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Dear Circus Families!

We hope you and yours are all doing well and are looking forward to a fun and fantastic summer. We here at the Children's Circus could not be more thrilled about finally getting back together in-person so that we can resume our cherished summer tradition of 33 years of Children's Circus in Middletown!

The planning process has been extremely challenging, but through it all the number one priority has been, and continues to be, the emotional, physical and mental well-being of all our participants. Initially we were offering two separate camp sites (one at Macdonough School and one at Bielefield School) with smaller groups of about 60 kids at each site. We knew that this was not ideal, but it was better than no circus at all.

But, we have some news...

It is with a tremendous amount of excitement that we announce that the 33rd Annual Children's Circus of Middletown will be allowed to operate fully at one site. We are now planning on having our whole team at Macdonough School. This opportunity is made possible with the continued support of Principal Reardon, who has generously provided us with ample indoor space to safely operate as a whole group while upholding safety first protocols due to the pandemic. We believe that the improvements to the COVID situation and the lifting of restrictions will allow your children to have a true Circus experience.

To be clear, we will still operate with the utmost safety in mind and follow all health protocols as they are set by local and state officials. We appreciate your patience and flexibility as we navigate these ever changing times. We could not be happier with this announcement and we truly believe that this updated plan will be advantageous to everyone in so many ways.

Attached to this letter is the [Parent/Participant Guide](#) listing the safety first protocols that we will be abiding by for the 5 week program. Please read thoroughly! Breakfast and lunch will again be available for all participants. A revised bus schedule will be made available to you in the coming weeks. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at Oddfellows Playhouse via email at circus@oddfellows.org or via phone 860- 347-6143. Kindly direct your registration questions to the Arts & Culture Office at 860-638-4511.

Sincerely,
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