

Welcome back to school!

Dear families,

We would like to welcome you to the 2020-2021 school year at Topeka Collegiate! We are the directors of the **Extended Day Programs** for students in Prekindergarten through 8th grade. For those of you who do not know us, here is a little introduction.



Rebecca Bonilla – Extended Day Director

“This will be my third year as the program director. I am looking forward to the 2020-2021 school year even more than any other year because I miss the students and the care providers so much. This year all care providers are returning ones which will be great for our students. My main goal continues to be to help students transition from their school day to the after-care and/or afternoon adventures by making that time a positive, productive and fun environment. My other goal is to support parents and help them in any way I can. Please feel free to call, email or stop by my office.”

Mindy Johnson – Extended Day Assistant Director

“This will be my sixth year at Topeka Collegiate, and I absolutely love it here. Meeting the needs of children, families, faculty, staff, and administration is my top priority. This year I will be assisting Jodi in the Development office and helping Rebecca with the Extended Day programs. I'm super excited for another fun school year! Although the world seems a little uncertain at times, one thing you can always count on is the continuous high quality education and experience at Topeka Collegiate.”



In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, **students who attend after-care or adventures will need to bring a third mask for the day.** We are also asking families not to enter the building during pick-up and drop-off this year. **All students attending before-care should enter the main entrance doors regardless of their designated door.** Please walk your student to the door or watch them enter the building from your vehicle before leaving.

For after-care, we are excited to announce a courtyard circle drive pick-up line this year! Any parent who does not pick up their student at the designated dismissal time will pick up their student in the courtyard circle drive. To allow middle school students to safely cross the courtyard at dismissal, the circle drive will not open until 3:50 PM. If parents arrive after dismissal but before 3:50 PM, they will need to wait on Hope Street until the gate is unlocked. Families will drive around to the fence on the south side and wait by the windows to the extended day room. They should send a message to the **Google Voice number 785-422-7382 (4CareTC)** to let the extended care staff know they are there to pick up their student. Extended care staff members will look through the windows and verify that the person in the car is on the student's authorized pick-up list. If the staff does not recognize the person, they will walk the student out to the car and ask the person for an ID.

Students attending adventures will be escorted to the main entrance. If their parents are not waiting outside, they will check into after-care and be picked up in the circle drive.

We are committed to meeting your family's needs. Please email us if you have questions.

Thank you,

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Meet the Staff

Our staff really make the programs what they are today. They take the time to personally get to know each student and provide individualized care. The extended care providers ensure all students feel valued and welcome, creating an environment in which students can start and end their days in a positive way. Most of you already know Mrs. Ruth Bammes, Miss **Elena Blum '11**, Mrs. Ariel Garrett-Crone, Miss **Trinity Barnett '17**, and Mr. **Eric Collazo '13 (T)**.

Ruth Bammes: Before-care Program PK-8th (Monday thru Friday)

"I am truly excited to be part of the Extended Day team once again. Topeka Collegiate has been my home for 29 years as a teacher, administrator, and parent. Beginning the day with the students in before-care is a wonderful way to check in with what is happening at other grade levels before heading to second grade and my students there. I look forward to greeting your children and helping them start off their day on the right foot."



Trinity Barnett '17: After-care Program PK-8th (Monday)

"My name is Trinity Barnett, and I am currently a senior at Washburn Rural High School. I graduated from Topeka Collegiate in 2017. In my free time, I like to bake and hang out with my friends. I have always enjoyed volunteering at this school and helping with the kids at camps. I am so excited to be a member of this staff again this year."

Elena Blum '11: After-care Program PK-8th (Monday thru Friday)

"This year will be my fifth year as a staff member at Topeka Collegiate. I attended the school as a student for 9 years and graduated from Topeka Collegiate in 2011. I am currently a student at Washburn University where I am pursuing a degree in Psychology. I also work at the Topeka Zoo. This is my second year as an intern in the education department at the zoo. I have always had a passion for working with children. Getting to come back and work with the kids at this school is something I only dreamed of, and I am eager to work with these kids again and become part of their Topeka Collegiate experience!"

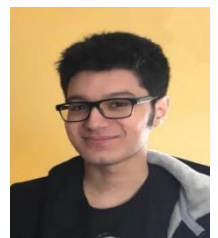


Ariel Garrett: After-care Program PK-8th (Wednesday thru Friday)

"Hi, my name is Ariel Garrett. In addition to working in the Extended Day Program, I am also the Prekindergarten Teaching Assistant and Summer Adventures Director. Working at Topeka Collegiate has been so enjoyable for me, and I am excited to continue my journey here! I hope to provide the best care possible to the children who come to our after-care program!"

Eric Collazo '13 (T): After-care Program PK-8th (Monday thru Friday)

"As an alumnus, it is a great feeling to be part of the Topeka Collegiate staff. I started volunteering and then subbing in after-care. Right away, I felt in love with this fun job. Each kid is unique, and I enjoy getting to know them, helping them, and playing with them. I am very excited to be working every day of the week this year!"





Extended Day Offerings

Kindergarten - 8 Adventures

Time: Usually 4:00-5:00 PM (exceptions are listed in the Adventure catalog)

Description: Various fun art, academic, athletic and recreational classes.

Fee: \$15 per adventure per week (charged monthly on family FACTS account)

Enroll: Must enroll by semester. Catalogs are distributed prior to each semester.

Kindergarten - 8 TAT

Time: 5:25-6:00 PM

Description: Tutoring, Academics & Technology class in the new L³ Lab

Fee: \$300/semester (no class on half-days)

Enroll: Aug. & Dec./Required, No drop-in

Spots Available: 15

Prekindergarten - 8 Extended Care

Morning

Time: 7:35-8:10 AM

Description: Homework & free choice

Fee: \$0.10/minute or \$6.00/hour

Enroll: Drop-in, no enrollment/reservation

Availability: All school days except 1st day of school

Afternoon

Time: 3:40-5:25 PM

Description: Homework & free choice

Fee: \$0.10/minute or \$6.00/hour (\$300 for TAT if picked up after 5:30 PM)

Enroll: Drop-in, no enrollment/reservation

Availability: All FULL school days

**After office hours, call extended care Google Voice Number:
785-422-7382 (4CARETC).**

8:00 AM Start

1st grade

3rd grade

Arrival Window

7:50 AM - 8:00 AM

7:50 AM - 8:00 AM

Dismissal

3:15 PM

3:15 PM

Door

Main Entry

Eagle Foyer

8:10 AM Start

Kindergarten

5th grade

Arrival Window

8:00 AM - 8:10 AM

8:00 AM - 8:10 AM

Dismissal

3:25 PM

3:25 PM

Door

Main Entry

Eagle Foyer

8:20 AM Start

Prekindergarten

2nd grade

4th grade

Arrival Window

8:10 AM - 8:20 AM

8:10 AM - 8:20 AM

8:10 AM - 8:20 AM

Dismissal

3:35 PM

3:35 PM

3:35 PM

Door

Main Entry

Main Entry

Eagle Foyer

8:30 AM Start

Middle School

Arrival Window

8:20 AM - 8:30 AM

Dismissal

3:45 PM

Door

Eagle Foyer

Commons is available for individual study time for Middle School students at 8:00 AM.

Extended Care

Before-care

After-care

Arrival Window

7:35 AM - 8:10 AM

3:40 PM - 3:50 PM

Dismissal

Class start time

3:50 PM - 5:25 PM

Door

Main Entry

Courtyard

DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) will be from 3:15 PM - 3:40 PM for students who are not picked up at their designated dismissal time. Student who attend DEAR will check into aftercare at 3:40 PM and can be picked up between 3:50 PM and 5:25 PM in the courtyard circle drive.