

Dear Hawken Community,

With the beginning of the New Year, we would like to share some exciting news regarding the Lyndhurst campus community and the Lower School in particular. With the opening of the state of the art Middle School, additional classroom space has become available to the Lower School. This additional space allows us to expand our Early Childhood program and offer a range of choices to meet the needs of children and families. Beginning in the fall of 2007, there will be two classrooms for three-year-olds and two classrooms for Pre-kindergarten. The options for these classes will be:

Preschool for Three-Year-Olds will be offered on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:30-11:00 a.m. There will be an option in January to extend this to five days adding in Thursday and Friday. In addition, students may attend lunch 1, 2 or 3 days a week the first semester and up to 5 days a week in the second semester. We are also pleased to announce there will be an afternoon enrichment program available 1, 2, or 3 days a week from 12:15-2:45 p.m. in the first semester and up to 5 days a week in the second semester.

Preschool for Three-Year-Olds will be offered on Monday through Friday from 8:30-11:00 a.m. A lunch option is available for 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 days and an afternoon enrichment will be offered 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 days from 12:15-2:45 p.m.

Pre-Kindergarten will be offered Monday through Friday from 8:30-11:00 a.m with the option to add lunch 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 days. The afternoon enrichment will also be available 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 days from 12:15-2:45 p.m.

From its inception, the Hawken Early Childhood program has served the needs of young children with developmentally appropriate curriculum. However, our programmatic choices have been limited. With this growth, we can provide opportunities for greater choice and flexibility; this is a good match for our parent community. We are excited about offering morning classes to our youngest students, with a variety of enrichment options in the afternoons. We believe this configuration will support an ongoing effort to provide an exemplary Early Childhood program for Hawken and the greater Cleveland community.

Please share this news with friends and neighbors who may be interested in our new Early Childhood offerings. If you have questions or would like more information regarding these changes, please call Mary Beth Hilborn, Early Childhood Coordinator (440-423-2044) or Sally Zarney, Director of Admission, Lower and Middle Schools (440-423-2074).

Sincerely,

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