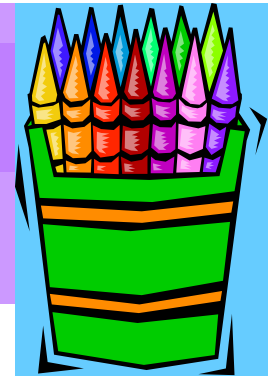


# CPS & ECC GAZETTE



September 2011

## Welcome from the Director

Dear Families,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of the new and familiar families to Campus Pre-School. I hope that you had an enjoyable summer and are as anxious about starting the new year at CPS as we are. This newsletter will introduce you to our staff.

At the beginning of each month our newsletter will be filled with timely information and the menu will be available on our website at [www.binghamton.edu/campus-pre-school](http://www.binghamton.edu/campus-pre-school). We encourage you to read and enjoy the CPS Gazette. Also, check out the bulletin boards outside the office that are dedicated to CPS School News, Health & Safety, and Community Events. Help yourself to information that you find of interest. If you have any questions or concerns, or just want to say hello, please stop by the office.

Each year CPS offers ways for families and parents to participate in the program. We are highly sensitive to parent's busy schedules but recognize the importance of parent involvement. Throughout the year there will be a variety of events. Some involve fundraising, networking with other parents, parenting tips, classroom participation and special events, as well as parent/teacher conferencing. In addition to these opportunities, families are also asked to participate in an annual Family Survey. The survey, created by the NAEYC (the National Association for the Education of Young Children), the results are useful in making improvements center wide.

Dates for events will be posted in advance and we welcome all families to participate. Times will vary to give families with work and class schedules opportunity to get involved.

Thank you for choosing Campus Pre-School. We are committed to fulfilling our mission of high quality care for young children in a safe nurturing and enriching environment while contributing to the development and well-being of individuals and families.

Looking forward to a wonderful year for everyone!

Peg Smith  
Executive Director

## Meet the Administrative Staff

**Peg Smith-Executive Director-** I am extremely happy to be starting my 15th year at CPS. The diversity and resourcefulness of our children, families, and staff make the CPS/BU Community the place to be!

**Peggy Carney, Assistant Director-** I am even more excited about this year than I was last year. This is a wonderful facility and I am sure you will feel the same way. Stop in and visit-I want to meet all of you!

**Philip Strawn, Finance Manager-** I am very excited to be on the team with this great facility and staff. It should be a fun year. If you need anything from me, please don't hesitate to ask!

**Donna Miele, Administrative Assistant-** I have been with CPS for over 7 years. I have an AAS Degree in Medical Assisting from BCC and a BS Degree in Human Development from Binghamton University. I am looking forward to another fun year!!!

## Parent Handbooks

You will receive your Parent Handbook  
via *email* the first week of school.

If you do not receive one, please see Donna in the Office.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

To: The entire staff for completing 3 days of staff in-service training on topics ranging from the introduction of NAPSACC (Nutrition and Physical Activity Self Assessment for Child Care), to Lisa Murphy the "Ooey Goey Lady" on "Identifying and Creating Child Centered Environments", To Gretchen Kinnell of Child Care Solutions "Emotional Competency", to Dr. Susan Blue on "Communication so Both Speaker and Listener Learn", to BU's own Emergency Manager Dave Hubeny and Chief Tim Faughnan.

## Wee Bears

**Kelly Barton**, Lead Teacher- Kelly has been teaching at CPS & ECC for 24 years. She has a degree in Early Childhood Education and a Bachelor's Degree in Administration. She enjoys gardening, crafts, and spending time with family & friends.

**Louise Sezenias**, Asst. Teacher- Louise will be starting her 14th year at CPS & ECC. She has a BA in Psychology. In her spare time she enjoys caring for her pets, reading, and gardening.

**Sue Hughes**, Asst. Teacher- This is Sue's 12th year at CPS. She enjoys spending time with her 3 grandchildren, reading and walking in all kinds of weather.

## Bear Cubs

**Chris Matthews**, Lead Teacher- This is Chris's 27th year with CPS & ECC. Chris has a degree in Early Childhood Education. Outside of CPS she stays very busy with her 6 grandchildren.

**Cathi Greek**, Asst. Teacher- This is Cathi's first year at CPS. She has over 30 years of experience in Early Childhood Education. She lives in Binghamton with her husband, 3 children and Great Dane, Ginger.

**Megan O'Hearn**, Asst. Teacher- This is Megan's 14th year at CPS & ECC. She has a degree in Early Childhood Education. She enjoys the outdoors, reading, outdoor grilling, and is looking forward to another exciting year.

## Pooh Bears

**Nadine Pappas**, Lead Teacher- This is Nadine's 7th year here at CPS. She has a degree in Early Childhood Education from BCC. Outside of work, she loves photography and spending time with family, friends, and her dog Ace!

**Megan Mitchell**, Asst. Teacher- Megan will be starting her 3rd yr at CPS. She has a BA degree in Counseling & Human Services and an MA degree in Elementary School Counseling. She enjoys reading, going to the movies, and spending time with family and friends.

**Heather Scott**, Asst Teacher- Heather has an Early Childhood degree from BCC and a BS in Therapeutic Recreation from Ithaca College. She is also a master pine needle basket maker.

## Honey Bears

**Brenda Maslar**, Lead Teacher- This is Brenda's 11th year at CPS & ECC. She has a degree in Early Childhood Education. In her spare time she enjoys reading, quilting, and spending time with her family.

**Irene Tomassini**, Asst. Teacher- This is Irene's 6th year at CPS after filling in as a permanent substitute. She has a degree in Elementary/Preschool Education and has been an early childhood educator for the past 22 years.

**Mary Arnold**, Asst. Teacher- Mary is starting her 13th year at CPS. She has 3 grown children and will be married for 41 years on September 19th.

## Teddy Bears

**Gabe Kopansky**, Lead Teacher- This is Gabe's 22nd year with CPS & ECC. She has a degree in Early Childhood Education. Gabe enjoys working out, running, and spending time with her husband and two children.

**Michele Holowatch**, Asst. Teacher- Michele has a degree in Early Childhood Education. This is her 13th year at CPS. She loves spending time with her family and 3 children.

**Renee Fabrizi**, Asst. Teacher- Renee has a degree in Elementary Education from Elmira College and a Masters Degree in Reading from BU. This is her 3rd year at CPS. She enjoys baking, spending time with her 2 children, and scrapbooking.

## Panda Bears

**Claire LaBonte**, Lead Teacher- Claire has been with CPS & ECC for 13 years. She has a degree in Early Childhood Education. During her free time, Claire likes to ski, bike, hike, garden, and kayak.

**Jen Camp**, Asst. Teacher- This is Jen's 3rd year @ CPS. She graduated from Syracuse University with a Masters in Literacy Ed-Birth to Grade 6, and a BS in Inclusive Elem. & Special Ed. She loves hockey and hot air balloon chasing.

## Grizzly Bears

**Nicole Verrastro**, Lead Teacher- Nicole graduated from SUNY Cortland with a Bachelors Degree in Early Childhood/ Childhood Education. She is currently working toward obtaining her Masters Degree in Reading & Literacy. In her spare time she enjoys playing volleyball & photography.

**Kat D'Andrea**, Asst. Teacher- This is Kat's 9th year with CPS. She is an artist in her spare time and was lucky enough to paint the murals here at CPS. She also enjoys being Production Manager for KNOW theatre here in downtown Binghamton.

## Polar Bears

**Kathryn Minemyer**-Lead Teacher- Kathryn has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and is working on her Master's Degree in Language & Literacy Education @ BU. This is her 5th year at CPS. She enjoys running, hiking, and spending time with family and friends.

**Jane Stuart-Andrus**, Asst. Teacher- Jane has a Masters Degree in Education with a specialization in 3-5 year olds. She has been teaching at CPS & ECC for 37 years. Jane loves to travel, enjoys visual, musical and dramatic arts. Visit her bookstore RiverRead in Binghamton.

## Floaters

**Bea Brenchley**, Floater- Bea floats to all of our classrooms as needed. Bea has 11 grandchildren, and had her first great granddaughter in 2005! Her great-grandchildren increased to 4 in Oct. 08. Many of the CPS children call her "Gramma."

**Tina Fetten**, Floater-Tina has a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education/Early Intervention from Marywood University. This will be her first year at Campus Pre-School.

## Kitchen Staff

**Karen Stone**, Cook- Karen has been cooking for all of us for 13 years. She has been in food production for over 25 years. Karen enjoys reading, riding her bike and tending to her garden. She also enjoys spending time with her grandchildren.

**Janet Reuscher** - Asst. Cook- Janet has experiences in many levels of restaurant management. She has a degree in Small Business Management. She enjoys working with children, and food preparation. She has a son, a daughter, two granddaughters, and a grandson.

## Parking

If you come to CPS to visit for an extended time, we suggest you follow one of the below suggestions due to very strict parking policies at BU.

\*Park in one of the normal drop off sites, but you must leave your flashers on.

\*Stop at the visitor's booth as you enter campus and purchase a one-day pass. With that pass, you can park in the East Gym lot and do not have to leave your flashers on.

\*Park in one of the metered spots across from the front door, but you pay 25 cents.

\*Do not park in the handicap spots (unless that applies) or the spot with the red state parking only sign.

## CAUTION

University Police frequently monitor the speed of cars coming down to the childcare center. To avoid being stopped, keep your speed under 5 MPH.

## Regulations On Administering Medication

In your parent mailbox is a copy of the form that must be used when your child needs medication. We suggest that you keep a copy in your car so when you are taking your child for a sick call, you have the form for the medical professionals to complete. We will not be able to administer any medicine if you do not provide all of the information on that consent form. Additional copies are available in the CPS office.

## PICK UP TIMES

For Half Day pickup-by 1:00pm

For Full Day pickup-by 5:30pm

## CPS Staff Birthdays

- \*8/18 Michele Holowatch
- \* 8/30 Nadine Pappas
- \*9/10 Claire LaBonte
- \*9/13 Kat D'Andrea
- \*9/23 Brenda Maslar

## SEPTEMBER TUITION BILLS

Tuition bills for September will be in your parent mailboxes (in your child's classroom) by the first week of September.

Please see someone in the office if you do not receive a bill.

## Undergraduate Students

Are you eligible for Block Grant Subsidy?

Please see Peg

## Emergency Contact

Please make sure all of your emergency/pick-up information is correct for your child(ren). There may be a time when we can't reach you and will need to contact someone on the list. **It is EXTREMELY important that we have all of the correct contact information.**