

ASBURY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

2016-17

Parents' Handbook

“ACDC” is a Community Ministry of
Asbury United Methodist Church
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**Welcome to Asbury Child Development Center
Please keep this handbook as a reference throughout the year.**

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ACDC's pre-school and kindergarten programs are certified by the Maryland State Board of Education. All ACDC teachers and director meet state teaching requirements with college degrees. In addition all have courses in early childhood education, as well as a minimum of 12 hrs. of continuing education annually.

Other ACDC requirements include:

- Maintenance of CPR participation
- Refresher first aid
- Pre-employment TB tests (Only if at risk) and good-health affidavits from doctors
- State and Federal criminal background checks

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Calendar:

2016 - 2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 6 – 1st Day of Class for Kindergarten

September 7 – 1st Day of Class for M-F & M/W/F

September 8 – 1st Day of Class for T/TH

September 21 – 1st Day for Lunch Bunch and MOTS

October 10 – 14 – Scholastic Book Fair & Fire Prevention Week

October 11 & 12 – Class Pictures – 3's, 4's and Kindergarten

October 21 – **ACDC CLOSED** – MSTA Convention

October 28 – Kindergarten Luncheon

November 9 – Buffalo Wild Wings Fundraiser

November 10 – Race for Education Celebration – T/TH **AM** Classes

- 2's & 3's – 9:30 10:30
- 4's & K's – 10:30 – 11:30

November 11 – Race for Education Celebration – M/W/F, M-F **AM** Classes

- 2's & 3's – 9:30 10:30
- 4's **PM** – 1:00 – 2:00

November 21 – Thanksgiving Feast –

- 3's & 4's **AM** – M/W/F & M-F
- 4's **PM** M/W/F, M-F
- MOTS/LB scheduled

November 22 – Thanksgiving Feast –

- 3's – T/TH **AM**
- Kindergarten
- MOTS/LB scheduled

November 23 -27 – **ACDC CLOSED** – Thanksgiving Holiday

December 7 – 3's Nativity Program – M/W/**FAM** & M-F **AM**

December 8 – 3's Nativity Program – T/TH **AM**

December 14 – Christmas Program –

- 2's, 3's, 4's **AM** – M-F, M/W/F
- 4's **PM** – M/W/F, M-F
- Kindergarten

December 15 – Christmas Program –

- 2's, 3's T/TH **AM**
- Kindergarten
- **Mrs. Smith – M-F**

December 19-January 1 – **ACDC CLOSED** – Christmas Holiday

January 16 – **ACDC CLOSED** – Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday

February 15 – Priority Registration

February 20 – **ACDC Closed** - Presidents Day

February 21 – **ACDC Closed** – Staff Development/Kindergarten in session

March 10 – **ACDC Closed** – Staff Breakfast

March 15 – Open Registration

March 30 – Family Fun Carnival

April 13 – **ACDC Closed** – Make up snow day for Kindergarten

April 14 – 17 – **ACDC Closed** – Easter Break

April 26 – Field Day –

- 2's, 3's, & 4's **AM** - M/W/F, M – F (10:00 – 12:00)
- 4's **PM** - M/W/F, M-F (1:45 – 3:30)

April 27 – Field Day –

- 2's, 3's - T/TH **AM** (10:00 -12:00)
- Kindergarten (10:00 – 12:00)

May 3 & 4 – Rain Date for Field Day (Same schedule as above)

May 10 – Mother's Day Tea –

- 3's and 4's **AM** - M/W/F
- 4'S **PM** – M/W/F, M-F

May 11 – Mother's Day Tea –

- 3's – T/TH, M-F
- Kindergarten

*May 18 – Last Day of School – T/TH

*May 19 – Last Day of School – M/W/F, M-F

May 26 – Last Day of School – Kindergarten

*The week of May 22-26 will be used for make-up snow day for M/W/F, T/TH, and M-F classes if needed.

Total school days for Kindergarten students equals 170 days.

“Weather/Emergency” Closings & Delays:

***Please sign up for our remind text messages and emails which will alert you for any and all closings and delays! You can also watch WBOC-TV to check for closings and delays.**

Weather/Emergency Closings & Delays

If school closes early, ACDC will not have an afternoon session. If in doubt, you may call the school number. There should be a weather related message on the answering machine if no one is available to answer your call. **THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A “REMIND” TEXT SENT OUT! Please make sure you complete the form and return it to the resource room.**

Fog Delay Policy

DUE TO FOG, ACDC will open on time if there is a 1 hour delay for Wicomico County. If there is a 2 hour delay for Wicomico County, ACDC will open at 10:00 AM and dismiss at regular time (12:00PM). Afternoon sessions will be on schedule (as well as LB/MOTS, if scheduled for that day). ACDC will have a maximum of one (1) hour delay due to any fog delays that are announced.

Snow Delay

Parents will be notified of a snow delay or closing by text, email or they may tune into WBOC TV for updates. If you wish to receive a text or email, please complete the form and return it to the resource room.

PARENTAL DISCRETION IS ALWAYS ADVISED AS TO ATTENDANCE IN INCLEMENT WEATHER

Health Policies

Parents and/or guardians are expected to keep sick children at home. If your child is not well enough to participate in daily activities and outdoor play, he or she should not come to school. The following explains our policy for temporary exclusion of sick children.

You are required to keep your child at home if he or she has:

- Temperature of 100 degrees or more (99.5 degrees under arm)
- Intestinal problems with diarrhea and/or vomiting
- Any type of undiagnosed or contagious rash
- Any type of communicable illness (i.e. chicken pox, measles, impetigo, pink eye, strep, etc.)
- Congestion or mucous discharge of the nose (excessive and green/yellow in color) or ears
- Discharge from the eyes (conjunctivitis, see above)
- Has been taking medication for less than 24 hours

A child that exhibits any of the above symptoms may not return to school until he or she has been free of the symptoms for 24 hours. A child must be fever free without the aid of medication for at least 24 hours prior to his or her return to school. The staff of ACDC will not administer medication to reduce fever. For contagious illnesses, children should be kept home until a doctor verifies that the period of contagion has passed.

(1) Be sure a completed medical and updated immunization form is in school office on or before August 12th. Students enrolled at ACDC will not be permitted to attend on the first day of school without a completed Health Inventory on file.

(2) As is explained in our registration materials, students in the three-year old and older classes **MUST** be toilet trained. Should your child have frequent accidents on the school premises, at the discretion of the director, enrollment may be terminated. We do not encourage the use of pull-ups nor do we suggest that your child be forced into becoming toilet trained. For the overall sound health of your child, and because our classes, except for two-year olds, have no changing facilities, we must enforce the toilet-trained policy. **If there is a medical issue we are not aware of, please inform the director immediately.**

(3) Be sure your child's teacher has been informed **in writing** of any allergic reactions including foods child should not eat as well as any medical conditions the teacher should be aware of.

(4) Keep your child home if he/she is feeling sick, or if he/she has a fever, rash, unusually red eyes, or if he/she has vomited.

(5) Should you wish not to have your child participate in outdoor or playroom activities, please make arrangements to pick up child early or come stay with child during the class's scheduled playtime.

(6) Please notify the director and your teacher to report any communicable illness by calling 410.742.7058. The director will notify parents that their children may have been exposed to a communicable illness and will provide the following information:

- The name of the communicable illness
- The symptoms of the illness

(7) COLDS - To protect everyone involved, please keep a sniffing child home for 3 days until the most contagious stage has passed and you have determined he or he/she has no other infections.

(8) At the discretion of the director, a child may be sent home if there is suspicion of contagious symptoms.

(9) Any illness lasting three or more calendar days requires a written statement from parent or physician to readmit a child to class.

*In an effort to provide a safe and healthy environment for all children and staff members in the school, we ask that all parents/guardians adhere to the ACDC health policies explained above. Asbury Child Development Center is exempt from the requirements of title III of the Americans with Disability Act, section 1.5000.

Clothing

(1) Unless otherwise instructed by your child's teacher, (in case of accidents) it is recommended that children bring to school each day in their backpack a change of clothing. A paint smock will be provided by the school. If an ACDC change of clothes has to be put on your child, we ask that you wash and return same to school at your child's next school session. Parents of non-potty-trained 2- yr. olds will be asked to bring in disposable diapers.

(2) Keep your child from wearing their best clothing as some of our activities are active and messy.

(3) Make sure your child is wearing **safe** clothing and shoes for climbing and other active activities as well as weather appropriate clothing.

(4) Outer clothing, (jackets, mittens, hats, boots, etc.) should be labeled with your child's name or initials. Check "Lost & Found" box in Resource Room (#121) periodically if your child should lose any of the aforementioned.

Personal Possessions

- (1) Encourage your child to bring interesting things (bugs, worms, books, or items related to the day's or week's focus).
- (2) Discourage "Super Hero" type toys, guns and any toys you or your child might be disappointed to have lost or broken at school.
- (3) If your child's class has "Show & Tell", please let your child bring only one item.

Arrival and Dismissal

- (1) The entrance door is locked until 10 minutes before the scheduled arrival/dismissal time and will re lock 10 minutes after the scheduled arrival/dismissal time. Bring your child to school promptly at 9:00 A.M. or **12:45 P.M.** and pick up him/her promptly at 12:00 P.M., 3:00 P.M. or 3:30 P.M. Prompt pick-up is important to many teachers who have either afternoon classes to prepare for or their own children to greet at home after school. Please, no early arrivals unless you are a parent-helper, your child's teacher needs time for room and activity preparation. Late arrivals disrupt the flow of the classroom and activities already in progress. Prompt pick up for Lunch Bunch is 1:30 P.M. & M.O.T.S. is 3:00 P.M. **(The cutoff time for signing up for MOTS or Lunch Bunch is 4:30 the day prior to the date of service).**
- (2) Sessions are planned on the basis of children arriving promptly. Your child's teacher will indicate when she is ready to receive children for class by making visible a "WELCOME" sign or by having the classroom door open.
- (3) **Please sign your child in and sign your child out every day for class on the form provided.**
- (4) We ask that good-byes be brief but reassuring to your child. You may wish to help your child find his coat hook and help him place his belongings, especially 2 & 3 yr. olds or new student 4-yr. olds. If possible try to have good-byes at the classroom door. Then, we ask you **not** to linger in the classroom or at the door to chat with other parents so as not to distract your child or other students.
- (5) Plan to be on call the first couple of weeks if your child is not happy with his new situation
- (6) Unless otherwise instructed by your child's teacher, please do not open classroom door before dismissal time. To insure safe dismissal teacher will open the classroom door and call individual children as quickly as possible.
- (7) **Your Teacher will dismiss children from the classroom 1 child at a time. Please do not leave with your child unless the Teacher has dismissed them.**
- (8) If you are sending a person who is authorized on your emergency list, but the teacher is not familiar with him/her, please have him/her come to the **Resource room** to have his/her photo identification copied and a "pick-up" pass will be distributed.
- (9) Please give your child's teacher and the Resource room special written permission if someone other than person indicated on application will be picking up your child. Advise your car-pool

person to come to the Resource room to have his/her photo identification copied and a "pick-up" pass will be distributed.

- (10) If you need time to talk with the teacher or need a conference, give your teacher a call at home, or you may wish to give her a written message at arrival time, especially if there is something she needs to be aware of such as your whereabouts during school time if not at home. It is helpful to sign the "I'm Off To...." sheet posted on your child's class bulletin board. PLEASE DO THIS EACH TIME YOU PLAN TO BE SOMEWHERE OTHER THAN HOME DURING CLASSTIME.
- (11) Use the large parking lot on south side of building and south entrance (opposite playground area) to enter and exit building. NO CURBSIDE PARKING WILL BE ALLOWED as a safety measure for children. DO NOT USE EAST ENTRANCE. FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY REASONS, THIS DOOR WILL REMAIN LOCKED. The east parking lot is for Salisbury University and unauthorized cars may be towed at owner's expense. Please be extremely cautious while driving through parking lot. NO DRIVING INTO OR PARKING IN STAFF PARKING SPACES BETWEEN BUILDING AND PLAYGROUND FENCE AND ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING THAT IS RESERVED FOR SALISBURY UNIVERSITY.
- (12) Please note bulletin boards by classroom and resource room at arrival and dismissal time. Advise driver, (if not the usual one) to do same. It is important that notices, class projects, etc., are delivered home with the child.

Parent Participation

(1) On your registration form you have committed to spend some sessions with us. It will be helpful to the teacher and fun for you to watch your child interacting with other children. In accordance with our Registration Brochure and the parent-helper contract you signed on the application, parents are to sign-up on calendars posted on bulletin board outside their child's classroom:

- 2 sessions/week = 5-7 times/year (depending on child's age group)
- 3 sessions/week = 8-10 times/year (depending on child's age group)
- 5 sessions/week = 13 times/year
- Kindergarten = 1 time/month

PLEASE DO NOT SIGN UP ALL YOUR TIMES IN ONE MONTH – SPREAD PARTICIPATION THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. If something comes up on the date for which you are signed up to help and you simply cannot make it, please call another parent – perhaps they will be willing to switch dates with you. Also, advise your child's teacher of the change. Spouses, grandparents, or other relatives are welcome as helpers. If it appears that some parents are not signing up as parent-helper, the child's teacher will assign a date on the calendar for that parent. Please remember: Parent Helper is your responsibility. If you cannot make it, it is your responsibility to find a replacement, not the teacher's. Teachers greatly appreciate the help parents provide in the classroom.

(2) Parent helpers are required to sign the volunteer book located inside the resource room each time they help. By signing in, ACDC will be able to identify parents who are non-compliant with respect to volunteering and take the appropriate action needed.

- (3) **Please refrain from using or taking pictures during class with your cellphone unless it is discussed with the teacher prior to class. We especially ask that you do not post any pictures of classmates to social media as you may be in violation of the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998 (COPPA) and could be held civilly or criminally liable.** Remember..... this is a special time to share with your child as well as being as extra set of hands for his/her teacher.
- (4) Become familiar with PARENT-HELPER INSTRUCTIONS (see section in this handbook). During the sessions for which you have signed up to be present in the classroom these instructions will be a guideline for you to know what to do. Teachers greatly appreciate the help parents provide in the classroom.
- (5) **PARTIES & SPECIAL SNACKS** - Let the teacher know if you plan to send in a treat for your child's birthday, or a special snack any other time. Keep plans for refreshments simple. Special cookies are preferable to cake, which usually ends up to be a mess and, for the most part, not eaten. If you wish to supply a favor to be taken home by children (hat or balloon, for instance), please provide only one such item for each child. If you are planning to invite classmates to a party outside of school, please do not pass out invitations at school unless all class members are invited.
- (6) Parents are asked to provide healthy snacks. On the day you have signed up to help, we need you to provide the snack and one can/jar of juice for your child's class. Please bring only 100% juice (NO JUICE DRINKS, INCLUDING HI-C, no frozen, nor powdered juices) or low fat milk. Please be sure no home-canned goods are used for snack/beverage. Parents who miss their assigned snack day will be asked to replenish the snack provided by ACDC. Please bring only a non perishable healthy snack and 100% juice to replace the snack provided by ACDC.
- (7) With the increasing number of children developing allergic reactions to peanuts and peanut products, we find the number of children attending ACDC with peanut allergies increasing as well. This allergic reaction to peanuts and peanut products can be very serious. Therefore, we ask all parents from any class where there is a known peanut allergy (you will be informed at the beginning of the year) to double check all package labeling on any snack brought in to make sure it does not contain any peanuts, nut products, oils, nor has been manufactured in a plant processing peanut products. We all appreciate your efforts for the safety of our children.
- (8) Your child's class may go on several field trips throughout the school year. You signed a general field trip permission slip on the Registration form. Check the bulletin board for dates of these trips. Parents may be welcome to accompany the class on such dates and these trips are possible only with your volunteering to transport several children. **NO SIBLINGS PLEASE IF YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR TRANSPORTING AND CHAPERONING CHILDREN IN CLASS.**
- (9) **CHILD SAFETY SEATS** – If you are not driving your child on field trip day, you must send an approved child car seat to school (labeled with child's name); or provide for your child's school file a written waiver from Maryland State Police. ***It is Maryland State law that all children under age 8 will have to ride in a booster seat or other appropriate child safety seat. The law does not apply to children who are at least 4 ft. 9 in. tall or those who weigh more than 65 pounds. Children between the ages of 8 and 16 who aren't in***

a car seat must wear a seat belt. Unless there is written parental permission, a child is not to ride in front seat of vehicles with airbags.

- (8) Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled as needed and requested by parent or teacher.
- (9) Family Night for the entire school is held at least once a year.
- (10) **DISCIPLINE POLICY** - Parents are urged to respond in a cooperative effort to support consistent discipline measures, i.e. review class rules, redirect play, and supervise time-out as directed by teacher. Children should receive the same message from parents as they do from the teacher. Children who behave in aggressive ways need an adult's close supervision, and parents must actively engage in firm but positive intervention when helping in the classroom. We accept the right of each parent to discipline his/her children in his/her own way; however, we ask that parents not shout at nor spank children in the classroom (including their own children). Shouting and demeaning remarks lower self-esteem, and hitting disrupts and frightens the other children. Should there be a conflict with parents' disciplinary philosophy, a teacher-parent conference may be necessary. Conferences will be held whenever appropriate measures taken in the classroom are ineffective to determine the next course of action that will most benefit all concerned.
- (11) **INCLUSION** - Parents are asked to be tolerant and cooperative in meeting the needs of all the students in our center, some of whom may be developmentally impaired or handicapped. Our center is a community ministry, and, by law, including special needs students in public schools is a fact. Parents, like our teachers, are urged to help our children understand that differences in one another can be accepted and that they are all children, each with special needs and special gifts. They are all students in pre-school, and they are all here to learn and develop socially at their own pace and in a manner that helps prepare them for life.

Special Education Services

The Wicomico County Board of Education can provide special education services, birth through age twenty. The services include diagnostic assessment and special education programming.

CHILD FIND:

- Infants & toddlers call: (410) 677-5250), Jenny Colbourn
- Children ages 3-5 yrs. call: (410-677-5250), Dee Maddox
- Children age 5 & up call: (410) 677-4507), Jane Moore

General

- (1) **RESOURCE ROOM LIBRARY** - With your help through the donations of books, we would like to further develop our library. We will accept donations as follows: children's books, teacher resource books, and parenting books in good condition. Parents may borrow parenting books (indicated by an orange sticker) - come in, browse, ask, and borrow.

- (2) To help develop dramatic play areas in our classrooms, parents can donate items for such areas. (Examples: doctor, nurse, or hospital area; grocery store; post office; camping; woodworking shop; beauty or barber shop, etc.)
- (3) Keep your child's teacher and the school office informed of any changes that make information on your application no longer pertinent.
- (4) Feel free to contact your teacher with the phone number or email address provided at orientation.

Tuition Payments and Enrollment

Sessions/ Week	Sessions/ Year	Emergency Closing Allowance	Cost per Month	Cost per Year
2	63-65	2	\$160	\$1440
3	93-95	2	\$200	\$1800
3 P.M.	93-95	2	\$185	\$1665
5	156-160	4	\$260	\$2340
5 P.M.	156-160	4	\$245	\$2205
5 Kindergarten	170	Per School Calendar	\$310/\$375	\$2790/\$3375

Each child is assessed a one time, non-refundable **materials fee/maintenance** due by **July 1, 2016**, according to the following schedule:

- 2 Sessions/week - \$90
- 3 Sessions/week - \$125
- 5 Sessions/week - \$200
- Kindergarten - \$210

Tuition payments are paid monthly, semi-annually, or annually. Please make checks payable to Asbury Child Development Center (ACDC) and mail or bring check to the School or Church Office. Write the teacher's name and your child's name in the memo space on the check. **Payments are due the first day of each month. We do not send out statements unless you are delinquent in payments. A past due payment of \$20.00 will be applied to the regular tuition payment received after the 10th of the month. If, by the end of the month, tuition and the applied late fee have not been received, your child will be considered withdrawn from ACDC.** Payment schedules can be worked out with our school office if there is a temporary or special financial need.

A \$30.00 CHARGE WILL BE ASSESSED FOR EACH RETURNED CHECK-----

(In addition, a \$20 late fee will be added if NSF not cleared before tuition due date for a total of \$50.00).

Tuition checks should be put in the brown payment box on table in Resource Room. Checks also may be mailed to ACDC, 1401 Camden Ave., Salisbury MD 21801 in the envelopes provided to you. Please place your child's name on check. Please do not leave cash in brown payment box. Take cash to the resource Room and receive receipt.

Withdrawals

- (1) Parents must submit the ACDC Intent to Withdraw Form, available in the Resource Room (#121), a minimum of ten school days prior to the child's withdrawal date. **Two weeks' tuition will be charged for any withdrawals short of ten-day notification.**

*Please note that tuition is based upon your child's enrollment rather than his/her attendance. After your initial/annual registration, your child is automatically enrolled each month during that school year. If you wish to withdraw your child from Asbury Child Development Center, you must complete a withdrawal form to terminate your tuition obligations. Until your withdrawal form is received, your child will remain enrolled, and you will be expected to pay tuition for each month regardless of whether or not your child is in attendance.

- (2) Registration fee, pre-paid tuition (May-2017) and Materials Fee are non-refundable for 2016-2017 school year withdrawals.
- (3) The Director reserves the right to request withdrawal of a child if after a period of time if he/she seems not able to adjust to the school environment.

Registration guidelines for school year 2016-2017

- **Member registration** - Passed by The ACDC Board of Director's on March 22, 2016, Children and grandchildren of ACDC staff members and children of AUMC church members may register their child the week before priority registration. They do not have to have a child currently enrolled to register at this time. They may also register during any of the other remaining registration events. Fees required at registration include the registration fee and last month's tuition (May 2018). You may also pay the materials/maintenance fee at this time or you may defer payment until 07/01/17. Turn the completed registration form in and required fees to room 128 any time during the week of 02/06/17 – 02/10/17. AUMC church member status will be verified prior to registration approval.
- **Priority registration** – Registration for returning students and their siblings. Parents should arrive at ACDC the day of registration, 02/15/17, between 8:45 and 9:00. You are considered a late arrival after 9:00. Late arrivals will be called only after everyone else has registered. You will be given a number for the age group you are registering for and numbers will be drawn by age group lottery style. When your number is called please turn in your completed application and a check or cash with the required fees. The minimum amount due is the registration fee and last month's tuition (May 2018). You may also pay the materials/maintenance fee at this time or you may defer payment until 07/01/17.
- **Open registration** - Registration for students new to ACDC. Parents should arrive at ACDC the day of registration, 03/15/17, between 8:45 and 9:00. You are considered a late arrival after 9:00. Late arrivals will be called only after everyone else has registered. You will be given a number for the age group you are registering for and numbers will be drawn by age group lottery style. When your number is called please turn in your completed application and a check or cash with the required fees. The minimum amount due is the registration fee and last month's tuition (May 2018). You may also pay the materials/maintenance fee at this time or you may defer payment until 07/01/17.

Important dates to remember for the 2017-18 school year:

02/06/17 – 02/10/17: Priority registration for AUMC church members and ACDC staff only.

02/15/17: Priority registration for returning students and siblings of returning students.

03/15/17: Open registration for students new to ACDC.

Parking lot etiquette for safety

Vehicles moving to and from the parking lot, especially in areas of parked vehicles:

- Slow your vehicle to one to two miles per hour.
- Open windows (at least four inches) and turn down radio to listen for exterior sounds such as children laughing or parents calling commands, etc...

Walking Children to and from parking lot and building:

- Caution child not to remove seatbelt or exit vehicle without your guidance.
- Allow children to exit your vehicle from one side only and stand on the same side of the vehicle child is exiting.
- Safest advice is to **always** hold the child's hand as adults are easier to see due to height.
- Do not let child walk freely! Remember their age; they do not always listen. If you want to talk with other parents with your child present, please do so on the building sidewalk or grass areas and please hold child's hand at all times. We prefer conversations take place inside the building or inside fenced playground with the gate closed, remembering that you are still responsible for your child.

These parking lot safety guidelines apply to all ACDC field trips as well



July 2016

Notification Letter (AHERA)

Dear Parents:

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). The law requires all schools, kindergarten through twelfth grade, to be inspected to identify any asbestos-containing building materials. The law further requires the development of a Management Plan that is based upon the finds of the inspection and to outline our intent to control the potential for exposure to asbestos fibers in our school.

Our visual inspection took place on July 20, 2016 and is re-inspected every 6 months. Asbury Child Development Center is in full government compliance.

A copy of the Management Plan is on file in the Building Manager's Office for your review.

Sincerely,

Casey Taylor , Director
Asbury Child Development Center

Parent – Helper Guidelines

On the day that you are a parent-helper, because this is a special time for you to watch and interact with your child and other children in class, WE ASK THAT YOU DO NOT BRING SIBLINGS TO CLASS. Sign up early on calendar found on teacher's bulletin board, so that you have plenty of time to make arrangements for siblings.

The following are guidelines to help you be more comfortable as a Parent-Helper. Most of these things will come naturally. These suggestions are your authorization to dig in and be a "Teachers' Assistant".

- (1) **Please refrain from using or taking pictures during class with your cellphone unless it is discussed with the teacher prior to class. We especially ask that you do not post any pictures of classmates to social media as you may be in violation of the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998 (COPPA) and could be held civilly or criminally liable.** Remember..... this is a special time to share with your child as well as being an extra set of hands for his/her teacher.
- (2) Become informed of teacher's plans for the day and where/how she can best use you.
- (3) Assist in final steps of room preparation and help welcome children into classroom – especially those who are obviously not comfortable.
- (4) Follow through with stated themes and goals whenever possible in conversation & free play.
- (5) Assist in group activities by encouraging all children to come to the group, helping direct their attention to the activity and taking part in finger plays, songs, etc.
- (6) Be flexible and free to pursue whatever spontaneous opportunities present themselves during playtime or informal conversations.
- (7) Inform teacher of immediate concerns of children.
- (8) Respond to individual children.
- (9) Facilitate interaction.
- (10) Reinforce positive behavior. (See Parent Handbook, Discipline Policy, #9, p.6).
- (11) If painting, HELP CHILDREN HELP THEMSELVES to put on and take off paint smock, place painting in designated place when finished, wash hands & put away smock.
- (12) When creative activity time is finished, take responsibility for cleaning up table, wiping with sponge and cleaner if necessary, and putting materials away. Do initial clean-up of sticky spills on floor. During this time teacher may be free to be involved with children.
- (13) Help in setting up snack - children may be assigned snack duties and they may need your guidance. Same goes for cleaning up snack.
- (14) Help see that room is in order toward end of session.
- (15) Watch for signals from teacher.
- (16) Be aware of "Telephones" or "Near-by" help for emergencies and "Emergency Exits".
- (17) We prefer cell phones be turned off during class time unless you anticipate an emergency call.