Welcome to Barrington Elementary School!

Dear New Barrington Family,

 We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Barrington and to Upper Arlington. There are many wonderful opportunities in our schools and community. This handbook was created with the intention of helping you navigate through your first year here so that you feel at home and part of the school & community more quickly. The recommendations made herein are from several Barrington families and are simply suggestions from families much like your own, of things we find useful in our community and wish we had known about when we arrived. We hope they help your transition just a bit. We are happy to have you here and would be glad to answer any questions you may have.

Warmest Regards,

Kori Rigo

New Family Network Chair

614-581-3598

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Important Barrington Contact Information

Main Office...487-5180 (then dial 4 digit extension)

Office……………..………....……...….….5000

Attendance……………..……..……….…5045

Ms. Carla Wilson, Principal…………..….5001

Ms. Lauren Barr, Asst. Principal……….5002

Mrs. Nikki Kennedy, School Nurse…….5003

Miss Erin Bowden, Guidance……..…….5022

SACC (School Age Child Care)…….…..5030

Kitchen……………………………….…….5025

To email a staff member type their first initial then last name

@uaschools.org \*

Example: cwilson@uaschools.org

Attendance Email: barringtonattendance@usaschools.org

District/School Website: www.uaschools.org

PTO Website: www.barringtonpto.org

Molly Penrod,PTO Co-President 614-975-7011, mkpenrod@gmail.com

Ali Petty, PTO Co-President 513-227-7650, alipetty@gmail.com

Any other questions/concerns, please contact:

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\* There are some exceptions to this rule, which will be detailed in the school directory.

Helpful Hints to Navigating the School Year

Bell Schedule:

8:00 am - Students may enter the playground (or the cafeteria in inclement weather)

8:10 am - Students report to classrooms

8:15 am - Tardy bell/School begins

11:05 am - 12:05 pm - Lunch

2:50 pm - School Dismissal

Kindergarten:

8:15-11:05 AM

12:05-2:50 PM

School Lunches:

 Each child uses their student number to manage their lunch accounts at school. Don’t worry your child will not need to memorize their student number, they can also access their accounts using just their names. This will allow them to buy lunch and snacks in the cafeteria. You can manage their lunch account via the district website at www.uaschools.org and clicking on the EZPay tab. Donatos pizza is served every Thursday and is quite popular with the kids. Menus are posted on the schools website every month. If a child’s account is negative, the school will serve them lunch and will notify you of their account status. You can also call the kitchen directly at 487-5180 extension 5025 with any questions regarding account balances.

Stop, Drop and Go:

 Many families walk to school. Many will also park in the area and walk their kids up to the school. Stop, Drop, & Go is a third option where you may drop off/pick up your children along Barrington Road, running from Northwest Blvd to Andover Rd. There are aides and teachers helping from 8:00-8:15am and again from 2:50-3:05pm (Note: Children should not arrive earlier than 8:00am for their own safety). Pull as far forward as you can and you may let the kids out once you are in the white zone. On poor weather days, this backs up around onto Northwest Boulevard and most teachers understand if they are a little late. At the end of the day, if you want a spot along Barrington Road, you should arrive by 2:35pm and bring a book, arrive even earlier on rainy/snowy days. If your child is not out by the time you get to the front of the line, please pull forward so that other cars may get by.

Teacher Gifts:

 The room mom in most classes will collect money for a combined teacher gift for both winter holiday and the end of the year. You are also always welcome to give your own gift individually. Both are entirely optional.

SACC (School Aged Child Care):

 Before school (7:00-8:15) and after school (2:50-6:00) care is provided through SACC, which is housed in the cafeteria and gym at Barrington. Children are supervised

and allowed to play, do homework, watch movies, and/or read. Please contact SACC coordinators (barrsacc@uaschools.org or 487-5180 x5030)

Volunteer Opportunities:

In The Classroom:

 Each teacher offers different opportunities for parent involvement in the classroom. Your child’s teacher and/or the assigned room parent will help to coordinate these opportunities (including classroom parties) and sign ups. Volunteering in the classroom offers a great opportunity to understand how the classroom operates and spend some quality time with your child. If you are arriving as a new family to Barrington in the middle of the school year, let your child’s teacher know if you’d like to help out, or contact your classroom room parent to get connected with a volunteer opportunity at a classroom party. The time to sign up is during the Parent Information Night. Dates for Parent Information Night are as follows:

 Contemporary 1st grade and Informal 1st/2nd grades: August 9th, 6:30-7:30

 Kindergarten: August 15th, 6-7pm

 Grades 2nd-5th: August 23th, 6:30-7:30pm

PTO Volunteer Opportunities:

 Volunteering for PTO is a great way to support the school and meet other parents. Sign up forms can be found online on the PTO website (barringtonpto.com). Committee descriptions can be found there as well under pto information/committees.

Class Parties:

 Halloween, winter holiday, Valentine’s, and end of the year are typically the four classroom parties throughout the year. The parties are the last hour of the day, and parent volunteers help with snacks, activities, etc. Siblings are also welcome at this time. Parent sign up is usually found for this on Parent Information Night, if not, you can always contact your teacher or room parent directly with interest in volunteering. Special Note: Don’t miss the Halloween parade at school! It is adorable! The office will send out full details of our Halloween celebrations prior to the event.

Visiting Barrington:

 For the safety of our school, ALL visitors must enter through the front door, sign into the office, and receive a visitor’s badge. Upon leaving the school please stop by the office to sign out and return your badge.

General School Calendar

AUGUST:

**Teacher Assignments:** Approximately ten days before the start of school, a letter will be sent notifying you or your child’s assigned teacher.

**Parent Information Night:** A parent only information night with your child’s teacher. Make sure to attend this event as a lot of information is given out regarding how the classroom operates, teacher expectations, homework, classroom volunteer opportunities, sign ups for conferences later in the year, sign ups for class parties, schedules for the week and much more. It is a great night to ask questions and make a connection with the teacher.

 **August 9th, 6:30-7:30pm:** Contemporary 1st grade and Informal 1st/2nd grade.

 **August 15th, 6:00-7:00 pm:** Kindergarten

 **August 23rd, 6:30-7:30pm:** Grades 2nd-5th.

**New Family Night (Ice Cream Social) August 12th, 4:00-5:00.** This is a great opportunity to meet other new families and kindergarten families. There is a scavenger hunt for the kids to explore the school grounds and an informative question/answer time with the principal, vice principal, and PTO president(s). This is a wonderful activity for helping the kids get comfortable with the school.

**Bobcat Days: August 12th 10:00am-4:00pm.** This not to be missed event is where you can take school pictures, pick up pre-ordered school supplies, put money on your child’s lunch account, pay instructional and field trip fees, purchase Spirit Wear, join the PTO and more!

**School Pictures:**  Taken at Bobcat Days (see above). The school will inform everyone of a picture make up date, should you miss Bobcat Days.

**First Day of School (Grades 1-5):** **August 16th**

**Kindergarten “Getting to Know You” Days: August 16th, 17th, & 18th.** Students are assigned one of these 3 days - please see your placement letter for your date.

SEPTEMBER:

**Labor Day: September 4th. No School.**

**Early Dismissal:** Throughout the school year, there are dates that all students are released early so that the staff can participate in required training. The first of these occurs **Wednesday, September 27th.** Morning Kindergarten ends at 10:00am and afternoon begins at 11:00 am. All other grades will be released at 1:00pm. Please identify the remaining early release dates for the school year on the attached calendar.

OCTOBER:

**Clown Around: September 23, 10:00am-2:00pm.** This is a not to miss event! Fun for the whole family. It is somewhat like a carnival in nature with games, bounce houses, food, fun and more! It’s one of the PTO’s biggest fundraising events, and supports many activities, programs, and educational opportunities at the school. Clown Around takes a lot of volunteer hands to make it work, so if you’d like to pitch in please sign up on the PTO website.

**Parent Teacher Conferences:** Sign up for conferences on Parent Information Night.

**Halloween Celebration: October 28th, 2:00pm-2:50pm**. Come and join in the fun! Most students will go home at lunch to change into a costume and then return to school. The afternoon is filled with a fabulous parade (recent years has been around the Jones Middle School track) and fun classroom parties.

NOVEMBER:

**Thanksgiving Break: November 22nd, 23rd, & 24th.**

DECEMBER:

**Holiday parties: December 21st.** These parties are generally held during the second half of the school day. Your student’s teacher will send home specifics.

**Winter Break: December 22nd**-**January 4th.**

JANUARY:

**No School: January 15th**

**Parent Teacher Conferences: Jan 18th**

FEBRUARY:

**Valentine’s Day Parties: February 14th.** Some classes decorate boxes during the school day, while others are created at home and brought to school the morning of the party. Most teachers request each student bring in Valentine cards for every student in the classroom.

MARCH:

**Spring Break: March 12th-16th.**

**APRIL:**

**Kindergarten Parent Teacher Conferences: April 11th.** The kids attend school as usual. The kindergarten classes have substitutes while the parents meet with the teachers.

MAY: **Last Day of School: May 30th!**

Community Suggestions\*

Healthcare Professionals

**Pediatricians/Physicians**

Messick and Thompson Inc.

Craig Thompson M.D.

4919 Dierker Rd

Columbus

614-457-4952

 OSU Internal Medicine Grandview

895 Yard St

Grandview

614-293-7980

Central Ohio Medicine

4030 W. Henderson Rd

Columbus

614-442-7550

Pediatric Associates

4595 Trueman Blvd

Hilliard

614-529-0771

Pediatric & Adolescent Medicine (Dr. Patty Francis)

5072 Reed Rd

Upper Arlington

614-326-1000

Olentangy Obstetrics & Gynecology (Dr. L Paige Turner)

3802 Olentangy River Rd

614-569-2229

Max Sports Medicine

3705 Olentangy River Rd, Suite 260

614-533-6600

McConnell Heart Health Center

3773 Olentangy River Rd

614-566-5356

**Dentists**

Hilliard Advanced Dentistry

Dr. Sharma

5132 Norwich Street

Hilliard

614-876-8766

Grandview Dental Care

1220 Grandview Ave

Columbus

614-486-7378

Chad Cacchio, DDS

1700 W Lane Ave

Unit 100

Columbus

614-488-1313

Grandview Elite Dentists (Barrington Parent)

Dr. Inessa Bertman-Zats

1500 W. Third Ave

614-725-4500

**Orthodontists**

Marshall Orthodontics

1535 Old Henderson Rd

Columbus

614-451-6464

Monfort Zwick Orthodontics

 Dr. Zwick

 1570 Fishinger Rd

Unit G

Columbus

614-451-1240

**Hair Salons**

Akada Hair Salon

1635 W. First Avenue

Columbus

614-488-9967

Tina Hensley at Salon Lofts

Grandview

614-746-1991

Ambushed Salon

(a **curly** hair salon)

16 W. Poplar Ave

Columbus

614-824-2067

Nurtur the Salon

Aveda Salon

1581 W. Lane Ave

Columbus

614-487-3003

**Massage Therapy**

Therapeutic Massage Center at Kingsdale

1840-A Zollinger Rd

Upper Arlington

614-442-6754

Therapeutic Touch Massage (Lisa Binkley)

5701 N. High St. Suite 106

Worthington

614-398-1431

 **\* Suggestions from Barrington parents.**

Upper Arlington Area Preschools

Trinity United Methodist Pre-school 1581 Cambridge Blvd 488-3659

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church 2001 Northwest Blvd 486-9433

 (K-Club, an after school option for kindergarteners)

First Community Church 1320 Cambridge Blvd 488-0681

Montessori Children’s House 1375 Francisco Rd 451-5567

St. Agatha Child Care Program 2767 Andover Rd 488-3322

Upper Arlington Child Care BURBANK 4770 Burbank Dr 487-5155

Lane Ave Baptist Church (Child Nurturing Center) 486-5567

OSU Child Care Center 725 Ackerman Rd 292-4453

Fundamentals Learning Center 1449 Chambers Rd 488-3544

Mountview Baptist Church Early Learning Cntr 2140 Fishinger 451-8691

Riverside United Methodist Pre-school 2701 Zollinger Rd 486-5202

Upper Arlington Lutheran Church 2300 Lytham Rd 451-3736

**Many schools begin registration and enrollment in early February.**

**Waiting lists are available and most schools end up going to their lists to fill open spots.**

Local merchant tips:

Shopping, groceries, exercise, and more...

**Shopping centers**

 ***Easton Town Center* -** All outdoor shopping. Nordstrom’s and Macy’s are here with MANY other well-known stores like Crate N Barrel & Restoration Hardware. A must see! Lots of good restaurants too. Great night out for family or just mom and dad. Kids can run through fountains in the summer.

 ***Polaris -*** Large indoor mall with Von Maur and Sears as anchors. There is an indoor “zoo” structure for little ones.

 ***Tuttle Mall -*** Medium/Small sized indoor mall with Macy’s and Sears are here as well. There is a “space” themed play structure here for children.

 ***Lane Avenue Mall -*** Local strip mall with Bed Bath and Beyond, Pier One, and Whole Foods to name a few.

**Movie Theaters**

 ***AMC Theater Lennox-*** Lennox Center by Target at the “end” of Waltham/Kinnear Road. This is the closest big theater.

 ***Carriage Center Movie Theater -*** Discounted post-release movies! At the corner of Sawmill and Bethel Roads. Get here via Riverside Drive heading North. After a movie there is a Graeter’s Ice Cream store with an indoor “ice cream themed” play area just down the street.

 ***AMC Theater Easton -*** located in Easton Town Center.

**Post Offices**

 ***Grandview -*** 1391 Grandview Ave, located right in downtown Grandview.

 ***UA -*** 3700 Riverside Dr, located on the west side of Upper Arlington.

**Coffee Stores**

 ***Crimson Cup –*** Owned and operated by a Barrington family. It’s on the corner of NW and Lane Ave.

 ***Starbucks with drive*-*thru*** – Great on way out…just off Lane Ave near North Star. Two other Starbucks are in Grandview on 5th Avenue. Another on Tremont near Kingsdale Shopping Center.

 ***Stauf’s Coffee Roasters* -** An old favorite coffee house, located in downtown Grandview.

 ***Colin’s Coffee*** - locally owned on Riverside Dr, next to the post office.

 ***Luck Bros’ Coffee*** - 1101 West 1st Ave, Gandview Heights, 614-398-1101

**Grocery Stores**

 ***Kroger -*** Sushi and Starbuck’s inside.

 ***Giant Eagle Market District -***  Good seafood section, specialty cold cuts. Free babysitting at the Tremont Road location only, in the Kingsdale Shopping Center.

 ***Trader Joes -*** Organic items, at great prices. Located in Easton Town Center and also on Sawmill Road in Dublin.

 ***Whole Foods -*** Organic food store with excellent fish and large, well described, cheese section. They offer prepared foods, pizza and sushi. They have a dining area also. Stone’s throw from home, located in the Shops on Lane Ave.

 ***Huffman’s Market -*** 2140 Tremont Ctr. Small specialty market with prepared foods

 and great meats. Very nice. Helpful with wines. In a pinch, they always have those

 things you can’t find other places. Can order holiday meats here.

 Hometown favorite! Very generous with the community!

**Specialty Stores**

 ***North Market -*** Wonderful array of specialty items and organic meats, cheeses, fish, wines, breads and desserts. Local produce with a Farmer’s Market on Sundays in summer. Don’t miss just for the smells and experience! If you want to eat out they have many prepared foods, Indian, Polish, Mexican, Sushi, etc. Located in downtown Columbus at the corner of Neil Ave and Front Street.

 ***Carfagna’s -*** Good meats, Italian food store. Good for holiday meat purchases. A bit of a drive, 315 N to 161 East, under Route 71 then begin to look on your right.

 ***Graeter’s Ice Cream store -*** A local staple. Premium ice cream with lots of calories, but it is worth it!! Across from the Lane Avenue Mall. Try their raspberry chip!

**Home Improvement**

  ***Nutter Hardware***- UA family owned and operated. Located on Tremont Rd in the

 Kingsdale Shopping Center.

 ***Ace Hardware -*** Located right on 5th Avenue.

**Department of Motor Vehicles (www.bmv.ohio.gov)**

 ***Hilliard Drivers Education Station*** – some of us prefer this one

 4738 Cemetery Rd, Hilliard, OH 43026

 614-921-8946

 M-F 8:00am-4:30pm, Sa 8:00am-2:00pm

 ***Kenny Center*** – shorter lines but must get car checked elsewhere

 4503 Kenny Road, Upper Arlington 43220 (in Staples parking lot) 614-459-4441

**Gyms**

 ***Aussie Fit Mill Run*** - offers child care

 ***Life Time Fitness Henderson*** - offers child care

 ***Snap Fitness*** - Arlington Ave, for those who just need a quick moment with a machine or weights.

 ***System of Strength (S.O.S.)*** - great classes

 ***RISE Fitness Community*-**various classes

**Restaurants**

 ***Old Bag of Nails* -** There are several in the Columbus area, but the closest is in the Tremont Center on Tremont Rd.

 ***Carsonie’s*** - Located on Lane Ave in the Lane Ave Shopping Center. Owned and operated by a UA schools family. Great pizza & stromboli.

 ***Moretti’s*** - Italian cuisine, located in the Tremont Center. Great for families, or just date night.

 ***Dewey’s*** - Great pizza. Good family dining. Located on 5th Ave.

 ***China Dynasty*** - Chinese cuisine, located in the rear of the Lane Ave Shopping Center.

 ***Chocolate Cafe*** - Delightful counter order cafe, which serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Located on Northwest Blvd.

 ***Hudson 29*** - A little nicer dining experience, but families welcome. Located on Lane Ave.

 ***S.O.L. (South of Lane)*** - A wonderful spot in the neighborhood for breakfast or lunch.

 Located on Guilford Rd, right next to Jones Middle School.

  ***Acre***- fast, casual, farm to table

 ***Watershed Kitchen and Bar***- casual restaurant, midwestern food.

 This list could go on and on, so ask your neighbor, new friend, etc for some great dining recommendations. Columbus has many different cuisines to choose from, and lots of hometown favorites.

Kids Activities

**UA Parks & Recreation -** Activities Brochures that come out three times a year. www.uaoh.net.

**UA Athletic Association** – offers great teams, training and sportsmanship through the city with most sports (softball, football, basketball, soccer, …) Call Parks and Rec department.

**Intergrity Athletics** - 8185 Business Way, Plain City, 614-733-0818

**Kiwanis** – also offers great teams with wonderful coaching. Watch the newspaper and for fliers coming home in backpacks. Very reasonably priced. The goal here is participation and learning.

*Swimming*

UA Swim Team

UA Pools and lessons

Devon

Reed Road (with water park)

Tremont

Swim and Racquet 451-3762 – private club

Scioto Country Club 486-4341- private club

Sawmill Athletic Club

*Diving*

 Ohio State Diving Club

 (www.teamunify.com/Home.jsp?team=ohosdc)

*Tennis*

Swim and Racquet 451-3762 – private club

Northam Park Tennis Courts – membership required

The Racquet Club

Player’s Club

Play at Jones Middle School courts for free

*Gymnastics*

Buckeye 793-1936 (little drive but worth it)

Wendy’s 486-8004 (more play based for younger ones)

Universal 777-9430

*Karate*

USA Martial Arts Training Center 487-0687

JT Will Karate Studio 486-8000

*Dance/Ballet*

Marjorie Jones 488-4894

Ballet Met 224-1672

Bartelt 326-4075

Kstudio 313-3773

Family Activities

**Performance: (Summer Here we come for performances!)**

**Free:**

**PBJ and Jazz Concerts:** Visit the Topiary Garden and enjoy Free music in the park. This is an awesome thing in the summer <http://www.jazzartsgroup.org/jazz-academy/jazz-in-the-community/pbj-and-jazz/> where you can go to storytime at the library and bring a picnic and listen to great music! They also do crafts...super fun

**Rhythm on the River** <http://www.sciotomile.com/events/rhythm-on-the-river/> Free Concerts the whole summer!  and if your kids have never seen a dance performance this is a great way to break them in without having to have the typical audience etiquette when Balletmet performs Aug. 28. Bring their swimsuit, picnic, and enjoy!

**Shakespeare in the Park at Schiller:** Free and bring a picnic. Usually they have at least one kid one. However Richard the III could be good for a brush up on Shakespeare and "All the Great Books" looks interesting and will be at Bicentennial park. <http://www.theactorstheatre.org/2015-season.html>

**Balletmet** <http://www.balletmet.org/lets-move-columbus-2015/>  is also doing a free class at the Topiary Garden to all Levels

**OSU Student Concerts-** Some are free and some are not, but all are enjoyable concerts.

**Columbus Arts Festival-** <http://columbusartsfestival.org/festival/> This is a great festival.

**Pay:**

**Columbus Symphony Popcorn Pops** <http://www.columbussymphony.com/events/series/profile.dT/popcorn-pops>

**Columbus Children's Theater**- It's right next to North Market, which closes at 7 so you can grab some food before you go.(<http://www.northmarket.com/>) It's an intimate theater but again a great place to teach about audience etiquette.

**Balletmet's The Nutcracker:** Love Balletmet's production of the Nutcracker. The set and costumes are extraordinary and well worth the money to take young kids too.

**Best indoor playgrounds/activity: (when stuck in the winter)**

**Westerville community center**- just walk straight in and the playground is right there. you don't need a pass to use just that part. FREE

**Worthington Mall**- a little playground tucked away in a quiet mall. Often, we may be the only kids there so I like the solidarity FREE

**Tuttle Mal**l- I like this mall better than polaris (less injuries and seems a bit less crowded. Beware kids will probably get sick) FREE

**Polaris Mall**- nice option and FREE

**COSI**- Can't rave enough about COSI. Fantastic science center. You can even rent a wagon there for free if you bring your license (they'll hold onto it until the return). Awesome and don't forget to do the Gadget Cafe.

**Graeter's Ice Cream** **on Bethel**- Bring socks, they do check. A good option except ordering ice cream when it's 20 degrees below in the winter. brrr! FREE

**Columbus Parks and Recs** (several) have free gym time. I went up to on in Westerville with a friend and we had an entire gym and some scooters for the 4 of our kids to run wild. Perfect! Call each Rec Center to find out schedule of Open Gym FREE

**Anthony's Chocolate Factory:** Take a tour, it's yummy! You have to pay but you get that back in credit to buy chocolate. I won't complain to have to buy chocolate :) <https://www.anthony-thomas.com/tours.html>

**OSU Sports Events-** Many teams have free sporting events, such as Men’s gymnastics, fencing, and more.

**Metro Park:** Darby Creek indoor creek and nature center.

**Columbus Zoo:** Wonderful place to take the family. There’s the zoo, amusement rides at Jungle Jack Landing, and the waterpark Zoombezi Bay are great summer options too!

**Libraries:**

**Upper Arlington Library:** Of course the library system is awesome! www.ualibrary.org

**Downtown Columbus Main library** as it reminds me of a Barnes and Noble where all books are free and it has a great kids area. You can also do TONS of cut out (I see teachers using this service a lot) for decorations. All you need is to bring your own paper and your drivers license.

**Grandview Library:** Also has free concerts and storytime outside for the summer

**Whetstone library:** It's not grand but I love their Duckling Day Parade <http://www.columbusparent.com/content/blogs/the-daily-bulletin/2013/04/ducklings-day.html>.

**Outdoor Fun:**

**Metro Parks** <http://www.metroparks.net/>: Hit the metro parks- if you go to 5 programs your kids receive a collectable badge. Kind of fun! Some favorites, but there’s many:)

*Inniswoods* (Garden where they have a tree house and a water wheel for the kids to get wet)

*High Banks*- beautiful for the change of seasons and shallow water for creeking

*Slate Run Farm*- Nice to go back in time but a little drive away

*Blendon Woods* for Fall (Pick up the book Autumn leaves <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/1349220.Autumn_Leaves> and have the kids collect the leaves in the book. You can check the book out at the library but do it early when Fall starts)

*Scioto Autobon*- They have like a military obstacle course too.

**Hocking Hills**- Love it. <http://parks.ohiodnr.gov/hockinghills> and so worth it to just camp. Easy hiking with kids and plenty of shade and cool weather down in the area. I'd suggest seeing things in this order (maybe a couple of trips down there depending on the kids and how long they stay in each place).

Old Man's Cave

Ash Cave

Rock House

Cedar Falls

Cantwell Cliffs

**Canoe the Mad River** <http://www.birchbarkcanoelivery.com/index.html>. The water is super shallow (like the canoe sometimes would rub against the bottom) and no more than 3 ft deep...I might be tempted to call it a stream rather than a river but it was was fun! Very easy to navigate, calm, and we only saw one other canoe party. We camp right in the state park so we can get right on the trails to Old Man. However, it is "crowded" bumping up right to the next camper but there are more rugged options.

**Upper Arlington elementary school playgrounds.** Visit them all- well worth it!

*Greensview Elementary* is especially fun as a hidden gem of unique eqiupment and Sunny 95 park is right next to it with a small lake. Kids can fish there without a license.

*Wickliffe* is great too because it's "Safe" for all ages. At least there's nothing too tall that would cause a serious fall. I like to go there with an uncoordinated toddler.

**Park of Roses-** A fun alternative for parks and walking

**Scioto and Olentangy River-** We love going to the river and just throwing rocks

**Hayden Run Falls-** It used to not be so closed off but still a quick and easy place to admire a waterfall

**Indian Run Falls-** It's in a strange location right by a school but it's fun to walk around and get your feet wet.

**Getting Wet:**

**Zoombezi Bay-** The water park at the Columbus Zoo.

**Powell Splash Pad** (47 Hall St.)- There is a shelter for shading, bathrooms close by and a playground right next to the splash pad.

**Scioto Mile Fountain** <http://www.sciotomile.com/explore/scioto-mile-fountain/> This is great if you happen to be downtown for COSI or a performance.

**Reed Water Park-** Upper Arlington Parks & Rec water park.

**Art:**

**Columbus Museum of Art**- Their free day is Sunday

**Short North Gallery hop** <http://shortnorth.org/arts-galleries/gallery-hop/> Confession: this is on our bucket list! We have wanted to go forever but always forget the 1st Saturday!

**Franklin Park Conservatory** We have gone a few times since OSU students could get discounted tickets. Both COSI and Franklin Park have "Family Access" membership levels and most students with kids would qualify for these rates (which is$40 for the year). Great chihuly art and the Butterflies and Bloom is fun

**Wexner Center-** Always interesting exhibits and it changes often

**Random Large Public Art Pieces :):**

**Fields of Giant Corn:** <http://www.roadsideamerica.com/story/9527>

**Giant Dancing Bunnies** <http://www.roadsideamerica.com/tip/29805> (which is also next to a fountain park but there is little shade so go on a shady day to get wet and take a picture**)**

**Chief Leatherlips Monument** <http://www.roadsideamerica.com/story/9791>