

# Preschool Information Booklet 2009-2010



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## BAY PRESBYTERIAN NURSERY SCHOOL

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25415 Lake Road, Bay Village, Ohio 44140  
(440) 899-9460

<b>Programs Offered:</b>	3 year old	2 days/week	9:30 - 11:30 M,T or TH,F 12:30 - 2:30 M,T
	4 year old	3 days/week	9:30 - 11:30 M,T,W
3 days/week		9:30 - 11:30 M,T,W, or W,TH,F 12:30 - 2:30 T,W,TH	
		4 days/week	12:30 - 2:30 M,T,W,TH
	4 and more	4 days/week	12:30 - 2:30 M,T,W,TH

**Current Tuition:** Please call for tuition information.

**School Philosophy:** Bay Presbyterian Nursery School opened its doors on September 15, 1964 as a non-profit school serving church members and area residents. Our program for three, four, and five year olds is planned so that there is a natural progression from one year to the next. With our "learning through play" philosophy, we have developed a curriculum to ensure that all children enter kindergarten ready for success. We have created learning experiences and designed our teaching strategies so that we are in line with The Ohio Department of Education's Early Learning Content Standards. We stress the development of the whole child, focusing on all areas of development: physical, emotional, intellectual, social, and spiritual. Our school would hope to be a supplement and complement to the experiences a child has with his family.

Bay Presbyterian Church is a Christ-centered church. The Nursery School is an outreach of the church, guided by the three-fold mission statement. Although our school does not instruct children in religious doctrine, we do say grace each day before snack, learn to recite the Pledge of Allegiance, and dramatize the Nativity Story at Christmas. The children and their families will also have the opportunity to help and love others through small ministry projects. It is our hope that our learning environment displays what it means to be a child of God: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

**Special Features:** Large rooms with a bathroom in each room. Child therapist available free of charge to help parents and children in difficult situations.

**Contact Person:** Director - Julie Hazlett  
Registrar - Maribeth McKee

**When to Register:** January 2010.  
Please call for exact dates and for a tour of the school. (440) 871-1503\*397 or (440)899-9460

## BEST BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL

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25800 Hilliard Road, Westlake, Ohio 44145

- Programs Offered:** 3 year old M, T, W a.m. or p.m. or TH, F a.m.  
Young 4 year old M,T, W a.m. or p.m. or optional 4<sup>th</sup> day on TH  
Pre-K program Same times as young 4s
- Current Tuition:** 2 days \$145/month; 3 days \$155/month; 4 days \$185/month
- School Philosophy:** To provide a place that values your child - a place that is healthy, safe, educational, and fun! Best Beginnings gives children the opportunity to explore and experiment and have individual attention from warm, responsive teachers. We know that for many children, this is their first educational experience, and we strive to make it enjoyable and enriching as it is the foundation for future education.
- Special Features:** We offer bright, cheery, first floor classrooms that cater to the children's needs. Each month, resource people from the community are invited to talk with the children. Educational programs from the zoo and library are brought to the school. We offer Kinderfun right at the school and a special music program once a week.
- Open House:** Call for dates and times.
- Contact Person:** Becky McClain or Gail Schaedler
- When to Register:** Please call for more information.

# BIRCHWOOD SCHOOL

4400 West 140<sup>th</sup> Street, Cleveland, Oh 44135

**Offered:** **Programs** Because our mission has a particular view of education and character development, we have found it important to supplement our core curriculum with a variety of special programs. A teaching staff, dedicated to our mission, enables us to carry out these programs. We use a combination of enhanced efforts within the core curriculum, some of our own program designs, and an array of commercial academic programs. Due to these efforts we are able to provide our students with the following exceptional opportunities, experiences and courses:

- ❖ CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT
- ❖ LEADERSHIP TRAINING
- ❖ STUDY SKILLS TRAINING
- ❖ RESEARCH SKILLS PROGRAM
- ❖ CREATIVE THINKING AND CREATIVE PROBLEM SOLVING
- ❖ FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVING
- ❖ FOREIGN LANGUAGE
- ❖ JUNIOR GREAT BOOKS
- ❖ WRITING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM
- ❖ ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS EMBEDDED IN THE CURRICULUM

## MIDWEST ACADEMIC TALENT SEARCH

<b>Current Tuition:</b>	Tuition	Fees	Total
Kindergarten:	\$6,800	\$400	\$7,200
Grades 1-4:	\$8,250	\$600	\$8,850
Grades 5-8:	\$8,950	\$700	\$9,650

**School Philosophy:** **Birchwood School** is a private, coeducational school located on West 140<sup>th</sup> and Puritas in Cleveland. Founded in 1984, Birchwood serves students in kindergarten through grade 8. Birchwood's mission is to provide an educational setting where challenging academics build solid work habits, an achievement culture nurtures healthy attitudes, and a caring environment forges social responsibility.

Our Focus Is To:

**Inspire** children to set goals, be productive, and develop an attitude toward life that is positive, purposeful, and satisfying.

**Develop** in children the habits and attitudes of hard work, self-discipline, fortitude and responsibility in order that they may reach their goals.

**Equip** children with the highest standards of academic training that furnishes a strong knowledge base and teaches students how to think critically and creatively.

**Shape** children's conscience to know the good, to love the good and to do the good.

## Special Features

### Gifted Education

#### Overview of the Gifted Education Program at Birchwood School

Like many leading scholars in the field of gifted education and talent development (Tannenbaum, Gagne, Sternberg, et. alia), we hold that giftedness is measured through achievement and accomplishment in respective fields of work and study. It is important, therefore, that the education of gifted learners mirror the knowledge base, thinking processes, work, and products inherent in respective subject disciplines. Students should have the opportunities to be involved in subject matter like real historians, scientists, mathematicians, and writers. Having this view, we can differentiate the curriculum, providing for higher orders of thinking. The content can be broad and sophisticated while the thinking processes and finished products can reflect those in professional fields.

**Contact Person:** Donna Parrino (216) 251-2321 [parrino@birchwoodschoool.org](mailto:parrino@birchwoodschoool.org)

**When to Register:** Birchwood School has a rolling admissions process.

## BROWNSTONE DAY SCHOOL

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18225 Sloane Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio 44107  
(216) 221-1470

- Programs Offered:** 6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. for the following:  
Infants: 8 weeks - 18 months  
Toddlers: 18 mos. - 3 year olds (Creative Curriculum)  
3 year olds (Caterpillars)  
4 year olds (Butterflies)  
Before and After School for 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades
- Current Tuition:** Infants \$205/wk; Toddlers \$185/wk; Preschool & Kindergarten \$175/wk.; Before and After School: A.M. only \$85/wk.; P.M. only \$95/wk.; Both: \$110/week.
- School Philosophy:** Children are encouraged to develop healthy, realistic attitudes about themselves, their peers and world. Brownstone has been formulated to give children a happy and enjoyable new adventure every day.
- Special Features:** Extra-curricular: Foreign language, music appreciation, and cookie craft.
- Open House:** We schedule individual tours, Monday through Friday.
- Contact Person:** Alyce Mann or Barb Matyas.
- When to Register:** When care is needed. Call anytime that is convenient for more information.

## CHAMPIONS

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1101 Morewood Parkway, Rocky River, Ohio 44116  
(440) 356-6861 or fax (440) 356-6943

- Programs Offered:** (Hours 6:30 am - 6:30 p.m.)  
Kindergarten 8:30 - 12:30 also has full day.  
Before/After school care for K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
(Transportation from school to Champions available)
- Current Tuition:** Daily and Weekly rates available. Call for more information.
- School Philosophy:** We believe that the early influences in a child's life can make a world of difference - a difference in how your child feels and how you feel while you are at work. We've developed a special world for each child, where individual talents are allowed to flourish and grow. It's a difference that gives your child more of a chance to experience the thrill of discovery - a difference that nurtures self-esteem and a positive attitude.
- Contact Person:** Melissa Richards
- When to Register:** Ongoing Registration

## FAIRVIEW PARK PRESCHOOL

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22420 Lorain Road, Fairview Park, Oh 44126

(440) 734-5400

<b>Programs Offered:</b>	3 year old	2 days/week	9:00 - 11:00 TH, F
	4 year old	3 days/week	9:00 - 11:15 M,T,W
			12:00- 2:15 M,T,W

**Current Tuition:** 3 year old \$60/month + \$35/yr. supply fee  
4 year old \$80/month + \$40/yr. supply fee  
Registration fee \$35

**School Philosophy:** To provide preschoolers with a safe, supportive and nurturing environment where they can explore, interact and create. Our purpose is to encourage and stimulate a lifelong love of learning and to build a strong sense of self and community.

**Special Features** We are a cooperative preschool, and as such, each parent member volunteers in the classroom 1-2 times/ month and actively participates in the running of the school. We have special days for celebration throughout the year, such as Mothers' Tea, Doughnuts with Dad, Hibernation Day, Reindeer Day, Thanksgiving Feast, etc.

**Open House:** January 21, 2010, 6:30-8:30pm

**Contact Person:** Registrar, Ellen Mead (216) 671-5244 or  
Director, Jennifer Lorek (440) 734-5400

**When to Register:** Open enrollment. Registration for next year begins January 21, 2010.

## FIT BY FIVE PRESCHOOL

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29520 Center Ridge Road, Westlake, Ohio 44145

(440) 835-8558, fax (440) 835-8838, or email: [JDEMARSH@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:JDEMARSH@SBCGLOBAL.NET)

- Programs Offered:**
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| Kindergarten Plus           | 12:45-3:45 T,TH   |
| Pre-K (ages 4-5)            | 9:15-12:15 M,W,F, 12:30-3:30 M,W,F, & 1:15-4:15 M,W,F<br>(Must do all three days. Must be 4 years old by September 30 <sup>th</sup> ) |
| Preschool (ages 3-4)        | 9:15-11:45 T,TH, 9:30-12:00 T,TH & 1:00-3:30 T,TH<br>9:00-11:30 M,W,F   |
| "Mini-Preschool" (young 3s) | 10:45-12:45 M,W,F or 1:30-3:30 pm T,TH  |
| "Perky Kids" (24-36 months) | 8:45-10:15 or 1:45-3:15 M,W,F<br>9:00-10:30 M,W,F or 11:00-12:30 T,TH   |
- Current Tuition:** Please call for more information on the cost of various programs or go to the web site: [fitbyfive.com](http://fitbyfive.com).
- School Philosophy:** Learning, Movement and fun...three ingredients that combine to better prepare your child for Kindergarten and the school years beyond. Fit by Five Preschool is an exciting place where children build Self Confidence, Self Discipline, and Self Esteem. Our Preschool curriculum is merged with physical activity, teaching children to associate learning with fun! The Fit by Five Preschool remains the most popular Preschool in Cuyahoga County and with good reason. Our kids love school....and they love learning!
- Special Features** You may choose 2 or 3 times a week in all classes (except pre-K).
- Open House:** Call to make an appointment to visit and observe one of our classes.
- Contact Person:** Jim DeMarsh or Pat Bish (440) 835-8558
- When to Register:** Registration is ongoing. Summer camp information will be out in January.

## GODDARD SCHOOL

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30502 Center Ridge Road, Westlake, Ohio 44145  
(440) 892-2689                      [www.goddardschool.com](http://www.goddardschool.com)

- Programs Offered:** Infant through Kindergarten (full and part time available in most programs).  
**Current Tuition:** Please call for more information on the cost of various programs.  
**School Philosophy:** By creating an environment where teachers support the nurturing and learning your child needs, where hands-on owners offer a personal interest in your family's childcare decision, and where each child's natural curiosity and creativity are developed. The Goddard School is dedicated to providing the foundation to encourage your child's life-long love of learning.
- Special Features** Infant through Kindergarten participate in a music program. Preschool through Kindergarten participate in a Spanish program.
- Open House:** Periodically throughout the year.  
**Contact Person:** Peggy Todd, owner  
**When to Register:** Open enrollment

## HAYNES NURSERY SCHOOL

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1375 West Clifton, Lakewood, Ohio 44107  
(216) 221-9557 or fax (216) 221-9088

- Programs Offered:**
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| 3 year old         | 9:15 - 11:15 M,T or W,TH, F |
| Winter 3 year olds | 9:15 - 11:15 M,T            |
| 4s and 5s (Pre-K)  | 9:30 - 11:30 T,W,TH,F or    |
| 4s and 5s (Pre-K)  | 9:15 - 11:15 W,TH,F         |
| 4s afternoon       | 12:45 - 2:45 T,W,TH         |
- Current Tuition:** 2 day \$75/month—winter class \$75/month; 3 day \$95/month; 4 day \$115/month  
Plus \$25 registration fee  
\*Fees are subject to change. Fees for next year will be available on and after the first tour date.
- School Philosophy:** Haynes offers a nondenominational child-centered preschool experience for your child. We provide an excellent program designed to promote physical, social, intellectual, and emotional growth. We view our role in a child's life as one of caregivers as well as teachers. We nurture the individual child while integrating him or her into a school/social setting.
- Open House:** Call to make an appointment to visit and observe one of our classes. Tours will begin on Monday, November 23, 2009.
- Contact Person:** Diane Fannin or Kelly Hendryx (216) 221-9557  
**When to Register:** January 2010. Registration will be accepted at the time of the tours, but new families will not be processed until mid-January. All registration is accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.
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## KINDER CARE

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30850 Viking Parkway (near intersection of Bradley), Westlake, Ohio 44145  
(440) 808-9949 or fax (440) 808-9065

- Programs Offered:** Nursery (6 weeks - 18 months); Theme-based Toddler program (18 months - 36 months); Preschool (3-4 year olds); Pre-K (4-5 year olds); Before and after school care available, after Kindergarten care available.
- Current Tuition:** Call for more information
- School Philosophy:** Providing a structured, nurturing, caring and safe atmosphere to prepare children for a school environment.
- Special Features:** All meals included, secured front door, video-monitored classrooms, indoor gym facility
- Contact Person:** Becki Fekete
- When to Register:** On-going registration

## LE CHAPERON ROUGE

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19315 Hilliard Boulevard, Rocky River, Ohio 44116  
(440) 356-7329 or fax (440) 356-8914

- Programs Offered:** Day Care, Preschool, Before and After School Care, Summer Programs, Kindergarten, Private Elementary and Infant Care. 6:30am - 6:30pm.
- Current Tuition:** Call for more information.
- School Philosophy:** Our staff aims to provide a creative, happy, and safe environment where pre-schoolers will have the opportunity to interact with peers and adults within the framework of a supervised group. They offer situations where children will become adept at following directions, expressing themselves, accepting responsibility, and developing leadership. Children are also helped to develop good manners when they talk, eat, and play. Our staff tries very hard to provide within the day care program a real "school" environment that prepares the children for elementary education.
- Special Features:** French & Spanish classes, Tae Kwon Doe, Gymnastics, Movement through Music, Computers, and Field Trips.
- Contact Person:** Jenna Rutt, Director

## MENLO PARK ACADEMY

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"Developing the potential for gifted children."

14440 Triskett Rd., Cleveland, OH 44111

(440) 925-6365

website: [www.MenloParkAcademy.com](http://www.MenloParkAcademy.com)

- Programs Offered:** Full day kindergarten and grades 1-6 for student's meeting Ohio's definition of "gifted"
- Current Tuition:** NO TUITION
- School Philosophy:** Our Mission: To provide gifted students with a challenging and rewarding educational experience that addresses the needs of the whole child.  
To understand our mission, we look at each concept individually:
- **Gifted Students** - Those students identified as gifted according to the rules of the state of Ohio.
  - **Challenging** - A curriculum with the appropriate acceleration and differentiation options to address the varied needs of our students.
  - **Rewarding** - Provided experiences that build our students' self-confidence and enjoyment so that they maintain their love of learning.
  - **Educational Experience** - A school environment where parents and teachers work together to reach milestones in both instruction and experiences through in-school activities and outside events.
  - **Whole Child** - A school environment that provides an understanding of the unique qualities of gifted children and the common asynchronous development of their emotional, spiritual, physical, and academic abilities.
- Our Philosophy - Educating the Whole Child  
We know that gifted children have special needs. They learn best in an enriched environment designed to develop their skills, as well as service their different intellectual, social, and emotional needs. True learning involves the development of the "whole child", with the support they need to develop high level critical and creative thinking skills.  
Our curriculum offers more density, complexity, and moves at a faster pace than is available in typical environments. Children are also afforded the opportunity to interact and build friendships with their intellectual peers.  
*"Many gifted children are frustrated by the constraints of ordinary classrooms and their abilities go unnoticed. As a parent, it is our responsibility to look at our child as a whole to assess their potential gifted 'intelligences' within them. Once you believe your child is gifted in certain fields; then it is necessary to get them assessed. The very last thing a parent wants to do is to let the bright mind remain unnoticed."* Brainy Child
- Special Features** We are the only community school in Ohio to exclusively serve **gifted students**. At Menlo Park Academy, certified teachers **adjust the curriculum** to meet the learning needs and speeds of each individual student. Extra time in the day allows for enrichment opportunities like field trips and electives such as violin, Mandarin and creative writing.  
**NO Tuition - Small Class Sizes**  
**Character Education - Electives**  
**Art, Music, Gym, Technology & Spanish**  
**Certified Teachers - Open Enrollment**  
**Accelerated & Differentiated Curriculum**
- Open House:** Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm. Tours available Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons; call the school to make an appointment.
- Contact Person:** AnneMarie Homolka, [annemarie.homolka@menloparkacademy.com](mailto:annemarie.homolka@menloparkacademy.com), (440) 933-5665
- When to Register:** Open enrollment available now for current year; starts in March for 2010-2011.

## MONTESSORI CHILDREN'S SCHOOL

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28370 Bassett Road, Westlake, Ohio 44145

(440) 871-8773 or fax (440) 871-1799

[www.montessori-children's-school.net](http://www.montessori-children's-school.net)

- Programs Offered:** Toddler 2 years & up  
Preprimary 3-6 years  
Kindergarten  
Elementary  
Before and after school care
- Current Tuition:** Please call for more information on the cost of various programs.
- School Philosophy:** Montessori Children's School helps you nurture your child's mind, body, spirit and heart.
- Special Features** A.M.S. affiliated, licensed, and chartered by State of Ohio Department of Education. Fully-equipped Montessori classrooms. Library, Music, and Spanish classes are offered.
- Open House:** January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 1-3 p.m.
- Contact Person:** Barbara Kincaid or Maryla Murawski
- When to Register:** Registration starts January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010

## OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN NURSERY SCHOOL

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20300 Hilliard Boulevard, Rocky River, Ohio 44116

(440) 331-1773

- Programs Offered:** 3 year olds 9:00 - 11:15 M,T  
4 and 5 year olds 9:00 - 11:15 W,TH,F or T,W,TH,F
- Current Tuition:** 2 day \$525/year; 3 day \$725/year; 4 day \$975/year plus \$50 registration fee  
2010 Tuition will be set in January.
- School Philosophy:** With our caring staff and diverse program, we strive to encourage the social, emotional, and intellectual growth of each child. We provide many opportunities for your child to develop self-confidence and a positive attitude about school. Open communication between parent and teacher is encouraged.
- Special Features:** We're a small school (with large classrooms and a bike room gym), which enables us to be flexible in meeting individual needs and nurturing a sense of belonging and security in each child. Our teachers have degrees in Elementary Education, and our Director is a Licensed Social Worker. Our three and four-day class introduces Kindergarten readiness skills in a fun, creative manner. Calendars with curriculum and special events are distributed monthly.
- Contact Person:** Joan Korpa
- When to Register:** Enrollment is ongoing.

## PARKSIDE PRESCHOOL AND CHILD CARE CENTER

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23600 Hilliard Blvd., Westlake, Ohio 44145

(440) 333-6643 or fax (440) 333-3149

<b>Programs Offered:</b>	6 weeks - Pre-Kindergarten Open 6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Monday-Friday Summer Camp - Kindergarten-5 <sup>th</sup> grade
<b>Current Tuition:</b>	\$200 - Full-Time Infant \$135 - Part-Time Infant \$165 - Full-Time Toddlers \$135 - Part-Time Toddlers \$150 - Full-Time Preschool \$115 - Part-Time Preschool \$145 - Summer Camp
<b>School Philosophy:</b>	To provide quality, loving care and to provide opportunities for spiritual, mental, physical, and emotional growth through a Christian-based curriculum.
<b>Special Features</b>	Creative play, music, stories, art projects, science discoveries, computers, and gymnastics classes.
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Susan Lord
<b>When to Register:</b>	Ongoing

## REACH PROGRAM

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Goldwood Primary School, 21600 Center Ridge Road, Rocky River, Ohio 44116

(440) 356-6720 or fax (440) 331-2189 Please visit our website at [rrcs.org](http://rrcs.org) under Goldwood.

<b>Programs Offered:</b>	Preschoolers with disabilities ages 3-5 years and Preschool Peer Models ages 4-5
<b>Current Tuition:</b>	Free of charge for preschoolers with disabilities who are Rocky River residents. Tuition for Peer Models is \$800 per school year. The program is part of the Rocky River School System.
<b>School Philosophy:</b>	The REACH (Rocky River Early Achievement) Program is run through the Rocky River City Schools and offers students with special needs and their typically developing peers a preschool education through their home community. The program is strength based, focusing on each child's abilities, and play based, working on specific goals for each child to prepare for kindergarten. We work on school readiness skills in a natural environment focusing on relevant and meaningful activities that are developmentally appropriate for each child. Support services and therapies (Occupational, Physical, and Speech/Language Therapies) are through a push-in approach for students who qualify giving them the opportunity to receive assistance naturally throughout their preschool day. Peer Model screenings are held in Spring of each school year for the following year.
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Jim Scheer, Director of Learning Resource Services, (440) 356-6006

## ROCKPORT CHILD CARE CENTER

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3301 Wooster Road, Rocky River, Ohio 44116  
(440) 331-9434 or fax (440) 331-3094

*"Because we honor families, we weave a fine fabric of security and acceptance for the children in our care."*

- Programs Offered:** Infants, Toddlers, Preschool, Before/after school care for K-1<sup>st</sup> graders.
- Current Tuition:** Call Center for tuition rates.
- School Philosophy:** We value the **trust placed in us by parents** who choose Rockport. We believe in and are committed to the following: The environment we set up is consistent and nurturing. Our primary goal is to **provide a safe, warm, secure, and loving place for your child**. We use the State of Ohio's **Early Learning Content Standards** (which consist of English, Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies) and the Creative Curriculum for our curriculum and the goals we establish. Quality Preschool experience lays the foundation for Kindergarten readiness and success in life. We believe in encouraging **preschool and school age children** to be involved in **peaceful conflict resolution**, through expressing their feelings and discussing positive alternatives to aggression. We encourage pro-social behaviors in children such as cooperating, taking turns, participating in clean-up times and recognizing the rights of others. We are committed to developing anti-bias attitudes and a **respect and appreciation for all people**. We strive to develop a **respect and appreciation for the Earth's resources and inhabitants**. **We see ourselves as a team with parents**, always recognizing the primary, most important role you play in your child's life. We would welcome and appreciate the opportunity to teach and care for your child.
- Special Features:** Our Center borders the Cleveland Metro Parks; we have wonderful green space, large indoor play space, and two fenced in playgrounds. Summer programs offered include field trips, swimming lessons, character education and Safety Town.
- Open House:** Registration is year-round. Tours available 7:30 am - 5:30 pm Monday-Friday. No appointments necessary.
- Contact People:** Valerie Norris, Director; Ginni Going, Assistant Director; Joanne Berei, Preschool-School-Age Coordinator

## ROCKY RIVER PRESBYTERIAN NURSERY SCHOOL

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21750 Detroit Road, Rocky River, Ohio 44116

(440) 333-4888 or (440) 895-5437, fax (440) 333-4896, or e-mail at [rrpns@riverpres.org](mailto:rrpns@riverpres.org)

**Programs Offered:**

3s two days	9:00-11:15 a.m. TH,F or 1:00-3:15 p.m. M,T
4s AM - three days	9:00-11:15 M,T,W
4s PM - three or four days	1:00-3:15 M,T,W (TH is optional)
Mixed age 3 & 4s PM	1:00-3:15 W,TH,F
Pre-K PM	1:00-3:15 M,T,W,TH

\*Pre-K must be 5 by December 31, 2010

**Current Tuition:** 2 day \$369/semester, 3 day \$552/semester, 4 day \$693/semester (two semester year) plus \$50 registration fee. Facilities usage fee of \$50-\$80, depending on the number of days attending. No supply fee charged.

**School Philosophy:** Our philosophy is to help the child make a good social and emotional adjustment to nursery school, learn to share, listen, and follow directions. Through games, music, books, flannel boards and art projects the children discover that learning can be fun! This in turn sparks their desire to learn.

**Special Features:** Our school offers a large room for bike riding and gross motor play, a special room with a big sand table, workbench, climbing and sliding boards, in-house special visitors and in-house field trips, and many other features. Our school recently renewed its One Star Award from Step Up to Quality, the state of Ohio's rating system.

**Open House:** November 6 and 20, 2009, December 4, 2009, and January 8 and 15, 2010. All Open Houses are held from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. No reservations are necessary.

**Contact Person:** Diana Wolfe

**When to Register:** November and December, 2009 for returning families and church members; January 1, 2010 - Open registration begins.

## ROCKY RIVER UNITED METHODIST NURSERY SCHOOL

19414 Detroit Road, Rocky River, Ohio 44116

(440) 331-7676 or fax (440) 331-7637

<b>Programs Offered:</b>	3 year olds	2 days/week	T,W or TH,F	a.m./p.m.
	4 year olds/Pre-K*	3 days/week	T,W,TH	a.m. /p.m.
	*optional 4 <sup>th</sup> day (Friday) can be added to the 4 year olds/Pre-K			
	Funky Friday (younger 4s)		F	a.m./p.m.
	Enrichment (older 4s)		F	a.m./p.m.
	"Let's Get Ready" - 4 Mondays for 2 1/2 year old and parent in spring- 9:30-10:30 a.m.			
<b>Current Tuition:</b>	"Let's Get Ready" \$50; 2 days \$780/year; 3 days \$1,128/year; 4 days \$1,482/year Registration and Equipment fee of \$80. This fee covers snack and supplies.			
<b>School Philosophy:</b>	We offer a balanced program of activities designed to help children develop and grow mentally, physically, socially, and emotionally while enhancing the children's self-concept and building their sense of security.			
<b>Special Features:</b>	Indoor gym, science programs, in-school field trips, outdoor playground equipment built specifically for preschoolers, newly decorated rooms. Experienced, consistent staff.			
<b>Open House:</b>	November 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2009 at 7p.m. (Children welcome.)			
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Jane Murphy 440 (331- 6476) after 3:30 p.m.			
<b>Website:</b>	Learn more about RRUMNS at our website: <a href="http://RRUMC.org">RRUMC.org</a> and click on the "nursery school" link. Also, download our brochure and registration forms.			
<b>When to Register:</b>	January 5, 2010 for returning families and church families. January 12, 2010, 7:00 p.m. for new families			

## RUFFING MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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1285 Orchard Park Drive

(440) 333-2250 [www.ruffingmontessori.org](http://www.ruffingmontessori.org)

**Programs Offered:** Spanish - grades 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>

Optional Roman Catholic Religion- grades 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>

Optional School Band- grades kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup>

**Current Tuition:** Pre-primary \$5,290

Kindergarten \$6,090

First-Eighth \$6,975

Ruffing offers a ten month payment plan.

**School Philosophy:** **Background Information**

Located in Rocky River, Ohio, Ruffing Montessori School dedicates itself to providing a quality Montessori education for children ages three through fourteen (pre-primary through 8<sup>th</sup> grade). The school, founded in 1959, has been a pioneer in the Montessori Method of education in Ohio and in the United States. Ruffing was the second Montessori school in the United States at both the pre-primary and elementary levels. In 1977, Ruffing became the first Montessori school in Ohio to be accredited by the state to operate through eighth grade.

### **Why Montessori?**

The difference between the Montessori classroom and the traditional classroom can be illustrated by looking at the task of learning how to swim. A child does not learn how to swim by listening quietly while an adult explains the process. Nor does he learn by being tested and ranked on his ability to memorize and recall the sport of swimming. For children, learning is most effective when it is active and experiential, not passive and abstract. We learn to swim by swimming.

The Montessori method is not limited to the intellectual development of children but involves their physical, emotional, and spiritual development as well. The method is not restricted to the confines of the classroom but involves an attitude toward the child that is ideally shared by teachers and parents alike.

At Ruffing we want to help our students gain knowledge, but more importantly we want our students to love learning and to believe in themselves. A Ruffing teacher does not think of her role as just imparting knowledge but also getting to know her students, how they learn, what they want to learn, and how they feel. Our goal within the Ruffing community is to prepare loving, competent, responsible individuals.

**Contact Person:** Lori Coticchia (440)333-2250

**When to Register:** Beginning in October of each year, Ruffing offers parents the opportunity to observe a class and tour the school. This is a wonderful opportunity to have many of your questions answered.

If you choose to apply, beginning in mid-January, an informal meeting between the directress and your child will be scheduled. Most applicants will be notified about space availability by the end of March.

## ST. ANGELA MERICI PRESCHOOL

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20830 Lorain Road. Fairview Park, Ohio 44126

(440) 333-2126\*155

[www.samparish.org](http://www.samparish.org)

- Programs Offered:**
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| 3 year old | 12:00-2:00 | T,W      |
| 4 year old | 9:15-11:30 | M,T,W    |
| Pre-K      | 9:15-11:30 | M,T,W,TH |
- Current Tuition:** 3 year olds \$872/year\*; 4 year olds \$1,208/year\*; Pre-K \$1,544/year\*  
Registration Fee \$50 and Equipment Fee \$25  
(\*may reflect a slight increase for the 2010-2011 school year)
- School Philosophy:** For over 80 years, St. Angela Merici Parish and School have been at the forefront of Catholic Education in the Diocese of Cleveland. We are honored and excited to further this mission with the addition of the St. Angela Merici Preschool. Our goals are to provide a living faith community in which each child can grow in continuing awareness of being a child of God. Curricula have been developed to encourage the children to become lifelong learners and lovers of learning, creative and independent thinkers, to become socially responsible with Christian love and concern for others, and to awaken in each child the profound joy of living.
- Special Features** "Spring Into Preschool" offered free of charge in May, prior to the upcoming school year, to showcase the preschool experience.
- Contact Person:** Christina Kutz, Preschool Director
- When to Register:** January 7, 2010 - Seminar East Room of the Social Hall

## ST. THOMAS LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

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21211 Detroit Road, Rocky River, Ohio 44116

(440) 331-4426, fax (440) 331-5158, or email [schooloffice@stls.net](mailto:schooloffice@stls.net) website: [www.stls.net](http://www.stls.net)

- Programs Offered:** 3 year olds 8:30-11:00 TH, F  
4 year olds 8:30-11:00 M,T,W  
All Day 4 year olds 8:30-3:00 M,T,W, TH, F  
Please ask about summer preschool and Mom and Tot programs for 2's and 3's.
- Current Tuition:** 3 year olds \$800/year; 3 day 4 year olds \$1100/year; all day 4 year olds \$3,000/year  
Registration Fee \$50 and Supply Fee \$30  
We offer before and after school care for the All Day 4 Year Old class and a "Stay & Play" option for the part time classes. There are separate fees for these programs.
- School Philosophy:** St. Thomas Lutheran Early Childhood Center offers students something truly different in today's educational marketplace: a value-based education in a safe, loving, nurturing environment. Christ is at the center of everything we do and teach. Parents and teachers work together to nurture learning for now and eternity! Housed in a fully air-conditioned and safe environment with a full sized gym, St. Thomas provides students with an experience far beyond the expected. We focus on the needs of the whole child-intellectually, emotionally, socially, physically, and spiritually. As we meet and exceed the Ohio Department of Education Standards for Early Childhood through developmentally appropriate, hands-on learning, we strive to "surprise", "engage", and help each child to "grow" each day!
- Open House:** Every Thursday from 3:30-6:00 p.m., January through February
- Contact Person:** Cathie Lucarelli (440) 331-4426
- When to Register:** February, 2010

## SUBURBAN CO-OPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL

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21620 Mastick Road, Fairview Park, Ohio 44126

(440) 331-9929 website: [www.suburbancooperativenurseryschool.com](http://www.suburbancooperativenurseryschool.com)

- Programs Offered:** 4 year old 9-11:15 M, T, W  
3 year old 9-11:00 TH, F
- Current Tuition:** 4 year olds \$87/month; 3 year olds \$65/month.
- School Philosophy:** Learning through play. Through our co-op, we develop a close relationship with parents.
- Special Features** The 4 year olds have monthly field trips. Both classes participate in a gym class once a week. Parents help in the classroom on a rotating basis. Our theme-based curriculum focuses on the alphabet, colors, numbers, science, space, nature, nutrition, dinosaurs, and holiday celebrations.
- Open House:** January 21, 2010 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Contact Person:** Laura Camp-Smith (440) 409-0014
- When to Register:** Open registration

## TODAY'S MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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30106 Lorain Road, North Olmsted, Ohio 44070

(440) 777-3377

[www.todaysmontessori.org](http://www.todaysmontessori.org)

<b>Programs Offered:</b>	Parent & Toddler 15-30 months	1:00-2:00	T,TH
	(Fall, Winter, Spring Sessions)	10:00-11:00	SAT
	Spanish: Parent & Child 2-7 years	1:00-2:00	W
	French: Parent & Child 2-7 years	1:00-2:00	F
	(Winter, Spring, Summer Sessions)		
	Toddler (September-May) 1 ½-3 years		
	3 days	9:30-12:00	T,W,TH
	4 days	9:30-12:00	M-TH
	5 days	9:30-12:00	M-F
	Preprimary (August-June) 3-6 years		
5 days	9:15-12:15	M-F	
Extended Day Kindergarten (Oct.-May in addition to pre-primary class)			
5-6 year olds	12:15-2:15	T,W,TH	
<b>Current Tuition:</b>	Registration Fee \$30      Snack Fees \$30-\$50		
	Parent & Toddler \$60-\$75 per session		
	Spanish & French \$60 per 5-week session		
	Toddler 3 day \$2,950/year; 4 day \$3,000/year; 5 day \$3,200/year		
	Preprimary \$3,750/year      Extended Day \$1,050/year (additional)		
<b>School Philosophy:</b>	Provide a warm, caring, and developmentally-rich environment that will help each child reach his or her full potential in all areas of life. Create a secure, loving, and joyful atmosphere of acceptance and trust in which creativity and curiosity can flourish. Help each child to realize their importance in the community through learning respect and consideration for others. Help each child to create a peaceful world in which to live. Develop a partnership with parents through regular communication and education in the Montessori methods and philosophies		
<b>Special Features</b>	Spanish, Movement, and Music classes are presented to students in the Toddler and Preprimary classes weekly.		
<b>Open House:</b>	Call to make appointment to visit and observe one of our classes.		
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Jewell Brake		
<b>When to Register:</b>	Toddler or Preprimary: December 15, 2009 for January 2010 enrollment(call for tuition) or March 20 for 2010-2011 school year		
	Parent/Toddler, Spanish, or French: ongoing based on current session		

## WESTLAKE MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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26830 Detroit Road, Westlake, Ohio 44145  
(440) 835-5858

- Programs Offered:** Infant, Toddler, Nursery (3), Pre-K (4-5), Kindergarten (5) and Montessori (3-6). After school care (6-11). Summer Camp (4-11).
- Current Tuition:** Varies per class.
- School Philosophy:** We believe that children carry within themselves the potential of the person they will someday become. Our program is the result of 30 years of experience working with the development of children. Constructive patterns of learning begun in the early years produce a self confident, competent learner in later years. We feel that children learn by interacting with their physical environment, as well as with each other. Your child should have the opportunity to choose what activities he/she feels best meets his/her developmental needs. As creators of the environment, we are extremely concerned with the quality of choices offered to your child. Our daily program attempts to present a balance between individual experiences, small group participation, and large group activity.
- Special Features:** Computer classes, Gymnastics, Creative Dance, Ceramics, Built-in swimming pool, Science fairs, Summer parties with horse rides, Art fair, Parent-Teacher conferences.
- Open House:** Tours are given daily. Appointments are not necessary.
- Contact Person:** Alanna Mallery
- When to Register:** Enrollment is ongoing.

## WEST SHORE CHILD CARE CENTER

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20401 Hilliard Blvd. Rocky River, Ohio 44116  
(440) 333-2040 or email [mail@wschildcare.org](mailto:mail@wschildcare.org) website: [www.wschildcare.org](http://www.wschildcare.org)

- Programs Offered:** Infants, Toddlers and Preschool (6 weeks through 5 year olds; full-time only); Before/After School Care for Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grades with full day care available during holiday breaks; a full-day camp program in the summer. Hours of service 6:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Current Tuition:** Please call for current tuition rates or visit our website at [www.wschildcare.org](http://www.wschildcare.org).
- School Philosophy:** West Shore Child Care Center has received a One-Star Step Up to Quality Award from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services - Bureau of Child Care and Development. Step Up to Quality is a voluntary quality rating system for early child care and education centers. With the One-Star rating, our center provides a higher standard of care that exceeds Ohio's licensing standards. This translates to more teachers, a greater commitment to in-service training, and a more nurturing environment for children to grow and develop.
- Contact Person:** Karen O'Hagan, Director or Joan Schwertle, Assistant Director
- When to Register:** Year round

## WESTSHORE MONTESSORI ASSOCIATION

26536 Detroit Road, Westlake, Ohio 44145

(440) 899-7911

website: [www.westshoremontessori.org](http://www.westshoremontessori.org)

<b>Programs Offered:</b>	Toddler (age 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), Pre-Primary (ages 3 years-6), All Day Year Round Montessori (ages 3 years-6), Parent/Toddler Class (ages 18 months to 35 months), Before and After Care Program
<b>Current Tuition:</b>	Parent/Toddler 18-35 months \$75 for 6 week session \$100 for 8 week session
	Toddler Classes 30-35 months \$2,600/year for 3 day \$1,860/year for 2 day a.m. \$1,450/year for 2 day p.m.
	Pre-Primary 3-6 years \$4,640/year 9:00-12:00 M-F, September through June
	Kindergarten \$5,760/year 9:00-12:00 M,F and 9:00-2:30 T,W,TH
	All Day Community 3-6 years \$13,200/year for full year, 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. \$10,200/year for full year, 7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. \$9,900/year for school year, 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. \$7,650/year for school year, 7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
	Before & After Care Program Daily Rates \$12/day for 7:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. \$15/day for 12:00-2:30 p.m. \$36/day for 12:00-6:00 p.m.
<b>School Philosophy:</b>	Maria Montessori felt that the goal of early childhood education is to cultivate the child's own natural desire to learn. In the Montessori classroom this done two ways: first by allowing children to experience the excitement of learning by their own choice and second by helping them to perfect all their natural tools for learning. These experiences foster independence, self-direction, self-discipline, a sense of social responsibility, and a lifelong love of learning within the child. Westshore Montessori is a non-profit preschool founded in 1966. Our mission is to provide a quality education to children ages 18 months to Kindergarten regardless of race, religion, sex, color, or national or ethnic origin.
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Beverly Davies and Mary Walters
<b>Open House</b>	Sunday, January 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2009, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
<b>When to Register:</b>	Open registration based on enrollment Currently enrolling for Pre-Primary and Toddler Programs.

Preschool Information Booklet is provided as a service to members of  
Rocky River Early Childhood PTA