

Welcome to Bloom After School!

Enrollment is now open for John Glenn & Minnie Cline Elementary Schools. Students from Helena & Amazonia will be able to bus to Minnie Cline. Only After School care will be provided at Minnie Cline and John Glenn locations. Months of Operation are January-June, August-December.

Bloom will be open after school until 5:45 pm. Snacks will be provided daily.

Weekly Enrichment activities will include education, safety lessons, arts, crafts, special guests, special treats, and lots of fun.

# ADMISSION PROCEDURES:

- 1. Complete enrollment and make initial payment of \$30 Annual Registration Fee and \$50 First Week Tuition.
- 2. Complete State Required Registration Forms and submit no later than the first day of participation.
  - a. child's enrollment form
  - b. health forms
  - c. Immunization record
  - d. Field Trip permission slip
  - e. medication authorization

# COMMUNICATION:

With any questions or concerns, please contact your on-site Bloom staff members or Mary Ingersoll, Owner at 816-646-2404 or <u>mary@inspirationsdancecenter.com</u>

You can expect to hear from us primarily via e-mail. Additional communication channels will include our new App that will be launched later in the Fall.

#### **TUITION & BILLING**

The cost for the program is \$50 per week for care Monday-Friday.

Payment is due on Thursday for the following week. Cash or check payments may be made in person before Thursday, or your credit or debit card on file will be charged on Thursday.

No daily drop-in rate is available at this time.

Tuition will be adjusted for holidays and closures due to weather but cannot be waived for any other reason.

### PICKUP/RELEASE OF CHILDREN

Bloom After School is open from school dismissal until 5:45 pm. Late pickup will be charged at \$1/minute. Only After School Care will be provided at both locations.

Children will be allowed to leave with someone other than a parent only if permission has been given to the staff on site, on enrollment form, or in writing by the parent. Please make sure that if someone other than the parent is picking up the child that they have their ID with them. Staff will request identification before they can allow the child to leave with anyone other than the parent.

If your child attends extracurricular activities or has any other kind of arrival/departure change within the period he/she is enrolled with the program, please communicate this to the site staff. This information will need to be in writing and signed by the parent.

Our staff are to make every effort to keep a child from getting into a vehicle with a parent under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Caregivers are instructed to call law enforcement to provide transportation for the child and parent. Caregivers are not to provide transportation. Caregivers are required to report suspected cases of child abuse and this includes the report of parents who appear to be impaired by drugs and alcohol.

# INCLEMENT WEATHER

Bloom will not open if SR3 issues an early dismissal due to inclement weather. Most of our staff are not on campus before 3:00, so would not be available for an unplanned early dismissal. Further, we would not want to put their safety at risk if road conditions are not good. In the case of an already scheduled non school day such as a Holiday or PD day we will not be open, as well as if they call for a snow day due to weather.

# ILLNESS POLICY

Students should not attend Bloom After School if they do not feel well or are exhibiting signs of illness. These symptoms may include but are not limited to: Fever, cough, headache, nausea, vomiting, sore throat, diarrhea, and loss of smell or taste.

#### GOALS

Bloom After School strives to provide a fun, safe and enriching environment for our students.

Weekly Enrichment Activities will be offered to keep our program exciting and fresh, and provide exposure to new ideas and activities.

### ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Students will gather in the designated area after school dismissal. They will be asked to use the restroom and wash hands and then will be served a snack.

Outdoor play will be encouraged for all children if weather permits. Indoor options will also be available. This will include but not limited to things such as crafts, playing with blocks, dramatic play, reading books, puzzles, games, basketball, tag, four square, etc.

### CHILD CARE PRACTICES & POLICIES

Bloom After School centers on the principle of mutual respect. We will respect your child and expect that children and parents will show respect for our staff and leadership.

If a child is not respectful to others or to property, they will be given a warning. After two warnings, further discipline may be necessary and may include being asked to sit out of activities, writing sentences and speaking with parents.

Children are to remain with the group and staff at all times.

Children will be expected to take care of all materials and equipment respectfully, properly, and to return items to their proper place when they are done with them, when changing activities, or when leaving for the day.

They should arrive at the program promptly, so they are where they are supposed to be and not wandering the building. Children should not bring money, toys, food, or other items not necessary for school activities to the program.

Their personal property, such as coats, backpacks, etc. need to be cleared from the child care room at the end of each day.

Children deserve a pleasant and harmonious environment while enrolled in our program. The program cannot serve children who display chronically disruptive behavior. Parents will be kept informed from staff of their child's behavior.

# DISCIPLINE

Discipline will be handled with positive reinforcement and redirection. If a child is physically harming another child, time out will be used until the child has control of him/herself. If the child continuously acts out in a physical manner toward other children or staff, a parent meeting will be held to discuss what can take place between the parents and the provider for a discipline plan that will be used

consistently at home and at Bloom After School. These conferences would include parents, child, and caregivers. If the actions continue your child may be discharged from the facility.

# DISCHARGE

As we all are aware, not every environment suits every child. If a child is having problems adjusting and they are harmful to other students, or staff, and we have tried all avenues of discipline the child may be discharged from the program. We will try our best to accommodate each child by the disciplinary actions and parent meetings stated above, but some environments don't suit each and every child. If your child encounters problems at the program and you think it is in his or her best interest to be removed from the program, a two week written notice must be given, with tuition paid.