FAQS: BOKS

What is BOKS?
BOKS (Building Our Kids’ Success) is a research-based before school play and physical activity program designed by Reebok, aimed to give students a boost through physical activity at the start of their day. You can learn more about the BOKS program by clicking here. The programs begins at 7:30AM.

Who can join?
Our Elementary and Middle School students will attend the BOKS program if they arrive to school prior to the scheduled arrival time.

Where does the program take place?
Home base for the BOKS program is the Elementary Gym in the Elementary Building (129 Sherman St). Students should plan on being dropped off directly to the gym. The BOKS coaches will help the students transition to their classroom at the start of the school day.

How can we enroll?
All enrollment and payment must be done by families through our online registration system. Enrollment in the BOKS Program reflects either one semester, or one full year, for ALL school days for which the Montessori academic program begins at 8:30AM (regardless of dismissal time. Please refer to the CMS Core Calendar for program dates). Registration links can be found on the Passport webpage.

Can we pro-rate for fewer days per week?
Families who wish to pro-rate for fewer days per week should contact the Passport Office for pricing. Please note that the choice of days each week must be consistent throughout the term of registration (either one semester or school year).

Can we drop in?
Families may use BOKS on a drop in basis if desired. Drop in requests should be emailed to the Program Director (passport@cambridgemontessori.org) with as much advance notice as possible. While we understand it may be, at times, easier to call the school with requests, we prefer email, with 24 hours advance notice, whenever possible! Drop in use will be billed through our online registration system at a rate of $12/day.
Do discounts apply?
**Sibling Discount:** Families enrolling two+ siblings in our before school care programs (BOKS and Early Care) during the same time are eligible for a **20% Sibling discount** off full year, semester and drop in program fees for each additional sibling; programs fees for one sibling will remain full price. The discount can be applied to the sibling with the lesser total before school program fees. When using the online registration system, the coupon code **CMSSIB** (all capital letters) can be entered to apply the appropriate discount for each eligible sibling. The discount will be reflected in the balance due. The coupon must be entered separately for each eligible sibling.

**Financial Aid:** Families receiving Financial Aid awards through CMS for the current school year are eligible for a financial aid award on before school (BOKS and Early Care) program fees. Award percentages will be matched in full for semester and year long registrations. **For drop in fees, award percentages will be matched up to a minimum charge of $3/day.**

When using the online registration system, eligible families can use the coupon code **CMSFINAID** (all capital letters). Please note that the financial aid coupon will push the registration through without requiring payment. We will adjust your balance accordingly and email you the invoice, and which point payment will be due within 30 days.

**What is the refund policy?**
Changes in semester and full year registration must be made within two weeks of the start of the program date, after which point no refunds will be issued. **Deposits are non-refundable.**

**What if I am in need of child care while I meet with a teacher on campus?**
Families who have scheduled meetings with CMS Faculty and Staff on campus during before school program hours must still contact the Passport Office to ensure availability for drop in, and notify the Passport Office of the meeting time and date. If space is available, drop in care during the meeting time is free of charge.