



To: All Onondaga Central BASCOL Parents/Guardians
From: Candace B. Edwards, Executive Director
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RE: SNOW DAYS

As winter approaches, this is a reminder of how BASCOL operates for all registered BASCOL children when normal school hours are altered due to weather or other conditions. The following highlights are BASCOL's procedures during these special days when the weather is too severe for school to continue, but great for an exciting special day at BASCOL.

Please Note: Additional Fees for Extended Child Care hours may apply. Please see page 11 of your BASCOL Parent Handbook.

IF there is a delay in the time school opens:

THEN:

- BASCOL opens at 6:30 am at Rockwell Elementary and remains open with fun activities and programming until the time the school day begins.
- **BASCOL can only guarantee room for a child that is regularly scheduled for that morning. If your child does not attend all mornings, attends after school only or is SHO PLUS, we cannot guarantee room for your child on a school delay.** You will need to call the BASCOL Office at 7:30am to or call the Emergency Pager at 315-467-3872 to see if we have space to add your child to our program. If you show up at the site without calling the BASCOL Office first, your child may not be able to stay due to maintaining staff to child ratio.
- Wheeler children will be bused by the District from Rockwell to Wheeler in time for school to start.
- **PLEASE NOTE: If the school district goes from a delay to a closing, you will need to pick up your child from BASCOL.**

IF the district decides that school will not open due to snow or other conditions prior to the start of school:

THEN: **We can offer snow day care at our St. Ann's Site located at 4471 Onondaga Blvd. if any of the following school districts are closed also; Westhill, West Genesee or Solvay.** The BASCOL Office opens at 7:30am, please call at 622-4815 if you are interested in care.

- Please pack a lunch, including a beverage for your child.

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- BASCOL will serve a morning breakfast and afternoon snack as usual.
- Please pack outdoor clothing for your child. The temperature outside dictates how long we play outside, but we usually go outside, even if for just a few minutes, to play in the snow. Hats, gloves or mittens, snowsuit, boots, extra socks and pants are needed to ensure your child is warm and dressed appropriately for outdoor play. Please be sure to pack these for your child every time there is a snow day **and at daily BASCOL during snowy months.**

IF the school district calls for early dismissal once school has begun:

THEN:

- When school is dismissed, **if BASCOL remains open**, Rockwell children will walk to the BASCOL room. Wheeler children will be transported by District buses to Rockwell.
- **BASCOL can only guarantee room for a child that is regularly scheduled for that afternoon. If your child does not attend all afternoons, attends before school only or is SHO PLUS, we cannot guarantee room for your child on an early dismissal.**
- When school closes due to extreme weather conditions, and the severity of the storm makes entering and exiting the building unsafe for children parents and school personnel, **the school building will be closed and the BASCOL program at Rockwell will also close.**
- There will be days when the afterschool activities at Rockwell are cancelled, but the BASCOL program at Rockwell will remain open. Please watch for Onondaga Central's and BASCOL's program closings on your local news channels or radio stations.

BASCOL is open at 6:30 am until 6:00 pm whenever school is closed or normal school hours are altered. **However, in case of an extreme emergency, if BASCOL were to delay or close, it would be announced on local television and radio stations, as follows:**

TV stations = WSTM-TV3, WTVH-TV5, & 9WSYR.

Radio stations = Y94, WHEN, 107.9, B104.7 and WSYR.

Please feel free to contact the BASCOL Office @ 622-4815, if you have any questions, comments or concerns.