



Junior Explorer Club

1033 Old Henderson Rd.
Columbus, OH 43220
(614) 516-3325

January 29, 2022

Dear JUNIOR EXPLORER CLUB Families,

Navigating through these uncharted waters the past two years has been challenging as a parent, child, employee, and business owner. As we have faced varying obstacles and unanswered questions, my commitment to ensuring a safe and reliable environment for your family has always been my top priority. Given the many challenges created due to COVID19, I have had to make the painful decision to close my beloved JUNIOR EXPLORER Clubhouse facility.

Our last day of operation will be at the close of business, Monday, February 28, 2022.

However, this is not the end of the JUNIOR EXPLORER CLUB or the services we provide. As you know we have partnered with [Balanced Family Academy](#) and through this partnership we are able to continue to offer all childcare at their campus conveniently located at the corner of Bethel and Reed Road. This goes into effect beginning Tuesday, March 1, 2022.

We understand that this decision may have impact on your daily routine. **Therefore, we have provided a link below to email our staff to confirm your care needs and answer any questions or concerns.** We will do our best to take every call, every email and every situation into consideration. Your patience through this transition is greatly appreciated.

What does this mean for our JEC Families?

- Your tuition will remain at the amount stated per our [December communication letter](#) until June 1, 2022
- After School pick-ups will remain and the evening pick-up location will be at Balanced Family Academy, 5150 Reed Rd, Columbus, OH 43220 starting **Tuesday, March 1, 2022**
- Summer camps for elementary aged children will be offered for the 2022 summer season
- Additional services for all day-care will be available for ages 6 weeks and up

What are the next steps families need to take?

- If you are interested in continuing care with us, please respond via email [here](#) **BY FRIDAY, February 4** and state; *Yes, we are still interested or No, we will be moving on (please provide date of last day of care needed)*
- Similarly, if you would like a tour of the Balance Family Academy campus, please be sure to add that to the email communication

Please know that this difficult choice was not made lightly and one I had hoped to never make. Despite the constant accommodations made during the last two years, overcoming the impacts made on the childcare industry has forced many to make major adjustments.

Just as it takes a village to raise a child, we believe partnering with a fellow childcare provider with like-minded programs is a win-win for our families and the JEC vision. The collaboration between the Balanced Family Academy and the JUNIOR EXPLORER CLUB will provide an exceptional opportunity and become the “go to” provider for childcare, programming, adventure camps, reliability, and more.

On a personal note, I would like to extend my gratitude to all of you for being a part of our JUNIOR EXPLORER CLUB family. The years have been filled with incredible growth and we are honored to have been a part of your family. Thank you for trusting us and being team JEC as we weathered the many storms together. We are forever grateful!

We look forward to the many adventures and the exciting opportunities this partnership brings!

Yours in adventures,

Michelle Rapp

Michele Rapp, Chief Exploration Officer
JUNIOR EXPLORER CLUB