

CDC NEWSLETTER

FROM THE DIRECTOR



Dear Families,

Summer is here! The children will be swimming, taking trips, and enjoying walks in the fresh air over the next three months. Remember that families are always welcome to join in the summer fun!

There will not be an annual picnic this year. This event will be continued next year with an earlier date to combat the extreme temperature that we usually experienced at the end of July. For any suggestion changes please come to see me. I would like to make this event more enjoyable for everyone!

For everyone that knows Miss Alfi, I would like to inform them that her spirits are high. As a school, we are trying to give her extra support by supplying her with meals, food gift cards and/or time. If you are interested there is a sign-up sheet on the yellow door near the infant room. If you choose to sign up, please see Miss Judi for a food list to help with meal planning.

Picture day was a great success! Thank you to Miss Daniela for donating her skills to the CDC. The Parent Fundraising Committee profited \$753.00.

A reminder that in August we will have our annual "Let's Meet and Get Involved Night" to share the year's assessments with families and gain ideas for the up-coming year.

Thank you,
Miss Beth

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CDC FAMILY EVENTS & NEWS

- *The CDC will be closed on Friday, July 3rd !*
- *Preschool Graduation 7/8 @ 4:00 PM at the college.*
- *Mrs. Daniela will be asking all families to fill out a Child and Adult Food Program Income Eligibility Form this month.*



INFANT NEWS



We want to thank all of the families who participated in make and take night. It was a huge success and we are also using some of the games we made in the classroom as well.

I would also like to thank all of the parents who brought in pictures for our family picture albums. They are a great addition to our library and the children really enjoy picking them up and looking at their family as well as other families.

Some of the upcoming themes include *The Five Senses* and *Bubbles, Mud, and Puzzles*. The children will have many opportunities through hands on exploration using their senses in both themes.

The infant room would also like to wish Benjamin the best of luck on his journey into the toddler room. Along with Benjamin's transition the other children have also shown much growth in the room as follows:

Tad: Grasps teachers fingers and holds on while we stand him up. Eloise: Is taking her first few steps and standing still for longer amounts of time on her own.

Abigail: Is independently making her way up and down the climber and the slide.

Zariah: Is increasing her vocabulary and starting to say the

names of the teachers in the room as well as ordinary objects.

Aidan: Shows he is hungry and ready for lunch by taking a seat and pointing to the refrigerator.

TODDLER NEWS



The Toddler classroom would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest toddler Benjamin and best wishes to Rudivan who is moving to preschool.

Our trip to the Can Do Playground was a huge success and we had a great time with preschool. It is a great place to go with the family during the evenings or on the weekends, It is located of 202 and Foulk road.

This month we will be going on the Wilmington & Western Railroad, Wilmington Water Taxi and Brandywine Zoo. If any family members would like to join us on any of our July trips please contact Mrs. Rachael as soon as possible. We would love to have you along for the experience.

Water play is well underway and going very smoothly. I just

want to send out a reminder that toddlers should come into school dressed in their water play clothing and water shoes

Upcoming units for July:

- Transportation by Land, Water & Air
- Zoobliation
- Circus Fun

PRESCHOOL NEWS



Summer Field Trips are well underway, and all our trips in June were ones that we took for FREE. These trips are some to possibly check out as a family that are NO COST. The Can-Do Playground is on Weldin Road right off on Concord Pike and the Herr's Chip Factory is in Nottingham, PA (approx. 35 minutes from school)!!

Preschool Graduation and Musical Concert is July 8th at 4:00 in Conference Room C up at the college. This event is used to celebrate the children's accomplishments, and wish our kindergarten bound children well as they begin their new adventures

The last two payments for Summer Field Trips are due on July 10th and 24th. Each payment is \$10. Trips in July include the Please Touch Museum and three Grand Opera House plays.

Every Summer, families take some time to venture off to special vacation spots or trips. Here is a great idea to help remember those fun adventures. This idea is called The Great Souvenir Collection Kit! Get a small shoe box to hold all your GREAT SOUVENIERS and be on the look out. Each souvenir should reflect the places visited and (best of all)...FREE!! It can be napkins, menus, brochures, post

cards, bumper stickers, shells, pebbles, etc. At the end of your trip go through your box of souvenirs and remember where each one came from. It is a great way to remember the trip, and even look at next year or in those cold winter months to recall the SUMMER FUN IN THE SUN!!

Up and Coming Units for July

- The Art Museum
- Construction
- Transportation

HEALTHY HINTS

Pick a Melon

Melons are one of the summer's most healthful fruit. The fruit's are high in water content and help fill you up. They are also a great source of vitamin C.

Have you ever wondered how to pick out a melon? You may find the following tips helpful next time you are

shopping for one:

Watermelon:

* Look for a firm melon that sounds hollow when knocked on. It should have a smooth skin.

Honeydew:

* Pick a melon with freckling on the rind, that indicates sweetness.

Cantaloupe:

* Pick a cantaloupe that has a sweet scent. It should also give slightly when pressed.

Try looking online to find tasty ways to serve melons. For example, try puree watermelon, freeze the mixture in ice cube trays and pop out on a cool day for a natural sweet treat!



ACTIVITY OF THE MONTH

Have a Family Picnic

Pack up some balls, frisbees, bubbles, hula hoops, and any other activities your family enjoys. Get some of your favorite on the go meals. For instance, Turkey and cheese, PBJ, tuna fish, chicken salad sandwiches. Pack water and lemon to

keep hydrated. Add some fruits like watermelon, blueberries, blackberries, cantaloupe. Then pack the family up in the car with blankets, bug spray and any other family need. Turn off the cell phones and get on your way. And enjoy some fun in the sun with the FAMILY!



COOKING WITH THE CDC

Fruit Salad Cones

Ingredients:

- 1 large Banana, sliced
- 7oz. Mandarin oranges and 10oz. Pineapple, drained
- 1 cup of Strawberries, sliced
- 1/4 cup of mini marshmallows

- 3/4 low fat vanilla or lemon yogurt
- 6 ice cream cups

Preparation:

Combine banana, mandarin oranges, marshmallows, pineapple, strawberries and yogurt. Spoon into ice cream cups and serve immediately.



Free Community Park Concert Series

Bellevue State Park:

Bring a picnic and a blanket and join us at the band shell to enjoy our free Summer Concert Series every Sunday and Thursday evening, June through August at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call the Concert Hotline at (302) 761-6965 or the Bellevue Arts Center at (302) 793-3046.



White Clay Creek State Park:

Join us at the Carpenter Recreation Area on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. throughout the summer months for a lively and diverse program that is sure to please all musical tastes. Bring your picnic supper, blanket, or lawn chairs and enjoy our outdoor concert series. Don't forget to visit the Friends of White Clay Creek State Park's booth where they will be selling water ice. The concerts are free. Please call the Nature Center at (302) 368-6560.

Rockford Tower Park:

Bring a picnic and a lawn chair and relax near Rockford Tower in Wilmington on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in June, July and August for an evening of wonderful music. The Wilmington State Parks Evening Concert Series is free of charge. During the concerts, special access to the Rockford Tower will be available. For more information, call the Concert Hotline at (302) 577-7688.

PFC UPDATE

Dear Families,

A contractor has been hired to build the custom shelves in the back library. The shelves will be placed in each of the two rooms and they will extend from wall to wall, everywhere except the window areas. The contractor is also building several closed cabinets at the bottom of the shelves to house all of our soft

story boards. We will also have a custom made big book shelf that will have eight big book slats to allow for room to grow. This project totaled \$4,750.00 and is solely funded from the Parent Fundraising Money. To go along with the new library we have also purchased some story telling puppets to help bring stories to life for the children

at the CDC. The total cost of the puppets equaled \$129.95 and was funded by the Parent Fundraising Money. We would like to thank all of the CDC families for their fundraising support!

Miss Beth

