

Early Learning Preschool Newsletter

2026-2027 Edition

NOVEMBER 2, 2026

Principal's Message

Hello Preschool Families!

At both Lunn Road and Chapman Preschool, students show Whole Body Listening throughout the school and any staff member can recognize a class and put a star on the board for showing expected behaviors. Each month we have a different "Listening Larry" Focus. Once the board is filled, students earn a Spirit Day. I am pleased to share that we have earned all of the stars on our board and earned our first schoolwide spirit day on **Monday, November 9th!** Students can dress in their favorite Strongsville gear or the color green- have fun with it! We are so proud of our students.

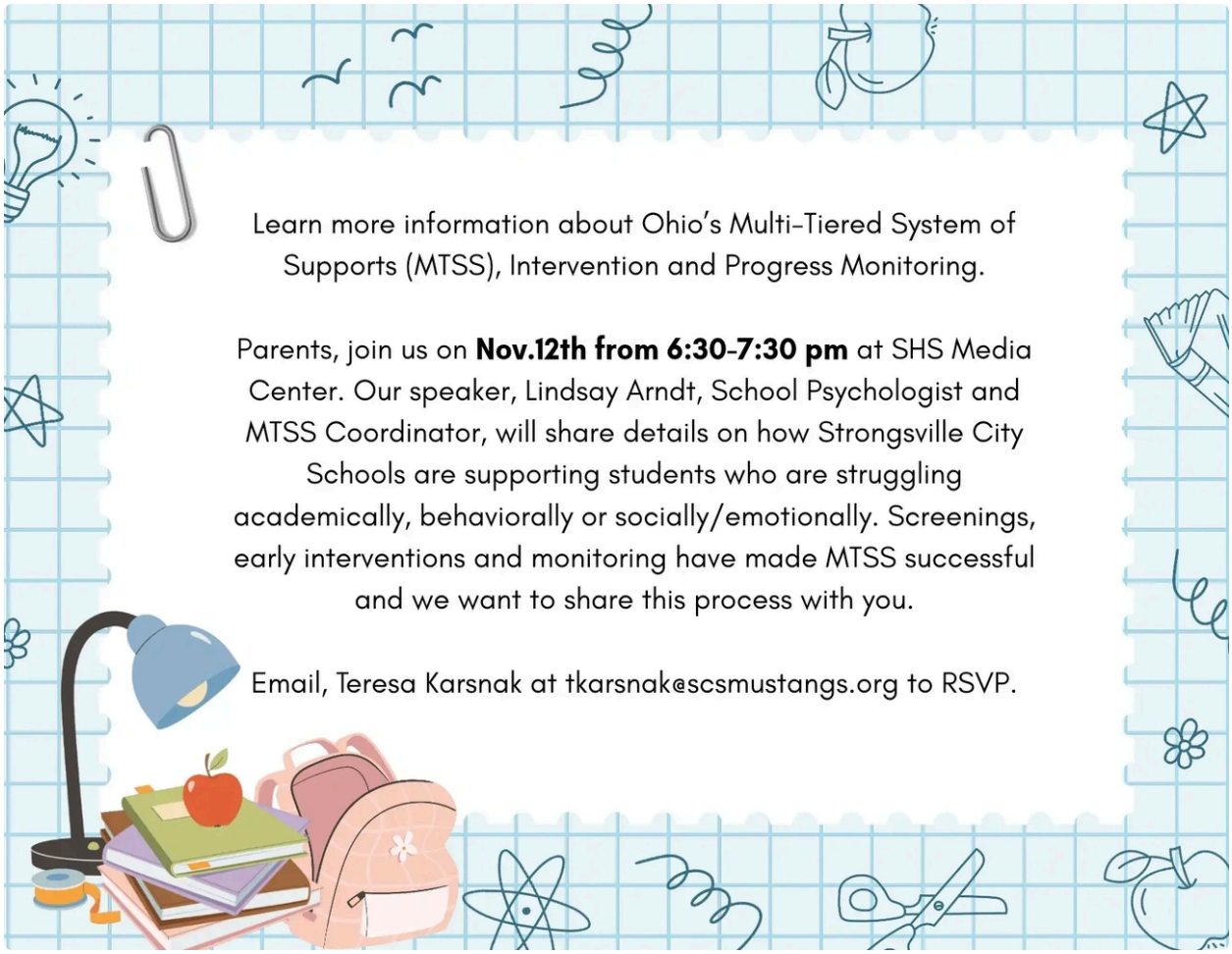
As always, do not hesitate to reach out should you have any questions or need support throughout the school year! I can be reached via phone (440-572-7046) or email (cvanderhoff@scsmustangs.org)

Sincerely,
Mrs. Ciara Vanderhoff, Principal



Upcoming Dates & Events


NO SCHOOL
Monday, November 2nd & Tuesday, November 3rd
Staff Professional Development
See you on Wednesday!


Learn more information about Ohio's Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), Intervention and Progress Monitoring.
Parents, join us on **Nov.12th from 6:30-7:30 pm** at SHS Media Center. Our speaker, Lindsay Arndt, School Psychologist and MTSS Coordinator, will share details on how Strongsville City Schools are supporting students who are struggling academically, behaviorally or socially/emotionally. Screenings, early interventions and monitoring have made MTSS successful and we want to share this process with you.
Email, Teresa Karsnak at tkarsnak@scsmustangs.org to RSVP.



Food Drive

This November, our preschool unit of study will focus on nutrition, exercise, and the human body. We'll explore different foods—their colors and shapes, where they come from, and how they help our bodies—as well as ways to move and stay active.

We're also holding a food drive to support families in need. Children will help us talk about the foods we collect and how sharing can help others. Families are warmly invited to donate non-perishable items. Please drop them off/ send them in with your child **between November 9th-19th at your child's school.**

At home, you can invite your child to help sort groceries by color or shape, or enjoy a family walk, dance, or stretch together. Thank you for learning and sharing with us!



Issue 9 (SCS Operating Levy) Info

Strongsville City Schools is asking voters to consider a 6.7-mill operating levy on the November 3, 2026 ballot (Issue 9). It is a five-year limited levy, meaning it expires and returns to voters every five years, rather than continuing indefinitely. If approved, this operating levy would fund the implementation of The Plan to Protect Our Core.

The 6.7 mills combine an existing levy with new revenue:

- 3.4 mills renews an operating levy Strongsville voters originally approved in 2002. This is revenue already being provided by taxpayers and used by our District to support daily operating costs, totaling approximately $8.3 million each year.
- 3.3 mills provides new operating revenue that would generate approximately $7.5 million each year, replacing a renewal that voters did not approve in 2024 that generated $9.7 million annually.
- ***This combination of mills reduces revenue collected by $2.2 million, representing a lower tax rate in 2027 than in 2024.***

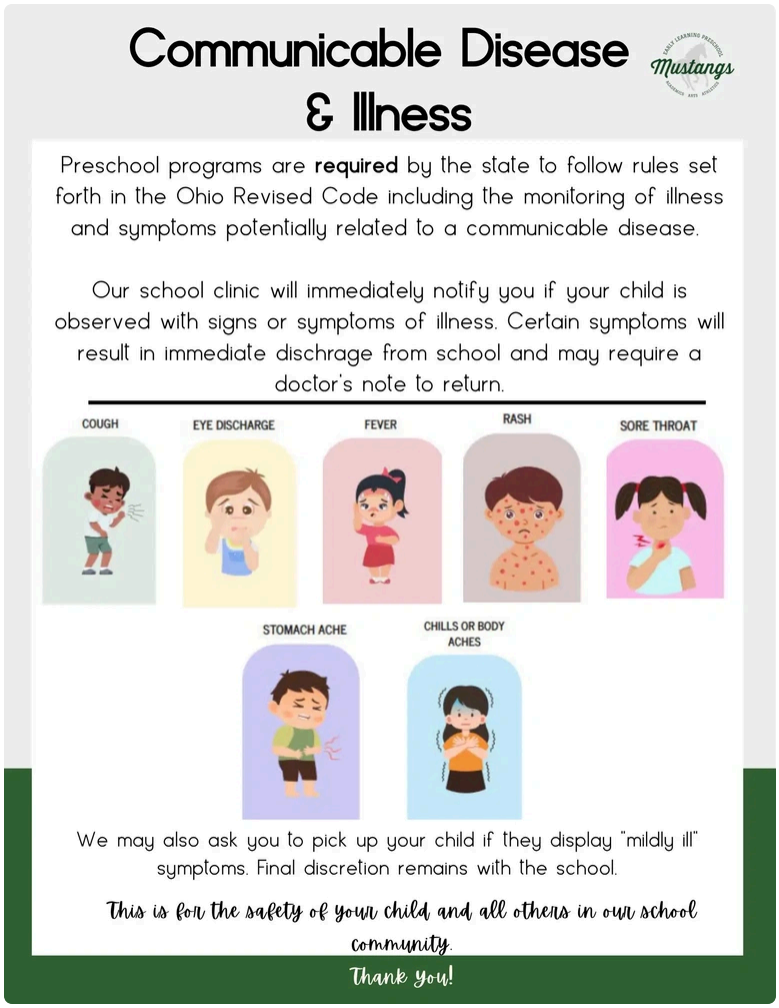
Click **HERE** for Dr. Ryba's slide presentation from the September 10, 2026 Board of Education meeting outlining The Plan to Protect the Core details and the financial impact on our District.

For additional information about Issue 9 and The Plan to Protect Our Core, please visit **scsmustangs.org/Issue9**



Communicable Disease & Illness Reminder

If your child is diagnosed with a communicable disease or illness (example: pink eye, hand foot mouth disease, strep throat, etc) you **must** notify the school office!

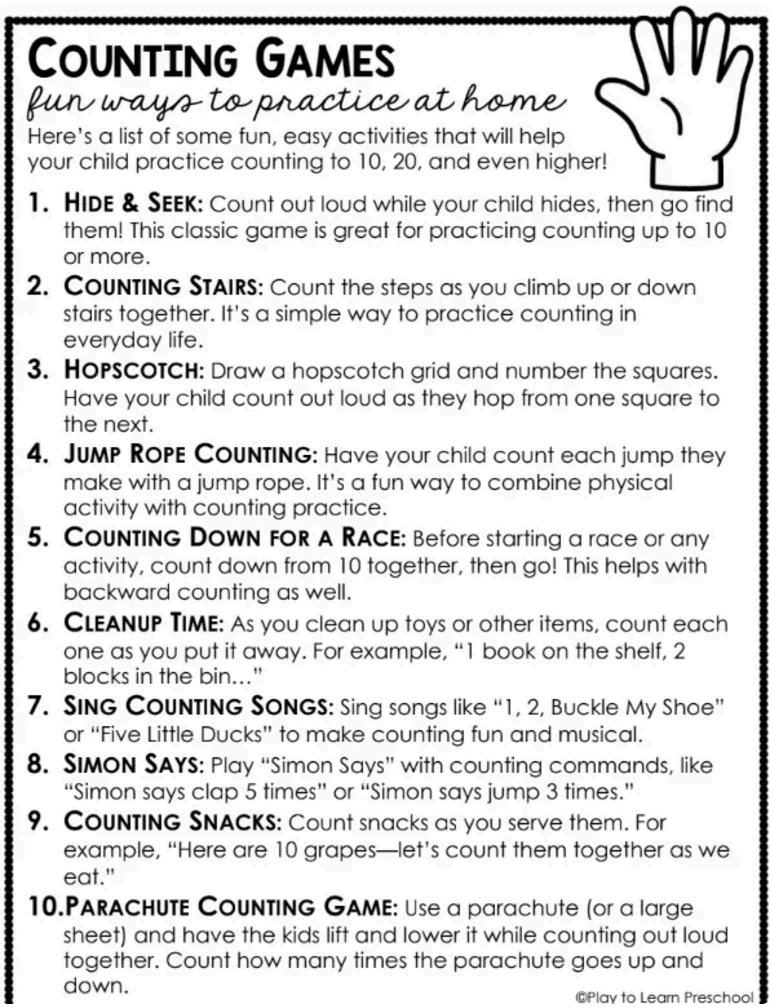


Preschool programs are **required** by the state to follow rules set forth in the Ohio Revised Code including the monitoring of illness and symptoms potentially related to a communicable disease.

Our school clinic will immediately notify you if your child is observed with signs or symptoms of illness. Certain symptoms will result in immediate discharge from school and may require a doctor’s note to return.

We may also ask you to pick up your child if they display "mildly ill" symptoms and cannot participate in normal classroom activities. Final discretion remains with the school.

Home to School Connection



Meet our Team!

Each newsletter, I will introduce you to a few of our staff members. Although they may not work directly with your child, they are a part of our school community and a friendly face that your child sees in our building. We want our students to know and trust as many adults in our building as possible; as well as you!





Hannah Koehn, Intervention Specialist @ Lunn Road

Hi! My name is Hannah Koehn. I have been teaching for five years, all at SELP. I am currently in the process of obtaining my masters degree in Special Education: Autism at BGSU. In my free time I love to read and spoil my cat, Fred. I grew up with a family full of avid readers. I love to work with such young kiddos and share my own passion for learning.

Emily Robinson, Speech Language Pathologist @ Chapman

I'm Emily, one of the preschool speech language pathologists. This is my third year as a preschool speech therapist with Strongsville City Schools and I truly love my job! My coworkers and our students make my job extremely fulfilling. I have a husband, Pat, two kids (Graham, age 14, and Adalyn, age 11), two dogs (Myles and Alfie), and one snail that has outlived all of our fish and might live forever.

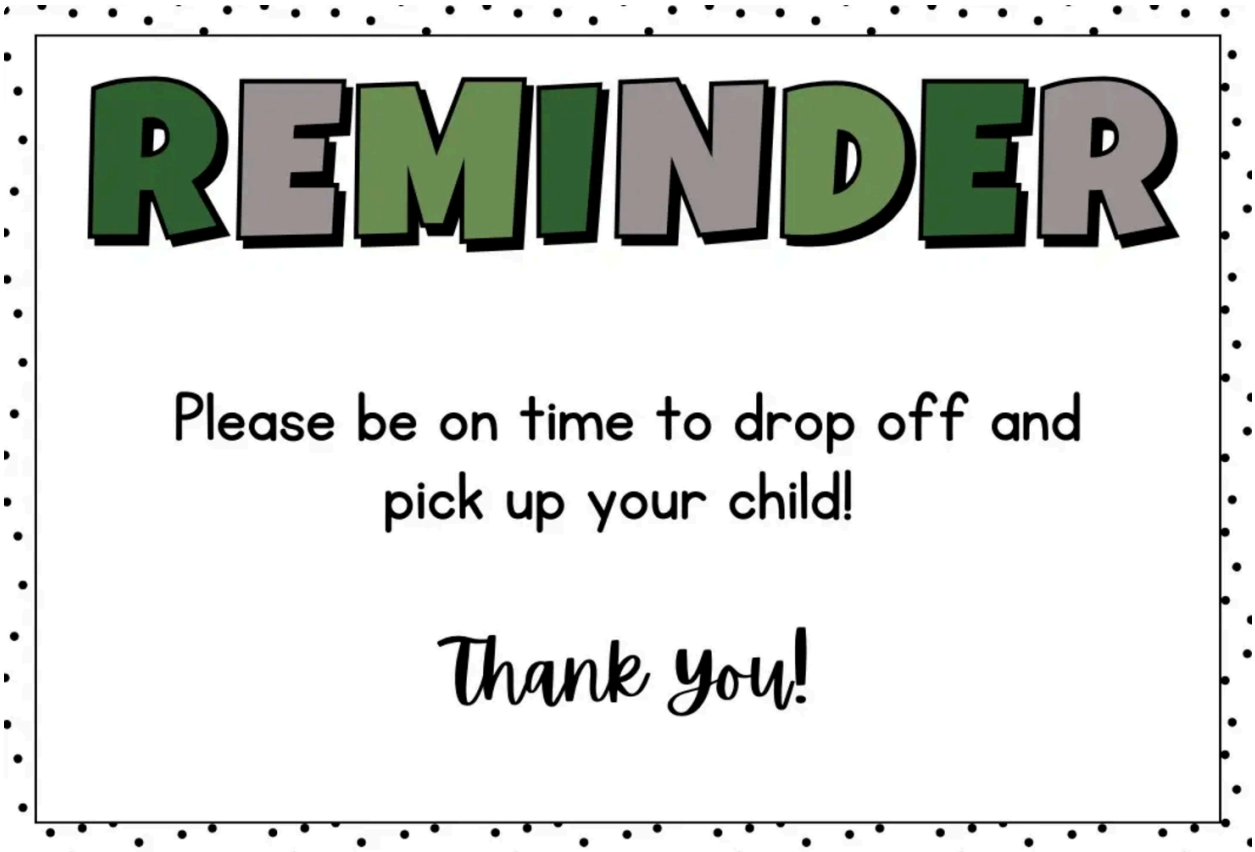
Reminders (Repeated)

Our School Schedule

Both preschool locations are in session Monday- Thursday. There is no school on Friday's. If your child will be absent or you need to report any pertinent information to the office, please contact 440-572-7046.

Lunn Road Preschool Hours:
AM Session: 8:00am-10:35am
PM Session: 11:25am-2:00pm

Chapman Preschool Hours:
AM Session: 8:10am-10:45am
PM Session: 11:40am-2:15pm



Car Line Reminders

1. Make sure your child is unbuckled and ready to exit the vehicle.
2. Adults stay inside of the vehicle. Staff members will assist your child in and out of the car.
3. Stay in the car line. DO NOT drive around other cars unless you are waved on by a staff member.
4. SLOW DOWN!



Change of Clothes

All students need to have a change of clothes (including underwear) at school. These items should be in a bag labeled with your child's name. Accidents happen and this ensures that your child can continue on with their day. If your child has no extra clothes at school, we will call you to drop off items or pick them up from school.

Change of Clothes

- Students should have an extra pair of clothes, including underwear, at school.
- Place your child's items in a ziplog bag and label with their name. If we use the extra pair, send in another!

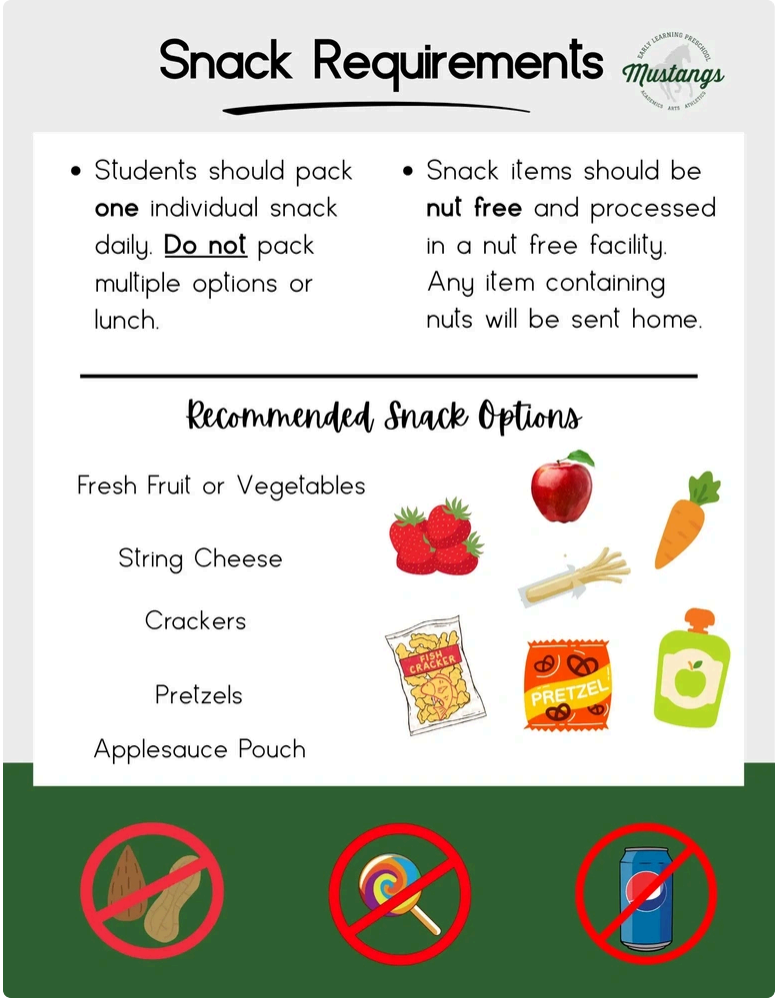




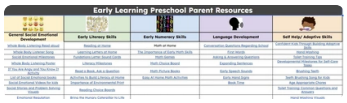
If your child does not have a change of clothes, you will be required to drop a pair off or pick them up if they have an accident.

Snack Reminder

Label your child's snack with their name!



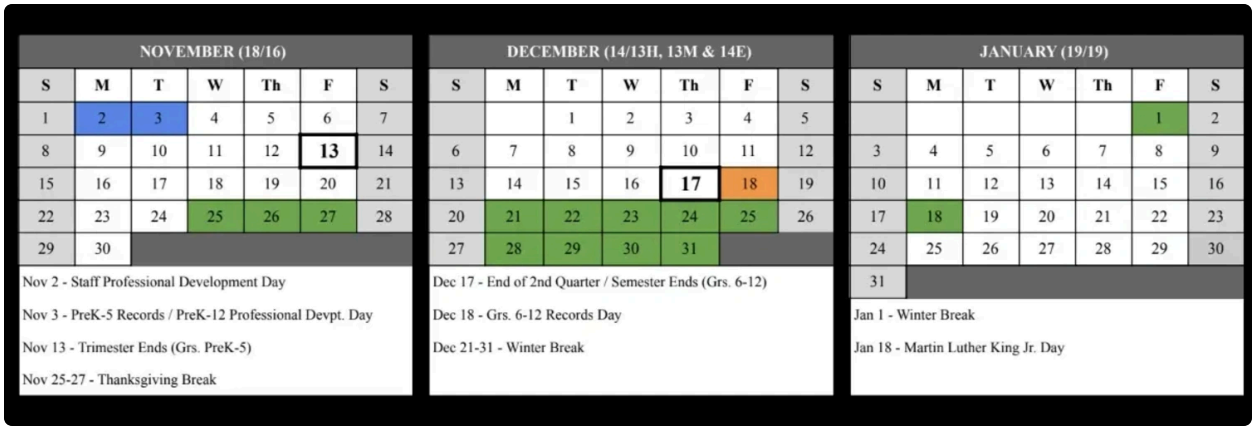
Parent Resource Hub



We have created a parent resource "hub" that includes many valuable resources for families as they navigate their child's preschool experience. I encourage you to utilize this resource when you require more information on topics such as developmental milestones, social emotional development, and community resources. This resource is updated periodically.

Click Here for "Hub"

SCS Academic Calendar (Nov-Jan)



NOVEMBER (18/16)

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Nov 2 - Staff Professional Development Day

Nov 3 - PreK-5 Records / PreK-12 Professional Devpt. Day

Nov 13 - Trimester Ends (Grs. PreK-5)

Nov 25-27 - Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER (14/13H, 13M & 14E)

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Dec 17 - End of 2nd Quarter / Semester Ends (Grs. 6-12)

Dec 18 - Grs. 6-12 Records Day

Dec 21-31 - Winter Break

JANUARY (19/19)

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Jan 1 - Winter Break

Jan 18 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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