



# FCCC NEWSLETTER

Play to Learn, Learn to Love

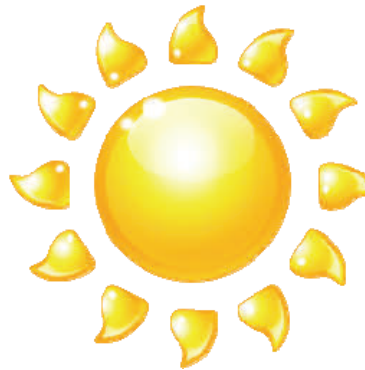
## Director News

Dear Families,

I hope everyone has had a chance to get in some sun and fun despite the high temperatures and rainy days we have experienced thus far. The children are enjoying all the water play and summer activities taking place in classrooms. There are some great art displays of sea life and beach activities in classrooms. Learning is everywhere and takes place all year around at FCCC! We had a fun time at the Luau the Puddle Jumpers hosted this week. The kid's imaginations just took off, and they truly captured the festive temper of this Hawaiian celebration filled with love.

Many of you will visit the beach over the next few weeks. We would love it if you would help your child collect seashells and other things of nature found on the beach. Classroom teachers would really appreciate these items for science and nature centers. Photos are also great visual aids as well.

By now, you all should have received, read, signed and returned enrollment paperwork emailed to you in early July. You do not need to print the entire document, only the signature pages. Please be sure to list emergency contacts other than yourselves. Please



also read the cover letter from the FCCC Board which explains the 3% increase for the 2013/2014 school year. Most importantly, don't forget to deduct \$200 from your September tuition if you paid the Spring deposit. :) I am still collecting healthy lunch, dinner and snack ideas & recipes. Don't be shy... Send yours in today! You can fax or email your idea to the Office. All we need is the ingredients, preparation steps and time. If you have a photo that would be great too! You can even message a photo of a meal you prepared that your child enjoyed via your smartphone! (Loving this high technological society we're living in!)

Enjoy August!

Raechel O'Neal Coats  
Director

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## Care Bear News

One full month left of summer, let's make the best of it!! The Care Bears have tried our best to enjoy the summer, with so much rain we weren't able to get out as much as



we would have liked, but we will make up for it this month. We will continue to go

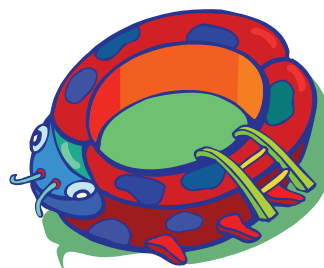
out in the play yard for water play, so please apply sunscreen on your child before they arrive to school. The Care Bears are all growing so fast, Ethan is beginning to walk all around the room. Elija is taking steps and standing on his own. Evelyn is feeding herself using utensils. Liam is now sitting up with no support and reaching and grabbing for items placed near him. Hazel and

Saylor are on the move; they both are crawling and scooting backwards around the room. Our new babies Jack and June are adjusting very well to their new environment. We would like to welcome our new families to the Care Bears that will be starting later this month, Aaron Rotenberg (Ellen and Matt) and Ella Gigliotti (Kelly & Fred).

## Bear Cub News

Can you believe the summer is almost over? For the month of August, the Bear Cubs will be focusing on 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' book by Eric Carle. The children will learn the life cycle of a butterfly, how the caterpillar lives, all the food the caterpillar eats and when it turns into a beautiful butterfly. Our activities consist of reading 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' book, create caterpillars, create all the food that

the caterpillar ate and creating beautiful butterflies. The Bear Cubs will also taste some of the food that the caterpillar eats. For example, orange, apple, pear, plum, strawberry, pickles, cupcake, ice cream etc. Aside from all of this and with summertime in full swing, the Bear Cubs will continue to enjoy the hot weather with water play in the courtyard, swimming pools, sprinkler and



water tables. It definitely cools us off.

Reminders: Please remember to continue to apply sunscreen on your child in the morning before they arrive at school. Also, remember to label your child's belongings.

## Cuddle Cub News

Did you know that August is not only American Artist Appreciation Month, but also Peach month and Inventors month?

In honor of all things August, the Cuddle Cubs will be doing art projects, reading stories and listening to songs that involve these themes. For example, we will take a trip to the library and pick up books relating to art, peaches and science. James and the Giant Peach should be a hit!

Feel free to send peaches for lunch or bring in any music, pictures or books that involve any of our August themes.

We will also continue to express our artistic abilities in line with our "under the sea theme." There are still so many creatures and projects to explore. We will be making star fish, seahorses and seashells. If any of you have seashells that you've picked up at the shore this summer, please bring them in. They would make a fantastic addition to our sandbox!

The Cuddle Cubs will continue to take walks to various parks around the city, the library and Reading Terminal. The kids love riding the buggies and exploring the city. On nice days, we'll head over to Sister City Park and play in the fountains and wading pools or simply set

up our kiddie pools in the courtyard and splash around.

We have two birthdays this month:

Greta - August 12  
Elise - August 18  
Happy Birthday Greta and Elise!

Reminders: Transitions begin August 23. Please make sure to call to let us know if your child will not be in ahead of time. Also, make sure your child's bins are stocked up with extra clothes appropriate to size and season.

We hope that you're enjoying your summer!



## Puddle Jumper News

Throughout the month of August, the Puddle Jumpers theme will be water with a main focus on sea life. We will look at different sea animals and discuss their size, shape, eating habits and dangers to other animals as well as humans. In addition, we go on sightseeing trips to look at various fountains within walking distance.

Activities will include art, math, language, social studies and science

Art activities will include making collages, gluing, pasting, easel painting,

watercolor paintings and finger paintings

Math activities will include counting some body parts of sea animals, and making big, small and long and short sea animals.

Language activities will include listening to stories and discussing how some sea creatures breathe and how whales and dolphins are like humans. Stories will include Surf war, The Rainbow fish, Swimmy, Mister Seahorse, I'm the Biggest Thing in the Ocean, and The Grouchy Ladybug

Cooking activities will include baking brownies, making applesauce, tuna fish salad, toes, fruit salad Ga-  
mashed potato spaghetti salad, salad and veggie and homemade torade.



## Preschool News

Put on your sunglasses and grab an ice cold lemonade!! We hope everyone is enjoying their summer thus far. We know the Triangles and Quads are! The preschoolers are excited for our August theme: All About Bugs! We cannot wait to get our hands dirty and search for some creepy crawlers outdoors. In addition, we plan to learn about the different kind of bugs by reading a variety of stories about them. The preschoolers will be creating bugs using numerous art materials. We will be sorting bugs by color and number of legs. The Triangles and

Quads will be going on a "bug hunt" in the classroom using the colorful ones we have in the classroom.

In addition, we will take a walk around the neighborhood to hunt for bugs. We will practice spelling and writing the names of them as well. The Triangles and Quads will even create our own bug story! Some of the bugs we will focus on are: bumblebees, caterpillars, dragon flies, lady bugs, ants, and grasshoppers.

Reminders: Recreational swim will continue on Monday's and Wednesday's. Please make

sure your child is wearing his/her bathing suit underneath their clothing.

Please make sure you apply sunscreen upon arrival to school. Please make sure your child has weather appropriate clothing in his/her cubby box!

FCCC will be closed on August 30th for Staff In Service Day.

We would like to wish Alex (Triangle) a Happy Birthday on 8/18!



## Camp News

The campers are learning to recognize sight words. This is helping the campers to read some of their favorite



books. Next month the campers will learn about different authors and numbers all around. We have a few more trips planned. We said good bye to Arianna and her family, we wish her luck at her new camp.

Kaylah and Aidan will be celebrating their birthdays this month.

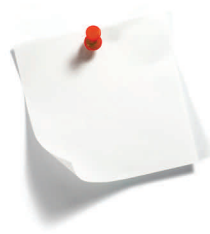
## Announcements & Reminders

Every Wednesday is **pizza day**.

Check children's mail slots every day.

Friends Child Care Center is on **Facebook**. Check us out for upcoming Fundraising Events.

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Friends-Child-Care-Center/197767671575>



### Resource Library: CHECK IT OUT

Parents and teachers are welcome to borrow books from our resource library in the B space alcove. Please complete the borrower's form and drop it in the right side slot. Please return borrowed materials in a timely fashion, so that others have an op-

portunity to borrow as well. Visit [www.librarything.com](http://www.librarything.com), Username: fccc, Password: 1501cherry for a list of books in our library.

Remember to show **ID cards** upon entering the Friends Center Lobby or stop and sign in if you don't have your card. This is an important security measure for the safety of our children. Additional ID Cards are available in the FCCC Office.

## Fundraising at FCCC

Throughout the year, parents will be asked to support fundraising through volunteerism and participation. There are many ways in which you can be supportive.

Provide baked goods for bake sales.

Actively seek donations and company sponsorship for annual auction event.

Volunteer to be a fundraising cheerleader for your child's classroom.

Seek to meet minimum family participation levels for small fundraisers held throughout the year.

### Fundraising Events:

PNO; Bake Sales; Annual Fund Appeal, etc.

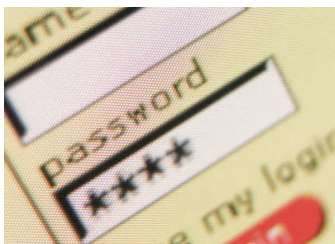
If you have any suggestions on Fundraising ideas, please don't hesitate to let us know. Also, if you are interested in volunteering

on the Fundraising Committee or Annual Auction Committee, please notify the office. We would love your help!



**T-shirts** are now available in the FCCC Office for \$10.00/each.

## FCCC Website Information



Be sure to visit our website at [www.friendschildcare.org](http://www.friendschildcare.org) to download forms, check out calendar events, and visit the classroom portal to see what is happening in your child's classroom. Parent Login is 'letmein.'

Thank you for helping to make FCCC the best it can be.

## School Closings:

Friday, August 30, 2013 for In-service Day

and

Monday, September 2, 2013 for Labor Day



# The Stork has Stopped By..'

And delivered Quinn James Tyrell

On July 9, 2013

A precious little bundle at 6 lbs. 2 oz.

Elise (in the Cuddle Cub Classroom) is very proud  
of her new baby brother.

Christine & Daniel are doing just fine.



## Allergy & Health Alerts

### Classroom Allergy Alerts:

#### *NUT FREE CLASSROOMS:*

PUDDLE JUMPERS, TRIANGLES,  
QUADS and CAMPERS.

\*Please be sure to check the expiration dates on your child's epi-pens (and all other medications). All medications should move with a child into their new classroom when they transition.

\*Please be sure to wash your child's hands immediately upon arrival into your child's classroom.

#### **Illness Policy:**

It is in the best interest of the children and staff that everyone participates in reducing the spread of illness and maintaining a healthy

environment. FCCC bases its health and wellness policies in accordance with DPW Regulations and the American Academy of Pediatrics Caring for Our Children Performing Standards. Please call to inform us whenever your child will be absent due to illness. Your child may not be brought in for child care unless she/he is able to participate fully in all activities including outdoor play. You will need a back-up plan you can use when your child is sick.

Please be alert for pre-illness symptoms such as lethargy, glassy eyes,

diarrhea, fever, etc., and keep your child home if she/he seems to be coming down with something.



When a child has been diagnosed with an infectious (contagious) illness, FCCC issues an Infectious Disease alert via email to the

affected classroom. If multiple cases occur throughout the Center, a center-wide notification will go out via email. The identity of the child will not be given and personal information will be kept confidential.

# Kindergarten News

School Fair : Choosing the Right Elementary School for your Center City Child

Wednesday, September 25, 2013 5-7 pm

Franklin Institute

222N. 20th Street

Philadelphia, Pa 19103

Center City Residents Association, Logan Square Neighborhood Association and South of South Neighborhood Association, as well as the Franklin Institute invites parents of preschool and elementary age children to an elementary school fair designed to help parents research grade school options. The fair gives families the opportunity to speak directly to schools and compare individual philosophies and accomplishments. Public, charter, private and parochial schools in the three neighborhood association areas have been invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

CENTER CITY RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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## Meet Our Staff

### Care Bears Teachers:

Markita, Nathalie, Toni, Robin

### Bear Cub Teachers:

Michelle, Linda, Carla

### Cuddle Cub Teachers:

Shannon, Barbara, Lea, Vickie

### Puddle Jumper Teachers:

Cordella, Grace, Jeanette,  
Zakiyah

### Preschool Teachers:

Teresa, Susan, Missy, Jacqueline

### Camp:

Biax, Kyra, Erica

### Floater:

Laura Kirby

### Subs:

Gail Centola, Cat Clever, Ericka  
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### Administration:

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