



EXTENDED CARE PROGRAM 2011-2012

WELCOME NEW FAMILIES AND RETURNING FAMILIES TO THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR! My name is Debora Diggins and this will be my fourth year directing the after-care program at GUS. Susan Wilson, who was with the after-care program last year, has decided not to return to the after-school program in order to devote more time to other interests. Therefore, there is an open position for an after-school teacher to work with me for the coming school year. The hours are 2:45-4:15, Monday-Friday. Please contact me if you know someone who may be interested in this position.

Please read the following information about our extended care program. The enrollment forms for kindergarten and for grades 1-8 are included. Please return your completed forms as soon as possible. If you have any questions about any of the following information, please email me at ddiggins@gus.org, or call 978-927-1064 x131.

BEFORE-CARE PROGRAM: Before-Care runs from 7:30 to 8:00 each school day. It will continue to be supervised by Bruce Emerson, Athletic Director. The Before-Care Program meets in the gym in Braemar.

Daily Rate: \$225 (one day per week for full school year)
Yearly Rate: \$900 (five days per week for full school year)

AFTER-SCHOOL CARE: The After-School Care Program runs from 3:00-5:30 Monday-Friday. After-care will meet in the Library at 3:00. We will offer a variety of activities, depending upon the interests of the children.

A. AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES 3:00-4:00 MONDAY-FRIDAY FOR GRADES K-5

When students arrive each day, they will receive a snack. Then they will choose an activity consisting of some simple arts/crafts, board games, or outdoor play.

Daily Rate: \$400 (one day per week for full school year)
Yearly Rate: \$1,700 (five days per week for full school year)

B. AFTER-CARE MONDAY-FRIDAY 4:00-5:30 FOR ALL GRADES

Students participate in supervised homework time, reading, drawing, board games, Legos, and other indoor activities.

Daily Rate: \$500 (one day per week for full school year)
Yearly Rate: \$2,000 (five days per week for full school year)

C. FULL PROGRAM MONDAY-FRIDAY 3:00-5:30

Daily Rate: \$800 (one day per week for full school year)
Yearly Rate: \$3,400 (five days per week for full school year)

DAILY DROP-IN CARE

An occasional use drop-in service is available for students who are not enrolled in after-school care. The fee is \$15 per hour per child or \$40 maximum per family. There is a \$7.50 minimum. Please notify the classroom teachers and me prior to the 3:00 dismissal if your child is attending after-care.

KINDERGARTEN EXTENDED DAY: Kindergarten children have the option of staying at school on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 12:00-3:00 for the special extended day program in the kindergarten room. Children eat lunch together, spend time outdoors, and participate in a variety of activities utilizing the kindergarten materials. Art projects, building blocks, dramatic play, cooking, stories, and games are part of the afternoon schedule. Ms. Billings will be providing extended care for kindergarten from 12:00-3:00 on Mondays and Wednesdays, and I will provide K extended care on Fridays. At 3:00 the kindergarten children may be dismissed in the lower school car pool, or may join the lower school in the after-care program in the library. On Tuesdays and Thursdays when the kindergarten program is a full day of school, kindergarten children may join the after-care program at 3:00. **THERE IS NO EXTENDED CARE AVAILABLE ON NOON DISMISSAL DAYS EXCEPT FOR PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE DAYS.** Please refer to the enrollment form for rates.

AFTER-CARE DISMISSAL

Students who are being dismissed at 4:00 are escorted to the back parking lot car pool. Children who are dismissed at 4:00 at the carpool line **MUST** say goodbye to the after-care staff before getting into their car. Caregivers and parents who pick students up outside of the car pool dismissal at 4:00 **MUST** sign-out their child with a member of the after-care staff.

LATE CHARGE

There will be a \$10 late fee charged for pick-ups that occur after 5:30 pm.

EARLY RELEASE DAYS

There is after-care available on all early release days **EXCEPT** for the following:

- Grand Friends' Day Noon Dismissal
- December 16 Winter Break Noon Dismissal
- Last Day of Classes

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE DAYS

On Parent-Teacher conference days, there is free drop-in care for the duration of your child's (or children's) conference. Additional care on conference days **MUST** be arranged in advance with the Director.

SASSY – We will continue to offer specialty after school classes that have been successfully offered in the past. We have a new ballet teacher who will join us this fall, and chess, after-school arts, and possibly other SASSY classes will be offered. SASSY classes will be announced prior to the start of school, if possible.

CONTACT INFORMATION: Call Debora Diggins, Director of After-School Programs before school dismissal at 978-927-1064 x131. Between 3:00-4:00 you may leave a message for After-Care staff with the front desk receptionist.