Dear Families:

What an exciting time of year as we reacquaint ourselves with familiar faces and welcome all the new families into our Campus Pre-School community. Although one can never have enough summer fun, we hope that you share our excitement and enthusiasm for the start of a new school year.

This newsletter will introduce you to our very dedicated CPS staff. We are sorry to say that Irene, Mary, Kathryn, Megan, Michele, and Jen have left CPS due in part to retirement, graduations, family need, and pregnancy. We wish them all of the best as they move forward with their lives and careers. Maybe we will even see a couple around as subs in the future. Please take a moment to stop by and welcome our new staff members into our CPS community.

At the beginning of each month our newsletter is filled with timely information and both our newsletter and our menu will be available on our website at www.binghamton.edu/campus-pre-school. Copies can also be found on the bulletin boards outside the office that are dedicated to CPS School News, Health & Safety, and Community Events. Help yourself to information that you find of interest. If you have any questions or concerns, or just want to say hello, please stop by the office.

Each year CPS offers ways for families and parents to participate in the program. We are highly sensitive to parent’s busy schedules but recognize the importance of parent involvement. Throughout the year there will be a variety of events. Some involve fundraising, networking with other parents, parenting tips, classroom participation and special events, as well as parent/teacher conferencing. In addition to these opportunities, families are also asked to participate in an annual Family Survey. The survey, created by the NAEYC (the National Association for the Education of Young Children), will be useful in making improvements center wide.

Thank you for choosing Campus Pre-School. We are committed to fulfilling our mission of high quality care for young children in a safe nurturing and enriching environment while contributing to the development and well-being of individuals and families.

Looking forward to a wonderful year for everyone!

Peg Smith
Executive Director

Make sure you have submitted your contact sheet in the event of an
Emergency Rave Alert!

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**Welcome from the Director**

**Meet the Administrative Staff**

**Peg Smith—Executive Director—** I am extremely happy to be starting my 16th year at CPS. The diversity and resourcefulness of our children, families, and staff make the CPS/BU Community the place to be!

**Peggy Carney, Assistant Director—** This is a wonderful facility and I am sure you will feel the same way. Stop in and visit— I want to meet all of you!

**Philip Strawn, Finance Manager—** I am very excited to be on the team with this great facility and staff. It should be a fun year. If you need anything from me, please don’t hesitate to ask!

**Donna Miele, Administrative Assistant—** I have been with CPS for over 9 years. I am looking forward to another exciting year!!!

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**Parent Handbooks**

You received your Parent Handbook in your parent folder the first week of school. If you did not receive one, please see someone in the Office.

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**Back to School!**
### Wee Bears

**Kelly Barton**, Lead Teacher—Kelly has been teaching at CPS & ECC for 27 years. She has a degree in Early Childhood Education and a Bachelor's Degree in Administration. She enjoys gardening, crafts, and spending time with family & friends.

**Louise Sezenias**, Asst. Teacher—Louise will be starting her 15th year at CPS & ECC. She has a BA in Psychology. In her spare time she enjoys caring for her pets, reading, and gardening.

**Sue Hughes**, Asst. Teacher—This is Sue's 14th year at CPS. She enjoys spending time with her 4 grandchildren, and taking them to the park and going on walks.

### Bear Cubs

**Chris Matthews**, Lead Teacher—This is Chris's 29th year with CPS & ECC. Chris has a degree in Early Childhood Education. Outside of CPS she stays very busy with her 6 grandchildren.

**Megan Mitchell**, Asst. Teacher—Megan has a Bachelor's Degree in Counseling and Human Services, and a Master's Degree in School Counseling. She enjoys reading, traveling, and spending time with her husband, Corey.

**Sheila Maniates**, Asst Teacher—This is Sheila's first year at CPS. She has an Associates Degree from BCC in Liberal Arts and Human Services and a Bachelor's Degree from BU in Human Development. She enjoys spending time with her family and pets.

### Pooh Bears

**Alisha Ortu**, Lead Teacher—This is Alisha's 2nd year at CPS. She graduated from SUNY Oswego with a BA in Human Development—focus on Children and the Family. She also has her Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education from the University at Buffalo.

**Megan O'Hearn**, Asst. Teacher—This is Megan's 16th year at CPS & ECC. She has a degree in Early Childhood Education. She enjoys the outdoors, reading, outdoor grilling, and is looking forward to another exciting year.

**Nicole Lally**, Asst. Teacher—This will be Nicole's 2nd year at CPS. She loves to read, and play with her Bassett Hound, Bella.

### Honey Bears

**Tina Fetten**, Lead Teacher—Tina has a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education/Early Intervention from Marywood University. This will be her 3rd year at Campus Preschool.

**Brenda Maslar**, Asst. Teacher—This is Brenda's 13th year at CPS & ECC. She has a degree in Early Childhood Education. In her spare time she enjoys reading, quilting, and spending time with her family.

**Scott Swanson**, Asst. Teacher—This is Scott's first year at CPS. He just graduated from Binghamton University with a degree in Human Development and English. He enjoys fishing, camping, and coaching baseball.

### Teddy Bears

**Gabe Kopansky**, Lead Teacher—This is Gabe's 24th year with CPS & ECC. She has a degree in Early Childhood Education. Gabe enjoys working out, running, and spending time with her husband and two children, Justin & Kaitlyn.

**Michele Holowatch**, Asst. Teacher—Michele has a degree in Early Childhood Education. This is her 15th year at CPS. She loves spending time with her family and 3 children.

**Renee Fabrizi**, Asst. Teacher—Renee has a degree in Elementary Education from Elmira College and a Masters Degree in Reading from BU. This is her 5th year at CPS. She enjoys baking, scrapbooking, and spending time with her 2 children and chocolate lab.
**Panda Bears**

Claire LaBonte, Lead Teacher– Claire has been with CPS & ECC for 14 years. She has a degree in Early Childhood Education. During her free time, Claire likes to ski, bike, hike, garden, and kayak.

Stacy Paradiso, Asst. Teacher– Stacey has been working with children for 7 years. She has a dual degree in Theatre and Early Childhood Education. She also teaches and performs at EPAC in Endicott.

**Grizzly Bears**

Nicole Verrastro, Lead Teacher– Nicole graduated from SUNY Cortland with a Bachelors Degree in Early Childhood/Childhood Education. In her spare time she enjoys playing volleyball & photography.

Kat D’Andrea, Asst. Teacher– This is Kat’s 11th year with CPS. She is an artist in her spare time and was lucky enough to paint the murals here at CPS. She also enjoys being Production Manager for KNOW Theatre here in downtown Binghamton.

**Polar Bears**

Nicky Auerbach, Lead Teacher– Nicky has a Master's Degree in Childhood/Early Childhood Special Education, and over 4 years of experience working with children. She enjoys outdoor recreation, cooking, and art. Recently Nicky painted a mural for "Enchanted Scoops" of Binghamton; Go check it out!

Jane Stuart-Andrus, Asst. Teacher– Jane has a Masters Degree in Education with a specialization in 3-5 year olds. She has been teaching at CPS & ECC for 39 years. Jane loves to travel, enjoys visual, musical and dramatic arts. Visit her bookstore RiverRead in Binghamton.

**Floaters**

Bea Brenchley, Floater– Bea floats to all of our classrooms as needed. Bea has 11 grandchildren, and had her first great granddaughter in 2005! Her great-grandchildren increased to 4 in Oct. 08. Many of the CPS children call her “Gramma.”

Carolyn Torrico, 4’s Floater– Carolyn has her degree in Early Childhood Education as well as 12 years experience working with preschool aged children. She enjoys hiking, fishing, and football in her spare time. Go Giants!!!

Jamie Tammariello, Floater– Jamie has a degree in Elementary Education and has taught various grade levels over her 21 yrs. of experience. She has 2 children, and enjoys traveling, collecting children’s books, scrapbooking, and yoga.

**Kitchen Staff**

Janet Reuscher, Head Cook– Janet has experience in many levels of restaurant management. She has a degree in Small Business Management. She enjoys working with children, and food preparation. She has a son, a daughter, 3 granddaughters, and a grandson.
Parking
If you come to CPS to visit for an extended time, we suggest you follow one of the below suggestions due to very strict parking policies at BU.
* Park in one of the normal drop off sites, but you must leave your flashers on.
* Stop at the visitor’s booth as you enter campus and purchase a one-day pass. With that pass, you can park in the East Gym lot and do not have to leave your flashers on.
* Park in one of the metered spots across from the front door, but you pay 25 cents.
* Do not park in the handicap spots (unless that applies) or the spot with the red state parking only sign.

CPS Staff Birthdays
* 8/18 Michele Holowatch
* 9/10 Claire LaBonte
* 9/11 Jamie Tammariello
* 9/13 Kat D’Andrea
* 9/17 Sheila Maniates
* 9/23 Brenda Maslar

Regulations On Administering Medication
In your parent mailbox is a copy of the form that must be used when your child needs medication. We suggest that you keep a copy in your car so when you are taking your child for a sick call, you have the form for the medical professionals to complete. We will not be able to administer any medicine if you do not provide all of the information on that consent form. Additional copies are available in the CPS office.

Undergraduate Students
Are you eligible for Block Grant Subsidy?
Please see Peg

SEPTEMBER TUITION BILLS
Tuition bills for September will be in your parent folders (in your child’s classroom) by the first week of September.

Please contact our Business Manager, Phil, if you have any questions regarding your bill:
campuspschool@gmail.com

PICK UP TIMES
For Half Day pickup-by 12:50pm
For Full Day pickup-by 5:20pm

Emergency Contact
Please make sure all of your emergency/pick-up information is correct for your child(ren). There may be a time when we can’t reach you and will need to contact someone on the list. It is EXTREMELY important that we have all of the correct contact information.

CAUTION
University Police frequently monitor the speed of cars coming down to the childcare center. To avoid being stopped, keep your speed under 5 MPH.