

**BEDFORD RECREATION
KIDS' CLUB
September 2016 News**



September 2016 Calendar

As the new school year begins, please remember that Wednesdays are Early Dismissal days in Bedford. The children eat lunch at school and snack is provided at Kids' Club, but because children eat so early, they are often very hungry at snack time so please feel free to send a "second" lunch with your children.

- 1 Payment for September care is due today.*
- 2 Last Day of Summer Fun.*
- 5 Kids' Club is closed for Labor Day.*
- 6 Regular Before and After School schedule at Kids' Club (no extended hours for Kindergarten orientation)*
- 25 All schedule changes for October are due today.*



KIDS' CLUB IS IN GREAT DEMAND! - Once again this year, KIDS' CLUB has seen a marked increase in the number of Bedford families needing school age child care. Currently, KIDS' CLUB is full to capacity for the school year.

When days of care are “dropped” from a child’s schedule, KIDS’ CLUB is obligated to offer the spot to a wait-listed family. We are reminding all to be aware of this when planning child care. Thank you!

Reminder Regarding THE “NO CALL” POLICY – Parents are required to call KIDS’ CLUB by 2:45 PM if children will not be arriving at KIDS’ CLUB as indicated on their Scheduled Care Form due to illness or change in plans. A “No Call” fee of \$20.00 will be assessed for each occurrence that parents fail to inform KIDS’ CLUB of absence due to illness or change in plans. When children who are expected at Kids’ Club do not arrive, staff immediately begin attempts to reach the school and parents/guardians to ensure that the child is safe.



TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM KIDS’ CLUB – The Bedford Public



Schools provide bus service to KIDS’ CLUB for all children going directly to or coming directly from the Lane and Davis Schools. Parents are asked to contact their children’s SCHOOL OFFICE AND TEACHER to inform them that Kids’ Club is the afternoon destination (and to provide the specific schedule as some children do not attend KC all five days). The Lane School bus departs KIDS’ CLUB at 7:45 a.m. and the Davis School bus departs KIDS’ CLUB at 8:40 a.m. Please note: Kindergarten children are not transported on Sept. 6, Kindergarten Orientation Day.

Staffing Notes:

Kids' Club has a new director! Will Vallely, a longtime assistant program director in the Newton Public Schools, and seasonal employee at the Bedford Recreation Department, has moved into his new role as Kids' Club Program Director. Will is excited to join the Kids' Club community and looks forward to getting to know you and your family. Please take a minute and stop by the Kids' Club office and say "hi."

Goodbyes:

Kids' Club wants to wish good luck to several staff members who will be leaving KC as they return to their own schooling at colleges throughout the country. Ben Johnson, Zack Walters, Allister Williams, Aaron Lee, Ryan Barners, and Autumn Legister-Cummins will all be headed to college for another academic year. We hope to see them soon during school vacation weeks and, hopefully, for Summer Fun 2017! We would like to thank them all for being such great additions to our Kids' Club community and for their hard work throughout the summer.

Welcomes:

As we say, "good-bye," to several staff, we also say, "welcome!" to several staff who are returning to or have joined our community for the school year.

- Carly Weaver will be returning to Kids' Club after a summer at Summer Adventures.
- John Thompson will be joining us this school year, also after a summer at Summer Adventures.

- *Chauncey William joined our staff this summer and he will continue throughout the school year in the after school program. Chauncey is finishing his last year at Bedford High School!*
- *Chris Wesinger will be returning to Kids' Club after spending the summer as Operations Manager at Springs Brook Park.*