4's classes, the birthdate cut-off is September 30. For the 4 day Pre-K class, students must turn 5 before March 31.
- 3. Q. What does "peanut-free" mean?
  - A. Any snacks or treats offered to students at BBCP must come from an approved list of specific foods that contain no peanuts. These foods also cannot be processed in a factory that contains peanuts. This keeps the environment at BBCP safe for the students at this age who have severe allergies.
- 4. Q. Does my 3 year-old have to be completely potty-trained?
  - A. All students at BBCP should be potty-trained when school begins. We do know that accidents happen. We will work with you to keep these accidents to a minimum. Your child should have a complete change of clothes in his/her school bag at all times "just in case." Teachers provide potty breaks and also allow children to use the restroom as needed. It does not take long for our preschoolers to get into a routine.
- 5. Q. My child is very shy. What if she doesn't want me to leave? Should I stay if she is upset and crying?
  - A. Our experienced teachers are used to handling the various emotions displayed by preschoolers. Even when a child is upset to have his parent leave, this is usually short-lived and temporary. We will work with individual families to help make this transition smooth and painless for both child and parent. ☺
- 6. Q. Do you have a registration fee? Is it non-refundable? When is tuition due?
  - A. BBCP does not have a registration fee. The yearly tuition is divided into 10 equal payments. The first payment is due at registration to hold your child's spot and to pay for yearly supplies. This payment is non-refundable. The other nine tuition payments are due at the beginning of each month from September through May.

- 7. Q. How is safety ensured for my child while at BBCP?
  - A. Safety of our children is of utmost importance at BBCP. We follow the required guidelines set up by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services which provides our license. We strive to be in complete compliance with those rules. All church doors are locked after the students arrive. A camera in the church office views the main entrances. Each child has a "pick-up" list. Teachers will not release a student to anyone who is not on the list. Children are never left alone without a certified adult at anytime. All teachers have training in CPR, First Aid, and Communicable Diseases.
- 8. Q. How will I know if BBCP is closed or delayed due to bad weather?
  - A. BBCP follows the Olentangy School calendar and their school closings and delays. If Olentangy has a delay in the morning there will be no AM session at BBCP. PM classes will be in session. If Olentangy schools are closed, BBCP will also be closed. The director will also confirm closings, delays, etc. via email and text alerts.
- 9. Q. When my child finishes preschool at BBCP, will they be ready for Kindergarten?
  - A. The highly qualified teachers at BBCP follow the Ohio Department of Education's Early Childhood Learning standards as they prepare their lessons. These standards are taught through weekly themes. It is the goal of each teacher to prepare their students to enter Kindergarten in public or private schools with a strong academic, social, emotional, and spiritual foundation.
- 10. Q. How will I know what is going on in my child's preschool experience at BBCP?
  - A. Communication is a vital part of preschool success. Parents are encouraged to be active in all preschool happenings. Teachers will communicate through notes, phone calls, emails, newsletters and conferences. The director frequently emails and provides monthly newsletters. Interim and progress reports are issued throughout the year. Children have a daily "take-home folder" to share with parents. Parents also have opportunities to volunteer in a variety of ways. BBCP also has its own PTO that works with classroom volunteers, teacher appreciation, fund-raising, special school activities/projects, recycling, and classroom cleaning.
- 11. Q. What is the difference between the 3 day 4's class and the 4 day Pre-Kindergarten class?
  - A. Both classes prepare the students for kindergarten. The 4 day class is for older 4's and/or early 5's who are not ready for kindergarten and would benefit from another year of preschool. It is also an option for students in the older 3's class who could go into the 4 day class during their second year based on their birthdays. Students in this class must turn 5 before March 31<sup>st</sup> of the school year they attend. Many families want an extra day for their children, sometimes the children enjoy school and want to

come an extra day, and because of the extra time the curriculum goes a bit deeper and is very similar to a kindergarten classroom. However, some families only want 3 days, and some do not wish to pay for a 4<sup>th</sup> day. Teachers in both settings are highly-trained and capable of preparing them for kindergarten. Therefore, parents have some options when making this preschool decision. During parent-teacher conferences in late winter/early spring, you can discuss these options with your child's teacher.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact your teacher directly or Pam Innes (Director) or Charlene Russo (Assistant Director).

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