



FCCC NEWSLETTER

Play to Learn, Learn to Love

Director News

Dear Families,

Autumn is officially here! Over the weekend, I was in town for our Barnes & Noble book fair and was pleased to see so many Philadelphian families out and about on the Parkway and Kelly River Drive. Some folks were walking, some running or riding bikes while others sat on grassy areas or benches reading books or simply shooting the breeze. I felt motivated to go home and get my teenaged daughters MOVING farther distances than to and from the kitchen, television and computer. This didn't go over too well but at least I tried. Lol... I hope you were able to get moving over the weekend and spend quality time with family enjoying the pleasant autumn weather.

The Annual Meeting and Back to School Night takes place this coming Wednesday - October 3, 2012 from 5-6:30pm. I, unfortunately have been called out of town to support my sister as she undergoes a very serious surgery. An information packet from me with program updates will be distributed at the meeting. The Clerk and Co-Clerk of our board will run the business meeting which takes place the first half of the evening and Group Supervisors will facilitate Back to School Night activities in their classrooms for the remainder of the evening. Teachers have thoughtfully planned

meaningful experiences for your visits, and I am confident you won't be disappointed. Please do email me your thoughts as I will be working remotely during my absence.

The month of October is chock full of events! Spanish classes will resume and be taught by teachers Jeanette and Vickie on Mondays. Yoga classes will begin on Monday -October 8th and be taught by Maureen from Yoga Child. This program has been designed for our younger groups with older children helping out and modeling participation. Our annual Halloween Parade will take place on October 31st and will begin with a costume promenade around the courtyard and into the main building for Trick or Treating. Groups will separate once in the building and visit offices on all 4 floors. Please keep costumes simple, fun and age appropriate. No superheroes or weapons, please.



I am very happy to share that new carpeting and flooring will be laid throughout our facility this month. We have scheduled for classrooms to be moved into reserved spaces in the main building while the project is underway. The work schedule will run on Thursdays & Fridays. Saturdays and Sundays will be used

for airing, cleaning and moving furniture back for Monday morning. High quality and eco-friendly hard flooring has been selected. The tentative work schedule is as follows:

October 11th & 12th Puddle Jumpers will be relocated to room 136 in Cherry Street Room

October 18th & 19th Cuddle Cubs will be relocated to room 136 in Cherry Street Room

October 22nd - 26th Bear Cubs will be relocated to Room 21 on the 2nd floor of the main building

October 25th & 26th Preschool will be relocated to ML King Room, 3rd floor of main building

Finally, please plan to attend our October 11th Kindergarten Fair which will be held in the Rufus Jones Room located directly to the left of the front door. There are three neighborhood schools partnering with us and attending. We hope to have a good representation and information from Public, Parochial, Private and Charter Schools from the area.

Don't forget to change the batteries in smoke detectors and go over your home evacuation plans as October is Fire Safety Month.

Have a great October!

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Care Bear News

I cannot endure to waste anything as precious as autumn sunshine by staying in the house. So I spend almost all the daylight hours in the open air.

-- Nathaniel Hawthorne

The Care Bears would like to welcome Fall! In the month of October, we will continue to know our children and their families. The children are reaching new milestones every day. Charlotte, Abigail, Margot, Anna, Alaina, and Cecilia are

starting to crawl and pull themselves up! Calvin is sitting up on his own and also seems to enjoy tummy time a lot. Ethan and Mason are, with the help of caregivers, trying to hold their bottles. Harry is scooting along and Max finally loves his meals.

We hope to see all of our families for Back to School Night - October 3,



2012. During this time, all staff will be available to answer any questions.

Reminders: Please remember to bring in weather appropriate clothing for outdoor play!

Socks as well :)

.....Margot has a birthday this month on the 3rd, Cecilia on the 11th and Alaina on the 18th, HAPPY BIRTHDAY GIRLS!

Bear Cub News

The Bear Cubs have adjusted to their new class, routines and have been busy playing with their friends, exploring their new class and getting to know their teachers. The children that joined the Bear Cubs in September are doing great. We had a few tears, but overall it went extremely well.

The Bear Cubs theme for the month of October will be "Autumn Boogie". We will be focusing on Autumn, Halloween and the color orange. We will be reading books, singing songs and doing finger plays about Autumn and Halloween. The children will see and learn how Autumn causes many changes such as clothes, trees, leaves and flowers etc. They also will see how Halloween can be lots of fun. Our activities consist of exploring

pumpkins, jack-o-lanterns, creating hand print spiders, leaf collages, pumpkins, ghosts, autumn wreathes, making orange jello and nature walks looking for squirrels, etc.

Reminders:

. Now that the weather is changing, please provide your child with two sets of appropriate clothing for the weather.



. Back to School Night is Wednesday October 3, 2012.

. Photo Day is Tuesday, October 16, 2012.

. Parent/Teacher conferences will be on Monday October 22, 2012. Please sign up to meet with a teacher.

. Johnson's Corner Farm Center-Wide Trip will be on Tuesday, October 23, 2012. We need chaperones & drivers. Won't you join us? :)

. Costume parade will be on Wednesday, October 31, 2012 at 10:30am in the courtyard followed by Trick or Treating throughout Friends Center. Parents are welcome to join us.

Please be sure to follow the costume guidelines that will be provided by the FCCC Office.

Cuddle Cub News

During the month of October, the Cuddle Cubs theme will be "Falling Into Fall." We will focus on the changing weather, trees and leaves, the color orange and Halloween. We will take walks to the library, Franklin Square and Reading Terminal Market to buy some fruits & vegetables. We will make a scarecrow & jack o'lantern. We will also make some tasty treats, such as pumpkin bread and applesauce.

The Cuddle Cub teachers hope you will join us for "Back to School Night" on Wednesday, October 3rd. Teachers will be avail-

able to discuss any issues or concerns.

The Cuddle Cubs are looking forward to visiting Johnson's Corner Farm on Tuesday, October 23rd for pumpkin picking, the petting zoo and picnic lunch. Chaperones are needed to transport Cuddle Cubs.

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Wednesday, October 24th. A sign-up sheet will be posted soon.

Reminders: Please remember to update your child's clothes for size & season.

Please bring in family pictures if you have not done so.



Smile! Photo Day is Tuesday, October 16th

Happy Birthday Elise Klemm on 10/29

Wish List: Batteries (all sizes)

Puddle Jumper News

The Puddle Jumpers' theme for the month is Fall/Halloween. We will observe the change in the weather, as well as trees and have small group discussion. Our focus on the weather will include cold, windy and rainy and what to wear during this weather. Our focus on the trees will include the job of the leaves and why they fall off. Aside from this, we'll look at shapes and colors.

Activities for the month will include painting, gluing, cooking and other small and large motor activities. We will make Halloween and Fall decorations around the classroom. We will continue our discussion on good food and bad food.

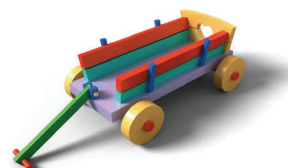
Painting and gluing: Make handprint leaves, picture frames, fall collages, decorate mini pumpkins, make bats, ghost, pumpkins, spiders, lanterns, witches, pumpkin cut-outs, and more.

Cooking: Apple fritters, melon balls, mashed potatoes, fruit smoothies, fresh squeezed orange juice and hot lemonade.

Large motor activities: Raking leaves, throwing and catching leaves, crunching leaves and making tree rubbings with crayons.

Fine motor activities: Putting puzzles together, making leaf collages, color and shape collages, and using droppers to mix colors.

Happy Birthday Neely! Put three candles on 10/28/2012!



Preschool News

The Triangles and Quads are settling in nicely to our classrooms, and loving the beautiful autumn weather! For the month of October, the preschoolers will focus on Healthy Foods and Halloween. We will be doing a variety of art, science, math, cooking, and language arts projects to go along with this theme. Our lessons will consist of what healthy foods are and how we can have a healthy lifestyle. The Quads and Triangles will be able to make a fruit and garden salad, as well as a food pyramid. In addition, we will make a variety of charts and graphs incorporating our favorite nutritious foods. We will be working on sorting and counting healthy foods.



Our preschoolers will take part in making numerous fall decorations around the room to incorporate this season

into our lessons. We will be using the autumn colors in our projects and even collect leaves from outside. Also, we are looking forward to creating "spooky" artwork and reading a variety of literature for Halloween. We can't wait to march in our annual costume parade as well!

This month, the Quads and Triangles will begin the "Letter of the Week." We will focus on one letter per week and do an assortment of activities along with it. In October, we will start with letters A-D. Feel free to have your child bring in an item for show and tell that represents the letter that is being taught.

***IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS:**

October 3rd- Back To School Night
Time: 5-6:30 in the Cherry Street Room

October 11th- Dr. George the dentist comes to visit & Kindergarten Fair
Time: 5-6:30 in the Rufus Jones Room

October 17th- Picture Day

October 18th- Parent/ Teacher Conferences (Triangles)

October 19th- Parent/ Teacher Conferences (Quads) & Parents Night Out 'Shake, Rattle & Roll'

October 23rd- Center-wide Farm Trip (Johnson's Corner Farm)

We want to wish the following children a very Happy Birthday:

Cole (Triangle) 10/27

Luke (Quad) 10/5

Zion (Quad) 10/17

Wish List: Empty water bottles, paper towel and toilet paper rolls, men's dress up clothing, old child appropriate magazines.

Announcements & Reminders

Every Wednesday is **pizza day**.

Check children's mail slots every day.

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>



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 opportunity to borrow as well. Visit

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.

Additional **Parking Placards** are available in the FCCC Office, 2nd Floor of the C space.

Resource Library: CHECK IT OUT

Upcoming Events

The **FCCC ANNUAL BOARD MEETING & BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT** will be held on October 3rd at 5:00p.m. in the Cherry St. Room. All parents are asked to attend. Sign up sheets are located in each classroom. Child care will be available. Light snacks will be provided.



The **ANNUAL KINDERGARTEN FAIR** hosted by FCCC will be held on Thursday, October 11th at 5:00p.m. in the Rufus Jones Room. All Pre-school & Puddle Jumper Par-

ents are invited to find out more about the enrollment and admissions process for Public, Private and Charter Kindergartens. We have also invited area day care centers/preschools to join us for this informative event.

PHOTO DAYS— Our Care Bears, Bear Cubs and Cuddle Cubs will be photographed for school pictures on Tuesday, October 16th and our Puddle Jumpers, Triangles & Quads will be

photographed on Wednesday, October 17th. Sibling photos and class photos will also be taken. Photos will begin at 9:00am in Room 136. Don't be late! Say Cheese!



More Fun Events, Trips and more, more, more...

FCCC's New Website— HOORAY!

It's here and we are thrilled. FCCC has officially launched it's new website with a new look. Just log on to www.friendschildcare.org (as usual) and you will see a new look. Parents can log in using the same password 'letmein.' Let us know what you think. Classroom portals will streamline information. Enjoy!

Center-wide Farm Trip— FCCC



will be heading to Medford, NJ to the Johnson's Corner Farm on Tuesday, October 23rd for a

center-wide farm trip. Permission slips will be distributed in classrooms and available on our website.

FCCC will hold its Annual Costume Parade on Wednesday, October 31st at 10:30 am in the Courtyard, followed by Trick or Treating in Friends Center. Costume Guidelines will be distributed to adhere to our Quaker Philosophy of non-violence.

Holiday Closings

There are NO Holiday Closings for the month of October.

Upcoming in November: FCCC will be CLOSED on Monday, **November**

12th for an In-service Day; Thursday, **November** 22nd and Friday, **November** 23rd for the Thanksgiving Holiday.



Allergy & Health Alerts

Classroom Allergy Alerts:

NUT FREE CLASSROOMS:

CUDDLE CUBS, TRIANGLES, AND QUADS .

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.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher conferences will be held on the following dates:
October 15-Care Bears, 18-Triangles, 19-



Quads, 22-Bear Cubs & Puddle Jumpers and 24-Cuddle Cubs.

Each classroom will set up a specific day and available times to meet with parents.

Please be sure to sign up to meet with your child's teacher to discuss your child's growth and development and any concerns or expectations you have for the coming school year.

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; 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!

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.

Upcoming 2012-2013 Bakes Sale Schedule:

weeks of
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 a 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

Bear Cub Teachers:
Michelle, Linda, Carla

Cuddle Cub Teachers:
Shannon, Barbara, Lea, Vickie

Puddle Jumper Teachers:
Cordella, Grace, Bobbie, Meghan

Preschool Teachers:
Teresa, Susan, Missy, Bjay, Jamal, Jeanette

Floaters:
Laura Kirby, Robin Bell

Subs:
Gail Centola, Lameika Headen

Office Staff:
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