



FCCC NEWSLETTER

Director News

The excessive heat and severe storms have certainly gotten summer off to a concerning start. Please be advised that if the weather is above 90 degrees, outdoor play will be shortened and cool water will be accessible to children at all times. Scheduled trips may need to be delayed if traveling by foot or public transportation, particularly if the venue is outdoors. The general rule of thumb for Best Practice to child care centers is that children have access to outdoor play if the weather is 25 to 90 degrees, no precipitation and the air quality is good.

Above or below these temperatures is a judgment call made by caregivers and providers. Please express any concerns you have regarding activities on excessive weather days to your classroom teachers. Our teachers always have a Plan B to consider and value your feedback. Sun safety is also a priority, and we ask that families apply sunscreen to children before coming to school and teachers will re-apply midday or as needed. Young children should have sunhats to protect them from the sun. Finally, please assist your child in selecting appropriate shoes for outdoor play. The heat makes flip flops and open toe sandals very appealing, but they are not ideal for running around in the courtyard and play yard. Sneakers or closed toe sandals are strongly recommended to keep down the

risk of injury from falls.

Because of the excessive heat, you may be spending more time than you would desire indoors with your little ones. Keep in mind that learning is everywhere! Young minds are like sponges, and they learn so much from watching and assisting the adults in their lives with mundane tasks like doing the laundry or chores around the home. For instance, when you are doing the laundry, have your toddler sort by color and engage your preschooler with playing a game of what should or should not go into the washer machine. Babies love peek a boo games and freshly laundered items make this a sensory filled experience!

There are quite a few new faces around the child care center (I introduced in a previous email) as summer staff has started covering for teacher vacations and much needed time off. No more than 2 teachers from a particular classroom will be out at the same time, and there will always be regular staff working with new employees. We are happy to have returning summer staffing back with us (Catherine), and we welcome new staff to the team! (Christina, Ericka)

July highlights include the following:

July 6th - Campers to visit Fire Museum (Travel by foot)

July 13th - Triangles, Quads and Campers to visit Please Touch Museum (Travel by school bus)

July 20th - Campers and Quads to Lucky Strike for Bowling (Travel by foot)

July 26th - Water Park and Playground for Campers (Travel by foot)

July 27th - Discovery Museum for Campers and Preschoolers



(Travel by school bus)

Center Wish List:

Non-poisonous household plants (Cuttings from home are appreciated!)

Male gender specific dress-ups as we need more gender diversity in housekeeping areas throughout the child care. (Suit jackets, bowties, dress shirts, pajamas, shoes, etc.)

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Care Bear News

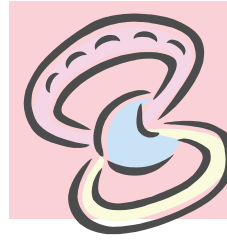
Summer is officially here, and the Care Bears could not be any more excited!!! Our new Care Bears have adjusted very well. It is truly a pleasure to watch them grow. We would like to welcome our new family starting this month Mason Conway (parents Lisa & Michael).

In the month of July the Care Bears will be spending most of our time outside as the

weather permits us. Please put sunscreen on your child in the mornings, and we will apply it in the afternoon.

Also, please bring sun hats for when we go out on walks if you have not already done so. Thank you.

We also will be participating in water play in the court yard. If you have not already



done so, please provide swim diapers.

Happy Birthday!!!!

Mike July 10th

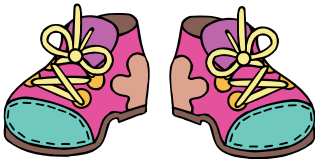
Markita July 12th

Kyra July 18th

Robin July 19th

Bear Cub News

Hooray! Summer has finally arrived and the Bear Cubs are ready for some Summer Fun. Our theme for the month of July is Summer Fun. We will be focusing on interesting things at the beach and different kinds of food people enjoy eating during the summer. We will try to create a beach scene with various objects that can be found at the beach and create different



kinds of food people like to eat during the summertime. We will be using butcher paper, different color construction paper, paint, glue, sand, markers, crayons and chalk. We also will be having lots of water play in the court yard using swimming pools, sprinklers, spray bottles and water tables. Please provide your child with swimmy's, water shoes, towel and sunscreen.

We are happy to report that the Bear Cubs are adjusting to their new class, routines, teachers and friends. They are doing well.

We would like to welcome Lily Friedman and her parents (Laura & Guy) to fccc. Lily joined the Bear

Cubs on June 18th, and she is doing well. We also would like to say Happy Birthday to Lily, she turned one on June 23rd.

Reminders: Please label your child's belongings and please be sure to apply sunscreen on your child before arrival to school. We will reapply as needed.

Wish List:

Sand

Sand toys (pails, shovels, beach balls etc.)

Have a fun and safe summer!

Cuddle Cub News

Our new Cuddle Cubs have all settled in nicely to their new classes. We still have some tears in the morning during drop off but otherwise everyone is doing well.

This month we welcomed a new Cuddle Cub to our class: Donal Wilk and his parents Tara & Matt. Big brother Gerard started in the Triangles as well.

Lucas became a big brother just in time for his birthday. Ethan Robert Crawford made his debut on June 6th. Congratula-

tions to John, Kristin and Lucas!!!

The month of July will be a wonderful time for the Cuddle Cubs. Our theme will be 'Down by the Seashore.' We will be talking and reading about things that live in the ocean. We will examine sea shells and use them for art projects. We will talk about the sun and do some activities using the sun. We will continue having fun splashing and splashing in the pools!

Birthday wishes go out to Sean (6th) and

Sequoia (24th), as they blow out 2 candles.

Happy Birthday to Laura as she celebrates on July 19th.



Puddle Jumper News

Our theme for the month is summer fun. We will be spending a lot of time doing outdoor activities such as running races, taking short walks to nearby parks and stores and observing nature. We will have a picnic lunch in the court yard. Aside from this, we will get wet in the sprinkler and wading pools. We will pretend we're at the beach and build sand castles.

Activities for the month will include:

Art

Painting pictures of water creatures

Using sand, glue and paint to create a beach scene

Painting with sand

Painting at the easel

Science

Make paper observing things that sink and float

Make play dough

Make freeze pops

Make bubbles

Language Arts

How can we stay cool when it's hot outside?

What are some water safety rules?

Why should you drink a lot of water in the summer?

How can we protect ourselves from getting sunburn?

Cooking Class

Make juice pops, water ice, fruit

salad, banana split, lemonade, melon balls and hot dog on a stick, shucking corn, and cream cheese banana pudding

Wish List

Sand and sand toys such as shovels, pails and molders

Plastic shower curtains or plastic rectangle table cloth w/flannel backing, to use indoors and outdoors for sand play

A blender to make our favorite summer drinks (smoothies, juice pops and water ice)

Please be sure to apply sunscreen on your child before arrival at school. We will reapply as needed.



Preschool News

The Triangles and Quad's are having a blast thus far this summer! In the month of July, we will focus on safety at home and at school. We will brainstorm a list of safety procedures and discuss their importance. Also, we will put them into practice throughout the classroom. In addition, the preschoolers will talk about fieldtrip safety, as well as take walks throughout the city. The Quad's and Triangles will compile a list of classroom rules to post in the space.



The preschoolers will incorporate patriotic activities for Independence Day. We will make fireworks, and American flags, as well as learn about the significance of Independence Day. On Tuesday, July 3, we will have our own celebration.

July 9, marks the beginning of recreational swim. The children are excited for this to begin. We will continue to provide water play at school, for those scorching hot summer days. Make sure your child has a bathing suit

and towel labeled in your child's cubby.

The Quad's will be going on several field trips throughout this month. They are: The Please Touch Museum- July 13; Lucky Strike Bowling- July 20; Discovery Museum- July 27.

*Please make sure your child is wearing sneakers for these trips!

We would like to say Happy Birthday to Hunter (Quad's) who turns 4 on July 8 and Thea (Triangles) who turns 3 on 7/17!

Camp News

The Campers are all settled into our camp room. They have enjoyed all the trips and outings and are looking forward to many more. They are continuing learning all the fact families and sight words. Some of our campers are beginning to read little stories and writing their own stories.

The Summer Camp welcomes Christina Rivera to the staff.

Fact Family Words—'AT' story by Campers 2012

One day there was a mouse and a cat (Novak). The cat caught the rat (Logan). Then the cat ate the rat (Derek). One day the mouse said to the cat, "we will meet at 5 o'clock sharp tomorrow (Shahaad)." The mouse was really sleepy at 5 o'clock (Willa). When the mouse was sleeping the cat woke up at 5 o'clock (Willa). When the mouse was sleeping the cat woke up at 5



o'clock (Eli). After the cat woke up he sneaked into the mouse's bedroom and ate the mouse (Chloe'). Then the mouse turned pink and the cat went to sleep at 9 o'clock and then he turned blue (Jaeden K). The mouse went to sleep and the cat went to sleep and they went to bed and they ate then (Jaden R.).

Announcements & Reminders

Every Wednesday is **pizza day**.

Check children's mail slots every day.

FCCC Website is www.friendschildcare.org,
Username: fcccparent,
Password: letmein
Please visit our website to download forms, check upcoming calendar events and look at archived & current newsletters.



Friends Child Care Center is now on **Facebook**. Check us out for upcoming Fundraising Events.
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Friends-Child-Care-Center/197767671575>

Resource Library:
CHECK IT OUT at www.librarything.com, Username: fccc, Password: 1501cherry

Remember to show **ID cards** upon

entrance to the building 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 & Parking Placards are available in the FCCC Office.

Tuition and Forms can be dropped off in either the Teacher's Lounge lockbox in the B space or in the FCCC Office lockbox on the 2nd floor of the C space.

Upcoming Events



July 6th;

Upcoming Trips:
Fire Museum for the Campers on

Please Touch Museum for the Campers, Quads and Triangles on July 13th; **Lucky Strike Bowling** for Campers and Quads on July 20th;

Discovery Museum for the Campers, Quads and Triangles on July 27th.
Family Barbecue at FCCC on Friday, August 17th at 11:30am—All are invited to attend.

Baby News

The Stork has Stopped By...

And Delivered Willa Joy Knoflicek

On June 5, 2012

A precious little bundle at 8 lbs. 2 oz.

Winifred (in the Triangles) is very proud of her new baby sister.

Lisa & Scott are doing just fine.



Allergy & Health Alerts

Classroom Allergy Alerts:

NUT FREE CLASSROOMS:

CUDDLE CUBS, TRIANGLES, QUADS AND CAMPERS.

SHELL FISH/FISH FREE CLASSROOMS:

PUDDLE JUMPERS

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 environ-

ment. 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.

Holiday Closings

FCCC is Closed on Wednesday, **July 4th** in celebration of Independence Day. Please make alternative arrangements for child care.

Please be safe during this holi-



day celebration and remember to keep children away from all fireworks and hot grills. Children should always be

supervised near water (i.e. pools, ocean, etc.) Happy Holidays!

FCCC will be closed on Friday, **August 31st** for an In-service Day and Monday, **September 3rd** for Labor Day. Please enjoy your holiday weekend, and we will see you for the start of the 2012-2013 School Year at FCCC.

More Fun Stuff

Kids say the funniest things:

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'Teacher, what time is my mommy coming, because I don't have a watch?'

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Child brings turtle to school for show-n-tell...

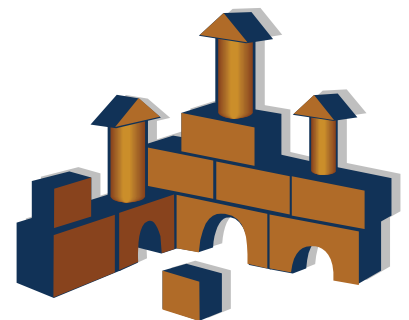
Teacher: What is the turtle's name?

Child: Michelangelo

Teacher: Do you know anyone else named Michelangelo?

Child: Yes, a painter.

2nd Child listening to conversation: I didn't know turtles could paint.



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.

Volunteer to work on planning committee for annual auction and social.

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; Barnes & Noble Book Fair Weekend; Annual Auction; Bake Sales; 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!

Parents Night Out (PNO)

FCCC holds a semi-monthly PNO (Parents Night Out) for Parents to have a night for romance, fun or just a little time to get things done.

We provide the baby sitting service in a familiar and comfortable environment with staff that the children know, and you get to have worry-free

fun with your significant other or a fun time with friends.



Each bi-month has a theme and special activities planned for the children, along with a nutritional dinner.

This is a fundraiser for FCCC. All

proceeds go to support our Child Care Center and its programs.

Upcoming PNOs:

October 19—Shake, Rattle & Roll!

December 14—Frosty the Snowman!

February 15—Pajama Jam S'mores Night!

April 19—Things that Hop!

June 14—Sand Castle Magic!

Barnes & Noble Book Fair Weekend

FCCC will hold a Barnes & Noble Book Fair the weekend of September 28-30th at the 1805 Walnut Street B&N. This fundraising event is a wonderful opportunity for fami-



lies to get out, enjoy some special activities with their children and purchase some great reading material, while helping FCCC raise funds to replenish our classroom libraries and our Family Resource Library.

Come and show your support for FCCC and its amazing quality child care by inviting friends and family to shop at Barnes & Noble.

Don't forget, you must mention FCCC when you make your purchases.

Bake Sales

FCCC runs semi-annual bake sale fundraisers throughout the year to help offset programming costs. We look to our families to volunteer to help with these events.

Our next Bake Sale is coming the week of **July 9-13th**. Sign up sheets will be available in each classroom. We are asking classroom families to bake for the following schedule:

Care Bears & Bear Cubs on Monday, 7/9

Cuddle Cubs on Tuesday, 7/10

Puddle Jumpers on Wednesday, 7/11

Triangles & Quads on Thursday, 7/12
Campers on Friday, 7/13
Table Sitters are needed.

Upcoming 2012-2013 Bakes Sale Schedule:

December 3-7

February 11-15

April 15-19

June 10-14

Families are asked to sign up to



bake goods to be sold in the Friends Center Lobby to building tenants and visitors. Bakes sales run from 8:00am-3:00pm daily. Please provide list of ingredients in order to maintain safe options for all those with food allergies.

Parents are also needed to help table-sit during these bake sales.

We appreciate your support.

Volunteering at FCCC

FCCC has many opportunities for families to volunteer their time and/or services to help improve life here at Friends Child Care.

If you have any skills, time and/or energy to participate in a family work day, sew or repair broken or torn items, share your

skills during show and tell, read stories to the children, chaperone field trips, help with fundraisers, work on the Annual Auction Committee or work on the Social Planning Committee to



organize planned family events, we would love your help and ideas.

Please contact the FCCC Office and let us know how you would like to help by emailing or calling the FCCC office.

Meet Our Staff

Care Bears Teachers:

Markita, Kyra, Erica, Nathalie, Toni, Robin

Bear Cub Teachers:

Michelle, Linda, Carla

Cuddle Cub Teachers:

Shannon, Barbara, Laura, Lea

Puddle Jumper Teachers:

Cordella, Bobbie, Meghan

Preschool Teachers:

Teresa, Susan, Missy, Gail, Shadae, Jamal

Camp Teachers:

Bjay, Vickie

Subs:

Robin Bell, Lameika Headen, Christina Rivera, Ericka Davis, Catherine Clever, Tracy Perry-Lewis

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