

Welcome to Barrington Elementary School!

Dear New Barrington Family,

As the New Family Network Chairs and PTO President-Elects, we would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Barrington and to Upper Arlington. There are many wonderful opportunities in our schools and community. This handbook was created with the intention of helping you navigate through your first year so that you feel at home and part of the school and community more quickly. The recommendations made herein are from several Barrington families and are simply suggestions from families much like your own, of things we find useful in our community and many wished they had known about when they arrived. We hope this packet helps your transition. We are so happy to have you here and are here to answer any questions you may have.

Warmest Regards,

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Important Barrington Contact Information

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Joshua Bower, School Nurse.....	5003
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SACC (School Age Child Care... ..	5030
Kitchen.....	5031

To email a staff member type their first initial then last name
@uaschools.org *

Example: ncooper@uaschools.org

Attendance Email: barringtonattendance@usaschools.org

District/School Website: www.uaschools.org

PTO Website: www.barringtonpto.org

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Any other questions/concerns, please contact
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* There are some exceptions to this rule, which will be detailed in the school directory.

Helpful Hints to Navigating the School Year

Bell Schedule:

8:00 am - Students may enter the playground (or the cafeteria in inclement weather) 8:10 am - Students report to classrooms
8:15 am - Tardy bell/School begins
2:50 pm - School Dismissal

School Lunches:

Each child uses their student number to manage their lunch accounts at school. Students who have not yet memorized their number may use their names. This will allow them to buy lunch and snacks in the cafeteria. You can manage their lunch account via the district website at www.uaschools.org and clicking on the EZPay tab connected to "Lunch Menus & Payment". Menus are posted on the schools website every month. They are also conveniently located in the Principal Updates which are sent each Sunday. If a child's account is negative, the school will serve them lunch and will notify you via email of their account status.

Stop, Drop and Go:

Many families walk to school. Many will also park in the area and walk their kids up to the school. Stop, Drop, & Go is a third option where you may drop off/pick up your children along Barrington Road, running from Northwest Blvd to Andover Rd. There are aides and teachers helping from 8:00-8:15am and again from 2:50-3:05pm (Note: Children are not to arrive earlier than 8:00am for their own safety).

Pull as far forward as you can and you may let the kids out once you are in the coned zone. On poor weather days, this backs up around and onto Northwest Boulevard. Most teachers understand if they are a little late. At the end of the day, if you want a spot along Barrington Road, you should arrive by 2:30pm and bring a book; arrive even earlier on rainy/snowy days. If your child is not out by the time you get to the front of the line, please pull forward so that other cars may get by.

Teacher Gifts:

The room parents of your student's class will collect money for a combined teacher gift for winter holiday, teacher's birthday, and the end of the year. You are also always welcome to give your own gift individually. Both are entirely optional.

SACC (School Aged Child Care):

Before school (7:00-8:15) and after school (2:50-6:00) care is provided through SACC, which is housed in the cafeteria and gym at Barrington. Children are supervised and allowed to play, do homework, watch movies and/or read. Please contact SACC coordinators (barrsacc@uaschools.org or 487-5180 x5030). Please plan to sign up for this early as it fills up quickly and can be difficult to reserve your child's spot. There is an opportunity to be placed on a waitlist as well.

Classroom Volunteer Opportunities:

Each teacher offers different opportunities for parent involvement in the classroom. Your child's teacher and/or the assigned room parent will help to coordinate these opportunities (including classroom parties) and sign ups. Volunteering in the classroom offers a great opportunity to understand how the classroom operates and spend some quality time with your child. If you are arriving as a new family to Barrington in the middle of the school year, let your child's teacher know if you'd like to help out or contact your classroom room parent(s) to get connected with a volunteer opportunity at a classroom party.

PTO Volunteer Opportunities:

Volunteering for PTO is a great way to support the school and meet other parents. Sign up forms can be found online [on the PTO website](#). Committee descriptions can be found there as well under "Volunteer".

Class Parties:

Fall, Winter, Valentine's Day, and End of the Year are the four classroom parties throughout the year. Fifth grade has a separate End of the Year party to celebrate their graduation from elementary school. The parties are the last 50 minutes of the school day (2:00-2:50 pm) and parent volunteers help with snacks, games, crafts, activities, etc. Siblings are also welcome at this time. Room parents coordinate sign-ups

for each classroom. Special Note: A Halloween parade takes place on Halloween from 1:30-2:00 pm prior to the class party. All parents are welcome as this is an outside event. If there is inclement weather, the parade does move inside and sadly, parents are unable to attend. Be sure to plan to come to the parade, even if you are not volunteering for the class party that day; it is adorable! The office will send out full details of our fall celebrations prior to the event.

Visiting Barrington:

For the safety of our school, ALL visitors must enter through the front door, sign-in at the office and receive a printed visitor's badge. A driver's license is required in order to obtain a visitor's badge. Upon leaving the school please stop by the office to sign-out and dispose of your badge.

General School Calendar

AUGUST:

Teacher Assignments: Approximately ten days before the start of school, an email will be sent notifying you to log into [PowerSchool](#) to view your child's assigned teacher.

Bobcat Kick-off: This is our school's Meet the Teacher event, which takes place the day before school starts from 4:00-5:30 pm. This is an open house style event so you can come anytime during this window of time.

What is Bobcat Kick-off?

- All families are invited to navigate through the school and learn about new things happening with support of our PTO, purchase spirit wear, connect with other students, families, and staff members.
- Students also have an opportunity to get a sneak peek into their classrooms and meet their classroom teacher.

Parent Information Night: A parent only information night with your child's teacher. Make sure to attend this event as a lot of information is given out regarding how the classroom operates, teacher expectations, homework, classroom volunteer opportunities, sign-ups for conferences later in the year, schedules for the week, and much more. It is a great night to ask questions and make a connection with the teacher. The dates for these events are published in the Principal Updates emailed every Sunday beginning in late July and through the end of the school year in May. Be sure to read these emails when they come!

SEPTEMBER:

No School: September 2nd

Early Dismissal: Throughout the school year, there are dates that all students are released early so that the staff can participate in required training. These dates and times can be found on the district website on the most recently updated [academic calendar](#).

The first early dismissal this academic year is on September 18th at 1:00 pm.

School Pictures: Pictures will be taken during the school day on **Thursday, September 26th** this year. Please keep an eye out for more details to come via your email.

OCTOBER:

Parent Teacher Conferences: Teachers will be in contact via email to schedule parent/teacher conferences.

No school: October 11th and October 14th

Early Dismissal: October 8th at 11:05 am

Making Tracks for Bobcats: October 4th

Fall Parade & Parties: October 31st

NOVEMBER:

Picture Retakes: November 1st

No School: November 5th

Thanksgiving Break: November 17th –
November 29th

DECEMBER:

Winter parties: December 20th

Winter Break: December 21st – January 6th

JANUARY:

Students return to school: January 7th

No School: Jan 20th

Early Dismissal: January 22nd at 1:00 pm

Kindergarten Info Night: TBD

Parent Teacher Conferences: TBD

FEBRUARY:

Valentine's Day Parties: February 14th

No School: February 17th

MARCH:

Spring Break: March 15th to March 24th

Early Dismissal: March 27th at 11:05 am

APRIL:

No School: April 18th

MAY:

No School: May 6th

Staff Appreciation Week: May 5th through May
9th

Clown Around & Field Day: May 16th

End of Year Class Parties: TBD

Early Dismissal & Last Day of School: May 29th
at 1:00 pm

Suggestions from Barrington Families

Healthcare Professionals: Pediatricians/Physicians

Messick and Thompson Inc.
Craig Thompson M.D.
4919 Dierker Road, Columbus
614-457-4952

Riverside Pediatrics
4885 Olentangy River Road, Columbus
614-267-7878

OSU Internal Medicine
895 Yard Street, Grandview
614-293-7980

Central Ohio Medicine
4030 W. Henderson Road, Columbus
614-442-7550

Pediatric Associates
4595 Trueman Blvd., Hilliard
614-529-0771

Pediatric & Adolescent Medicine
5072 Reed Road, Upper Arlington
614-326-1000

Women Physicians in OBGYN
3525 Olentangy River Road, Columbus
614-734-3347

Olentangy Obstetrics & Gynecology
3802 Olentangy River Road, Columbus
614-569-2229

Orthodontists

Marshall Orthodontics
1535 Old Henderson Road, Columbus
614-451-6464

Monfort Zwick Orthodontics

Max Sports Medicine
3705 Olentangy River Road, Suite 260, Columbus
614-533-6600

McConnell Heart Health Center
3773 Olentangy River Road, Columbus
614-566-5356

Dentists

Bethel Grove Dental Group
1914 Bethel Road, Columbus
614-457-6649
Hilliard Advanced Dentistry
5132 Norwich Street, Hilliard
614-876-8766

Little Ones Pediatric Dentistry
Dr. Johnson
1600 Lane Avenue, Upper Arlington
614-602-5004

Grandview Dental Care
1220 Grandview Avenue, Grandview
614-486-7378

Chad Cacchio
1700 W Lane Avenue, Unit 100, Upper Arlington
614-488-1313

Grandview Elite Dentists
Dr. Inessa Bertman-Zats
1500 W. Third Avenue, Grandview
614-725-4500

1570 Fishinger Road, Unit G, Columbus
614-451-1240

Cook & Mess Orthodontics
Dr. Mess
2060 Arlington Avenue, Upper Arlington
614-481-8297

Hair Salons

Akada Hair Salon
1635 W. First Avenue, Grandview
614-488-9967
Jessica Costa Hair
6315 Sawmill Road, Dublin
419-545-3630
jessicacostahair.com

Tina Hensley
Salon Lofts in Grandview
614-746-1991

Ambushed Salon (*a curly hair salon*)
16 W. Poplar Avenue, Columbus
614-824-2067

Nurtur the Salon Aveda Salon
1581 W. Lane Avenue, Upper Arlington
614-487-3003

Boys/Mens Haircuts:
Alfred's Barber Shop
3237 Tremont Road
614-457-5432

Upper Arlington Area Preschools

Trinity United Methodist Preschool (TUMPS)	1581 Cambridge Blvd	614-488-3659
Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (<i>also has K-Club, an after school option</i>)	2001 Northwest Blvd	614-486-9433
First Community Church	1320 Cambridge Blvd	614-488-0681
Montessori Children's House	1375 Francisco Road	614-451-5567
St. Agatha Child Care Program	2767 Andover Road	614-488-3322
Upper Arlington Child Care - Burbank	4770 Burbank Drive	614-487-5155
Lane Ave. Baptist Church (Child Nurturing Center)		614-486-5567
OSU Child Care Center	725 Ackerman Road	614-292-4453
Fundamentals Learning Center	1449 Chambers Road	614-488-3544
Mountview Baptist Church Early Learning Center	2140 Fishing Road	614-451-8691
Riverside United Methodist Pre-school	2701 Zollinger Road	614-486-5202
Upper Arlington Lutheran Church (UALC)	2300 Lytham Road	614-451-3736

**Many schools begin registration and enrollment in early February.
Waiting lists are available and most schools end up going to their lists to fill open spots.**

Local merchant tips:

Shopping Centers

Easton Town Center - All outdoor shopping. Nordstrom and Macy's are here with MANY other well-known stores like Crate & Barrel & Restoration Hardware. A must see! Huge selection of restaurants too. Great for whole family or just mom and dad. Kids can run through fountains in the summer. Legoland discovery center and American Girl Doll Store also here.

Lane Avenue Mall - Local strip mall with Athleta, Ulta & Whole Foods to name a few.

North Market Bridge Park - Indoor market with many "walk-up" restaurants and merchants to explore. Awesome for kids and to get a taste of all things "local." Bridge Park has an excellent Farmer's Market in season on Saturdays.

Polaris - Large indoor mall with Saks 5th Avenue and Macy's as anchors. There is an indoor "zoo" play structure for little ones.

Movie Theaters

Carriage Center- Discounted post-release movies! At the corner of Sawmill and Bethel Roads. Get here via Riverside Drive heading North. After a movie there is a Graeter's Ice Cream store with an indoor "ice cream themed" play area just down the street.

Grandview Theater - located in downtown Grandview; small theater with great food & drinks

Lennox- Lennox Center by Target at the "end" of Waltham/Kinnear Road. This is the closest big theater.

Post Offices

Grandview - 1391 Grandview Avenue, located right in downtown Grandview.

Upper Arlington - 1822 Henderson Road, Columbus, OH 43220

Coffee Shops

Crimson Cup – Owned and operated by a Barrington family on the corner of Northwest and Lane Avenues.

Starbucks with drive-thru – Three very close by:

1. Lane Ave near North Star Road
2. Tremont Road near Kingsdale Shopping Center
3. Fifth Avenue in Grandview

Stauf's Coffee Roasters - An old favorite coffee house, located in downtown Grandview.

Colin's Coffee - locally owned on Riverside Drive and Fishinger Road (inside the Daily Growler)

Luck Bros' Coffee - 1101 West 1st Avenue in Grandview

Grocery Stores

Giant Eagle Market District - in the Kingsdale Shopping Center

Littleton's Market – locally owned; Tremont Center in the heart of Upper Arlington

Kroger – Chambers Avenue in Grandview

Trader Joes – two locations: Easton Town Center and on Sawmill Road in Dublin

Whole Foods – Lane Avenue

Home Improvement

Nutter Hardware - UA family owned and operated; Located in the Kingsdale Shopping Center

Ace Hardware - Located on Fifth Avenue in Grandview

Department of Motor Vehicles (www.bmv.ohio.gov)

Hilliard Drivers Education Station

4738 Cemetery Road, Hilliard, OH 43026, 614-921-8946

Kenny Center

4503 Kenny Road, Upper Arlington 43220 (in Staples parking lot), 614-459-4441

Restaurants

Brassica – Located on Lane Avenue. Mediterranean fast food (*Chipotle style line order and sit*)

Carsonie's – Locally owned and located on Lane Avenue. Great pizza & stromboli.

Chocolate Café – Located on Northwest Blvd. Great family option. Kid friendly.

Chop 5 – Located on Lane Avenue. Great lunch spot for bowls and salads.

Dewey's – Located on Fifth Avenue in Grandview. Great pizza. Good family dining.

Hudson 29 – Located on Lane Avenue. A slightly nicer dining experience that is still kid-friendly, but also a great date night.

LaChatelaine – Located on Lane Avenue. Bakery and French cuisine.

Local Cantina – Located on Lane Avenue. Tacos and kid friendly.

Lupo – Tapas fare located on Arlington Avenue in the Mallway.

Moretti's - Tremont Center. Italian cuisine that is great for families, or just date night.

Old Bag of Nails – Locally owned; Tremont Center

Piada – Located on Lane Avenue. Italian street food (*Chipotle style line order and sit*)

South of Lane Café – Great breakfast and lunch spot located on Arlington Avenue in the Mallway.

SOW Plated – Healthier fare located on Lane Avenue.

The Rusty Bucket – Located on Lane Avenue. Popular spot for families and sports watching.

Family / Kid Activities

Anthony Thomas Chocolate Factory – 1777 Arlingate Lane, Columbus; gives tours

Brush Crazy – Bethel Road; art

Clay Café – Firth Avenue; pottery painting; holds birthday parties

Columbus Museum of Art – free days are Sundays

Columbus Zoo – Powell, Ohio; one of the best zoos in the country!

COSI - downtown Columbus; Science Center

Franklin Park Conservatory- Indoor & outdoor fun; Fantastic children's garden.

Get Air - Mill Run, Hilliard; trampoline park; holds birthday parties

Graeter's Ice-Cream - indoor playground inside shop at Bethel Road location; bring socks!

Legoland Discovery Center – Easton Town Center; holds birthday parties

Metro Parks - <http://www.metroparks.net> - *If you go to 5 Metro Park programs in Columbus your child can receive a collectable badge.*

Libraries:

Downtown Columbus Main library: Set up similar to Barnes and Noble; Great kids area.

Grandview Library: Also provides free concerts & storytime outside in the summer.

Upper Arlington Library: www.ualibrary.org

Out of Town Activities:

Canoe at Mad River: <https://birchbarkcanoelivery.com/>

Hocking Hills: Easy hiking with kids and plenty of shade and cool weather in the area. We suggest seeing things in this order: Old Man's Cave Ash Cave, Rock House, Cedar Falls and Cantwell Cliffs

Getting Wet Activities:

Powell Splash Pad - 47 Hall Street in Powell; There is a shelter for shading, bathrooms close by, and a playground right next to the splash pad.

Reed Water Park - Upper Arlington Parks & Rec water park on Reed Road in Upper Arlington.

Scioto Mile Fountain - www.sciotomile.com/explore/scioto-mile-fountain Downtown Columbus

Zoombezi Bay - The water park at the Columbus Zoo.