



ELEMENTARY AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Dear Elementary Parents,

The After School Care (ASC) program at Aletheia Christian Academy is a ministry provided to our elementary students (K4-6th) whose parent(s) work and are not able to pick up their student(s) during regular dismissal time. It is our intent to provide a safe and loving environment to children who do not have another option for childcare after school.

We also have some new policies/fees for this upcoming year. Here are the details:

- **A separate registration form and registration fee are no longer necessary.** Since enrollment and admissions take place online now, contact information and medical information about a child staying for ASC will be accessible to our caregivers. Only those persons designated will be allowed to pick up a child from ASC and a valid photo ID will be necessary if that person is not the parent.
- ASC is available from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. and 11:45 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. on half days.
- Please note that VPK students must be picked up from ASC by 4 pm per Florida law.
- **The cost will now be a flat fee of \$5 per hour per child regardless of how many children in the family stay.** Please remember that ANY PORTION OF THE FIRST HOUR WILL BE \$5 PER CHILD. Each subsequent hour will be billed on the quarter hour.
- There is a \$25 late fee for any child picked up after 6:00 p.m., in addition to the hourly rate.
- **The first hour of ASC will be homework/quiet time.** Children will be required to do homework or read quietly. After that hour, playtime, snacks, etc. will be at the discretion of the ASC caregivers. If your child has allergies, please let the caregivers know what snacks will be safe for your child, or let the caregivers know you will pack your child a snack. LUNCH IS NOT PROVIDED ON HALF DAYS AND MUST BE SENT IN WITH THE CHILD.
- To pick up your child, please come to the K4 room. If your child is in K4-2nd grade, your child(ren) will be called to come to the K4 room to meet you. If the children are outside, a note will be posted to meet them outside.
- Electronics are not permitted and should not be brought to school. Phones must be left in bags and can only be used for communication with parents at the ASC caregiver's discretion.

PLEASE NOTE: Elementary dismissal is from 2:40 to 3:00 p.m. ASC begins promptly at 3:00 p.m. If you are late, your child will not be sent to the office, but will be sent to ASC, and the \$5 fee per child will be charged for any portion of the first hour. All charges will be billed to you at the end of the month and included in your financial account with us.

If your children do not attend ASC on a regular basis but you need for them to attend a certain day(s), please call the office so that we can make sure to have adequate staff available. **PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THIS MINISTRY IS FOR WORKING PARENTS. PLEASE DO NOT CONSIDER AFTER SCHOOL CARE A PLAYDATE FOR YOUR CHILDREN, OR A PLACE FOR THEM TO GO WHILE A SIBLING IS AT A GAME OR PRACTICE. This ministry started as a way to bless working parents who cannot get to school at dismissal time, and we would like to honor that mission.**



Finally, our ASC caregivers are Jerri Simmons and Kate Hansen, and they truly have a love for the Lord and for children. They strive to make this a fun and safe environment for your children. Thank you for the honor of your trust as we strive to meet the needs of our families. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at khansen@acalions.org.

Sincerely, Kristie Hansen

K5 Teacher and ASC Supervisor

Matthew 6:33