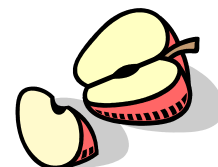

The Children's Center Connection

September 2017

Grandparents Luncheon



Chef Faith plans to prepare a delicious feast of grilled cheese and tomato soup for our Grandparents Luncheon. Grandparents or other significant older adults are invited to join us for lunch on September 11th. A sign up sheet is posted in the office to let Chef Faith know how much food to prepare. After lunch, grandparents are welcome to visit the Book Fair with the children. Guests are asked to meet second floor children at noon in the Muscle Room. Children on the first floor can be met in their classrooms at 11:30. We look forward to spending time with the extended family!



Fall Book Fair

The center is very excited about our upcoming Book Fair. An amazing selection of books is headed our way! Mark your calendar for our Grandparents Day, too, where they can join in the fun. Flyers will be available in the children's cubbies by September 5th. Feel free to browse and buy September 11th-15th in the first floor hallway.

You may like to contribute books to your child's classroom library. Teacher "Wish List" books will be marked with sticky notes. If you choose to purchase and donate a book(s) for your child's classroom, please bring the item(s) to the office so we can affix a label plate to the book to acknowledge your generosity. The Book Fair is our primary way of replenishing books for the center. Your support is appreciated.

Infant & Toddler Meet the Teachers

We are excited to host our Meet the Teachers night for the Infant & Toddler classrooms. Parents are invited to learn about our curriculum, widely held expectations, standards & guidance philosophy. Information on Teaching Strategies GOLD, specifically how parents can keep connected with the online system, will also be discussed. An opportunity for parents to provide input for activities is planned as well. Toddler students may be picked up outdoors or in the muscle room after the meeting. Infants can be picked up in their classrooms. Hope to see you!

Wednesday, September 13

5:00 PM

Infants-Wheaton Center

Toddlers-Turtle and Panda Classrooms

Important Dates To Remember

September 4

Labor Day
Center Closed

September 11

Grandparents Luncheon

September 11-15

Book Fair



September 13

First Floor
Meet the Teachers
5 PM

September 27

Last Farmers Market
Dinner Fundraiser

October 13

Harvest Fest



October 15

Making Strides
Walking with Faith

Is My Child Too Sick for Childcare?

The beginning of the school year brings many children, and the germs they carry, back to the center. Common childhood illnesses are often more prevalent at this time.

Children will be sent home if they have the following symptoms: vomiting, diarrhea, severe coughing, difficult or rapid breathing, conjunctivitis, yellowish skin or eyes, stiff neck, unusually dark urine and/or white-gray stool, undiagnosed rash or infected skin patch. Children are not sent home with a low-grade fever (under 100°) unless accompanied by another symptom. Often the teachers will call to let you know that your child is not feeling well. The child is observed for worsening symptoms. When your child is sent home, he must remain out of the center until symptom-free for 24 hours (without the use of fever reducing medication.) If your child becomes ill at 2 p.m. Tuesday, then he may not attend care on Wednesday. A child may return after a doctor determines in writing that the child's illness is not contagious. Again, the child needs to be symptom free for 24 hours.

Three questions to consider when determining if you should keep your child home are: Does the illness prevent my child from participating comfortably in the daily activities? Does the illness make my child have a greater need for care than the teachers can manage without compromise to the care of the other children in the group? Does my child have a condition that is likely to expose others to a communicable disease? A "yes" response to any of these questions indicates that you should keep your child home.

Thank you for keeping all of us at the center healthy and all the parents working.



2017 Sustainable Cleveland Summit

The Cleveland Foundation is hosting the 9th annual Sustainable Cleveland Summit on September 27th & 28th at the Cleveland Public Auditorium. More than 500 people have already registered for the Summit which brings together local and national business leaders, non-profits, government officials, residents, and youth leaders.

The 2017 Year of Vibrant Green Space will be celebrated and groups will gather to plan for the 2018 Year of Vital Neighborhoods, moving one step closer to ensuring the benefits of sustainability are realized where we live and work.

NEORS is hosting tours of green infrastructure at Public Square. And Cleveland Metroparks is providing water taxi tours of our city.

Local chefs plan to be on hand to offer Cleveland favorites. We hope to see you there!

Tuition Reminder

The new tuition rates go into effect 9/4/17. Statements with your new rate were distributed this week. The annual \$50 registration fee was also billed. This fee does not apply to those who paid the \$100 registration fee for the summer. If you pay online, be sure to change your Vanco payment as it does not automatically change.

Teacher Feature

Meet the Penguin Colony



From left to right: Graziella, Shannon, Kate and Bessie

Ms. Kate-My name is Kate Montoya. I have my BA in Early Childhood. I plan to go back to school for my Master's in education. I have worked in this field for over 15 years, 12 at The Children's Center. Preschool teaching is my passion. I enjoy watching the children's faces light up when they learn something new. I love encouraging children to expand their minds as they grow into independent thinkers.

Ms. Bessie-My name is Bessie Calhoun. I am the mother of two beautiful children, Michael and Christa. I have been working at The Children's Center for 14 years and I love it. I am in the process of finishing my Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education. I have my Child Development Associates Credential with an infant/toddler specialization. I love working with children and helping them learn different things.

Ms. Shannon-My name is Shannon Cahill. I recently began work on my Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education. I have been working here for 3 years. I also worked here during my field experience while I was in high school. I love being able to get at the children's level and to watch their creative mind roam. It is as if a spark has ignited and it grows from there.

Ms. Graziella-My name is Graziella Puletti. I am a senior at Mayfield High School. I am in my second year of the TEACH Excel TECC program. I was here last year with the Penguins and fell in love with their bright minds. I came back for my senior internship and am happy to be with the Penguin class again.





PENGUIN VIP'S
MARGO
NOLAN
LUCY
PRIYA S.

September Lunch Menu

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

4
CENTER CLOSED



11
GRANDPARENTS LUNCHEON
Grilled cheese, tomato soup and melon

18
Porcupine meatball sliders on a bun, peas and melon

25
Chicken tenders, roll carrots and pears

5
Potato corn chowder, crackers and oranges

12
White chicken chili w/ diced tomatoes and oranges

18
Vietnamese chicken noodle soup, carrots and oranges

26
Beef veggie soup, mixed veggies and peaches

6
Cheese tortellini w/ spinach pesto, apples

DINNER: BRATS, DOGS, BURGERS

13
Pesto, noodles, chicken, peas and melon

DINNER: STREET TACOS

20
Tuna noodle casserole, peas and apples

DINNER: GRILLED CHEESE

27
Beef ravioli, green beans and apples

DINNER: STREET TACOS

7 **VIP MARGO**
Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, salad and grapes

14 **VIP NOLAN**
Chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans and apples

21 **VIP LUCY**
Mac and cheese, green beans and apples

28 **VIP PRIYA S.**
Spaghetti w/ ground chicken, red sauce, salad and melon

1
Turkey wrap, cucumbers and oranges

8
Cheese quesadillas, salsa and oranges

15
Chicken sandwich on a bun, cucumbers and oranges

22
Stromboli w/ chicken and sausage, cucumbers and oranges

29
Hot ham and cheese, cucumbers and oranges

Organic skim milk is served with lunch for children 2 years and older.
Organic whole milk is served to children under 24 months of age.

Menu is subject to change.



The final dinner at the Farmers Market is September 27th. Chef Faith is donating the proceeds to breast cancer research!