

★ Bunnell House News ★

UAF-TVC Early Childhood Lab School ~ We nurture children and support families in a university setting.

From Paige

November brings parent-teacher conferences and our annual Thanksgiving Feast. Bunnell House tradition is for families to gather for a feast that celebrates the diversity of the families and staff in our program. Food is a wonderful way to share culture and tradition so I encourage you to bring one of your family's favorite foods to share.

This time of year our thoughts may turn more toward gratitude. I assure you that we at Bunnell House are all grateful for the opportunity to work with your little ones each and every day and to know each of you better over time.

Have an amazing November—and don't forget to sign up for parent-teacher conferences!

~Paige



Winter Break Closure

December 21 thru January 1.
December fees will be pro-rated. ♦



The Value of High Quality Early Education Learning Begins Before Kindergarten

High quality early education programs construct a foundation for academic learning that benefits children throughout their formal school experience. Such programs capitalize on the time when a child's brain is developing rapidly, creating a groundwork of social skills, knowledge and self confidence that paves the way for success in kindergarten and the grades that follow.

In addition, research indicates that children who participate in high quality early education programs are less likely to be held back a grade or to need special education. They are also more likely to graduate from high school and continue on to further education.

How do the activities your preschooler participates in at Bunnell House set the stage for formal academic learning?

- Learning to take turns, resolve conflicts with others, share materials, play cooperatively and console peers develops social skills necessary for success in a classroom setting.
- Listening to stories, poetry and songs provides the building blocks your child needs to grasp phonics and reading skills when it is developmentally appropriate.
- Playing with sand, water and containers as well as matching, sequencing, and one-to-one correspondence activities form the foundation for understanding basic math concepts.
- Making observations and predictions provide a basis for scientific inquiry. Gardening, cooking, mixing colors, pedaling a tricycle and bouncing a ball are opportunities for scientific discovery and discussion.

Often we hear or read that preschool gets children ready to learn when, in fact, preschoolers are already well down the path of learning. Quality early education augments the journey and contributes to a smooth transition into the formal academic classroom.

Bunnell House staff are honored and delighted to be part of your child's journey. We look forward to seeing you at parent-teacher conferences! ♦

Lab School Dates to Remember

November 9-13:	Parent-Teacher Conferences
November 24:	Thanksgiving Feast (potluck)
November 26 & 27:	Thanksgiving Holiday Closure
December 21-January 1:	Winter Break Closure

Wellness Policy

Children who are not feeling well will not have a pleasant experience and may expose other children to illness. Please do not bring your child if there is any sign of sore throat, rash, fever, headache, or stomach pain. Children who are not well enough to go outside should not be brought to school. Parents will be notified to pick up their child if the child becomes suddenly ill or has a temperature of 100°F or higher. **Fever, diarrhea or vomiting must be absent for 24 hours prior to readmission.**

Please provide us with current contact numbers for anyone who is authorized to pick up your child if you cannot be reached. ♦



Program Closure Due to Weather

- ♦ If weather conditions are severe (freezing rain, for example), and radio stations are announcing that public schools have been closed, Bunnell House will also be closed.
- ♦ If you still aren't sure, call Bunnell House (474-6393). By 6:30 am, a recorded message will notify you if we are closed.
- ♦ Bunnell House may be closed even if campus is not.
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Does your little one have what they need to stay warm?
We play outside daily!

Your child should have a coat and snow pants or snowsuit, boots, hat, neck warmer, and mittens!



Quote to Note

Nothing ensures that kids will misbehave like regarding everything they do as misbehavior.

~ Robert Brault

Bunnell House Advisory Council Parent Member

Thank you to Lillian Misel (Darcy's mama!) for volunteering as the parent member of the Bunnell House Advisory Council. ♦

Thanksgiving Feast

Our annual Thanksgiving Feast will be held on Tuesday, November 24th, 11:30 am—1:00 pm

Please bring one of your family's favorite dishes to share.

See you then!



It was an exciting day at Lab School today...

- ★ We painted pumpkins!
- ★ We collected leaves!
- ★ We made bubble paintings!
- ★ We went to the SRC!
- ★ We carved pumpkins!
- ★ We dressed up in costumes!
- ★ We ate pumpkin seeds!
- ★ We played in the snow!
- ★ We Trick or Treated!
- ★ We saw a little fox outside our fence!



Lab School Staff

Director	Paige Vonder Haar
Lead Teacher	Pammy Fowler
Lead Teacher	Trina Bilbrey
Asst Teacher	Connie Slater
Asst Teacher	Kelly Houghton
Asst Teacher	Shannon Harvey