



OCTOBER 2018 NEWS

IMPORTANT DATES

10/1: Tuition Due
10/19: No School/No CAS
10/31: Beggar's Night

FAMILY FUN

10/7: Fire Station & Police Department **Open House** 11:00-2:00
10/19: **Prehistoric Halloween** from 6:30-8:30 at the Community Center. Enjoy the Dinosaur Treat Trail, Games, Hayrides, & Music!
10/31: **Trick-Or-Treat** Night 6:00-8:00

TUITION

We appreciate your prompt payments! CAS accepts checks or money orders (no cash). The October tuition payment is due Monday, Oct. 1st, and the November payment will be due on Monday, Nov. 5th.

You can also sign up for **TUITION EXPRESS!** No more writing checks, missing due dates, or requesting receipts! If you would like to enroll in our automatic payment program, details and forms are available at www.careafterschool.com. Enroll by October 18th to begin automatic payment in November. Please consider this convenient way to pay.

Please be aware that there will be a **\$25 charge** for any payment not received by 6:00pm, the last day of the week that tuition is due.

DID YOU KNOW?

Care After School is licensed by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, while Worthington Schools are governed by the Ohio Department of Education. Although the regulations set forth by both agencies have the best interests of the children in mind, sometimes the rules between the two are different.



HOMEWORK

CAS offers 20-30 minutes in a quiet space, where children can work on their homework. CAS is not an extension of the academic school day, and cannot check homework for accuracy or completeness, however, a staff member is available to help children with general direction. Although a quiet space is only provided for 20-30 minutes, children are always permitted to continue working on homework throughout the day.



LATE PICK UPS

Care After School understands that sometimes unavoidable circumstances arise. Inclement weather, traffic snags, and unexpected work delays are just a few of the things that can affect our daily commutes. Please remember to have a back-up plan in place for the times you are unable to pick your child up from CAS by 6:00. In order to avoid the late pick-up fee, consider asking a neighbor or another CAS parent if they are able to help. Although no child would ever be left unattended, CAS staff members have responsibilities in the evenings, and are not scheduled to stay past 6:00pm.

KEYPADS

CAS appreciates the commitment made by Worthington Schools to keep children safe before, during and after school. Please keep the code to the keypad confidential, sharing only as needed with those designated to drop off or pick up your child. Please do not share the code with your child.

CARE AFTER SCHOOL CURRICULUM

- ❖ CAS activities are designed to help children develop skills, accept responsibility, assume leadership roles and have FUN!
 - ❖ The children are included in daily and long-range planning and decisions. Their ideas and interests are solicited and utilized to develop the monthly calendar of activities.
 - ❖ CAS activities are open-ended so children can explore and learn at their own pace.
 - ❖ Four days each week, children have the opportunity to participate in one of three scheduled activities in the following areas:
 - **Physical Activities/Sports:** team games, exercise & fitness, skill development, dance, aerobic activities, cooperative games, etc.
 - **Creative Arts Activities:** arts & crafts: drawing, painting, sculpting, cutting, constructing, dramatic play, musical experiences, etc.
 - **Special Interest Activities:** Enrichment Activities: hands-on science, math games, reading/writing, dramatic play, etc.
 - Hobbies: collections, cooking, gardening, knitting, nature, building & transportation, chess, puzzles, sewing, etc.
- ❖ A self-directed creative space is offered to boost dramatic play. The theme of this area changes every two weeks to encompass a wide variety of interests.
 - ❖ Special Events (theme days, celebrations, performances, special guests, etc.) are conducted a minimum of two times per month.
 - ❖ Movie Day may be scheduled once per week. Both a PG and a G movie are shown and parents may select the movie rating most appropriate for their child. Children may choose to watch a movie or to participate in a self-directed activity.
 - ❖ Children in grades 5-6 may participate in an Older Kids Club which includes a special area, activities, responsibilities, and privileges. An activity specifically geared to older kids is offered as well.
 - ❖ CAS invites special guests to enhance the after school experience. Once per month, STEM-U, Worthington Libraries, Eager Engineers and high school Athletic teams spend time at each site, fostering a wide variety of interests for the children. In addition to these recurring guests, sites are given a budget to invite others throughout the year. These visitors have included Bring the Farm to You, COSI on Wheels, Columbus Zoo, Art With Anna, and many, many more!