



CCCC News



Campus & Community Children's Center

Fall 2016



We have had a wonderful start to the new semester. Many new friendships are being made as well as reuniting with old friends.

We will be publishing a newsletter four times every year. It will include important dates, classroom news, and helpful information about the center as well as childhood resources.

Important information will also be communicated through parent folders, sign in sheet notes, bulletin boards, website, and remind 101. We also encourage individual communication with your child's teachers and the administrative staff.

You may notice some new adult faces around the center. We have new student participants and volunteers from SUNY Fredonia and the community in each classroom. Please feel free to introduce yourself if you would like or ask your child about the new friends in his or her classroom. These student participants and volunteers are a wonderful resource to us and being in the classrooms serves as real world experience for them.



Important Dates:

11-2-16 Wednesday & 11-3-14 Thursday	Speech & Hearing Screenings
11/4/16 Friday	Original Works Fundraiser Kickoff
11/7/16 Monday	Emergency Preparation Drill
11/8/16 Tuesday	Election Day Bring your kids to the polling booth!
11-9-16 Wednesday	Visit from our local Fire Department (Fire safety month)
11/17/16 Thursday	Original Works Orders Due
11/24/16 Thursday & 11/25/16 Friday	CLOSED Thanksgiving
11/28/16 Monday	Scholastic Orders Due
12/2/16 Friday	Access Card Audit Ends
12/7/16 Wednesday 3:30 pm	Ladybugs (Waddler) & Bumblebee (Toddler) Cookies & Crafts
12/8/16 Thursday 3:30 pm	Fireflies (Preschool) Cookies & Crafts
12/9/16 Friday 3:30 pm	Butterflies (Preschool) Cookies & Crafts
12/26/16 Monday— 1/2/16 Monday	CLOSED Winter Break

Classroom News

Twinkle Star News



The infant classroom is a very busy place with lots of happenings! Jonah and Xander turned one year old! Happy Birthday to the two of them.

It's amazing how fast we are all growing. We

Teachers: Jessica Weatherlow & Kelli Mekus

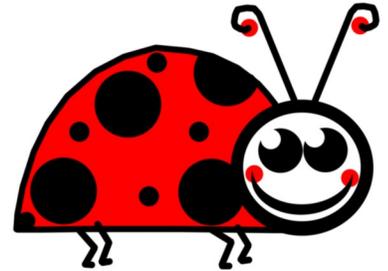
now have several crawlers, a few experimenting with walking, and many climbers. Many of the infants are also starting to finger feed themselves and eat off the regular menu. We have seen so much growth physically, socially, mentally, and emotionally. Thank you families for trusting us to care for and teach your child.

Ladybug News

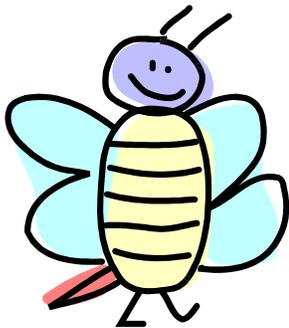
It was a gorgeous summer and our ladybugs spent a lot of time outdoors. Now that fall has arrived we will continue our outside adventures while talking about the changes we see in nature. The ladybugs have settled into a predictable routine and now know what will come next, allowing them to build trust in a predictable environment. Many of the children are

Teachers: Kim' d'Angelo & Arica Bailey

learning new language skills, including sign language. The use of sign helps young children express their needs and wants appropriately. We are excited to be welcoming a new assistant teacher this fall, Arica Bailey!



Bumblebee News



The bumblebees have been exploring Fall things. We painted with Fall colors and explored mixing colors together (red & yellow= orange) Pumpkin exploration was exciting and messy. We looked at

Teachers: Monique Johnson & Maureen Saunders

the seeds and meat. We also explored and talked about mini pumpkins and gourds.

We have been preparing for the winter weather too! We have a winter station in the classroom to help practice putting on winter coats, snow pants, and boots when the real thing hits!

Classroom News

Butterfly News

The Butterfly classroom is looking forward to a wonderful year. Our philosophy is that Play IS Learning! We believe children learn so many skills through play. We want our children to enjoy their day and feel safe and loved.

We started the year talking about

Teachers: **Brooke Bradigan & Christine Egbert**
ourselves, family, and community. Now we are starting to enjoy our fall activities. We will learn and talk about the changes in the seasons.

Have a wonderful year!



Firefly News

We welcomed many new friends in September and our class is almost full!

The children have been enjoying learning about Fall



Teachers: **Jenn Corcoran -Vigue & Brenda McKelvey**

with leaves, apples, and pumpkins. They had lots of hands on experiences with all those things and more. We also love taking walks on campus and are enjoying baking, play dough, building with blocks and playing dress up.

Wheelock Preschool

Teachers: **Rebecca Harp & Heather Rosplock**

We have started a Fall Forest theme, with the building of a classroom tree house. Following our theme, we have gone on nature walks, collecting leaves, sticks, and acorns that have been incorporated into activities such as leaf painting and sorting. We have also been discussing animal tracks as we see a lot of them on the playground. We have also begun the process of making alphabet books with children based on our letter of the week. We hope each child will have the entire alphabet by the end of the year. Our college Interns have started, and how funny that their names are Heather and Rebecca!



School Age News

In October, the school age superheroes hosted their Open House as they celebrated the 17th annual Lights on Afterschool event. This is a national event intended to help raise awareness of the need for after school programs. The halls were decorated with superheroes the children made, a friendship tree, and photo collage posters of the children's favorite activities. During the event, the children enjoyed a glow-in-the-dark dance party!

The school age programs also reach out into the community through service projects. This month they made tiny paper pumpkins to give to patients at Brooks Memorial Hospital.



FUNDRAISERS

Original Works

We are pleased to announce that during the fall semester we will be running the Original Works Program at CCCC.

Through the Original Works program, each child will have the opportunity to have their very own artwork reproduced onto a variety of high quality products. The products range from magnets, mugs and mouse pads,

to ceramic tiles, t-shirts, note cards, and nearly two dozen other products.

Each child is eligible to participate in this wonderful program. Once the artwork is created, parents and children will have the opportunity to select which product or products they would like to feature their artwork. The program is designed to encourage creativity and student

self-esteem. The resulting products make unique gifts that are practical for any season or occasion.

Complete details on the program will be sent home shortly. Proceeds from the program will be used to purchase art supplies for the center. For more information on Original Works please visit their website at www.originalworks.com.

ANNUAL FUND DRIVE You may be surprised to know that parent fees, subsidies, scholarships & grants do not cover the actual cost of child care. Fundraising is needed for the Center to continue providing high quality care & education services into the future.

CCCC will be embarking on a fund drive beginning mid -November. A flyer will be sent to current and past CCCC families, friends, and businesses to encourage year-end charitable giving & support for the center. The information below is an excerpt from the flyer. Feel free to pass the information along to grandparents or other entities looking for a great cause.

Ways to Give:

- Make a safe and secure online donation by visiting the center website www.fredonia.edu/cccc
- Drop off or mail your donation
- Purchase a desired item for a classroom or the center (list can be provided)
- Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) from an IRA. See your Tax Adviser or Financial Adviser for details.

How your generous gift will be used:

- \$10 could buy a board book to broaden our early literacy development programming.
- \$25 could buy a magnetic gear set to expand our STEAM activities.
- \$50 could buy a set of washable paint to increase creative expression and art design.
- \$75 could buy a set of realistic baby dolls to promote caring, nurturing and socio-dramatic play.
- \$100-\$250 could buy blocks with accessories to expand our work with mathematical and special learning.
- \$1,000 could buy a water exploration center for real-life experience with erosion, flood control, building, recycling, teamwork, communication, and motor skill development.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR ONGOING FUNDRAISERS



Dressing for the Weather

Winter weather is coming soon!

Please make sure your child is prepared for daily outdoor play.

1. A heavy jacket
2. Snow Pants
3. Hat
4. Gloves (2 pair) - waterproof works best
5. Snow Boots
6. Extra full set of clothes

It is not uncommon for children to have similar coats, mittens & boots so be sure to write names on all clothing.

We recommend having a complete set of winter gear that you leave at the center and take home to wash as needed.

Rest time items will also need to go home weekly for washing (blankets, pillows).



Winter Clothes Exchange

We will be having a **winter clothes exchange** in the months of October & November. If you have any gently used winter items that no longer fit your child please consider bringing them to the center.

Families are welcome to come any time during the day and pick up winter clothing items that may fit their children. We have gloves, boots, snow pants, coats & hats.

We know that winter clothes can be expensive and thought this would be a nice way for our families to work together to offset this cost. Check out the table outside the gym at the center today!

Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences & Parent Surveys



Be sure to sign up for a Fall Parent/Teacher conference. Conferences are a great way to keep in touch with your child's classroom teachers. You can find out what your child is doing in class and how he /she is developing.

NAEYC Parent Surveys will be distributed in November. They are a required part of accreditation that also gives us information about where we can improve and what we are doing right. We want to hear from you!

Access Card Audit

We are having our bi-annual audit of all temporary access cards on loan to us from SUNY Fredonia. This audit is for safety and security purposes. **Stop by the office with your card(s) so that we can make sure all of our information is correct.** All cards must be presented or a lost card fee will be assessed. This audit will end on:

Friday, December 2nd 2017

Please check your parent folders for more information. You can also refer to our lost card policy in the Parent Handbook.

Emergency Center Closing

TV & RADIO



Listen for the announcement regarding the Fredonia Central School Closing. When Fredonia Public Schools are closed due to weather, all of the Campus & Community Children's Center programs are automatically closed. When Fredonia Schools are not in session (i.e. Holiday Break), the cancellation will be announced specific

to the Campus & Community Children's Center between 6:15 am and 6:45 am.

Announcement will be made on the following Radio & TV Stations		
Dunkirk	WDOE 1410 AM	WBKX 96.5
Jamestown	WJTN 1240 AM	WWSE 93.3
Buffalo	WGRZ- TV Channel 2 News	
	WIVB- TV Channel 4 News	
	WKBW- TV Channel 7 News	

NOTE: Families in outlying areas will have to listen for the Dunkirk-Fredonia weather reports since we may be in the middle of a storm that has not reached your area.

REMIND 101

You can also sign up for Remind 101 to receive a text message when there are announcements regarding emergency closings.

Send the following message to the number below to join.

Location	Text	Message
Center	716-952-4219	@cccccenter
School Age	716-952-4219	@ccccschool
Wheelock Preschool	716-952-4219	@wheelockps

PUBLIC SCHOOL MID-DAY CLOSING: IMPLICATIONS FOR SCHOOL AGE AND WHEELLOCK PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

If the Fredonia School systems closes after the beginning of the day, the School Age and Wheelock Preschool Programs will remain open if at all possible to accommodate currently enrolled school age children but we ask parents to come pick up their children as soon as possible after the closing announcement is made. This includes if After School Activities are cancelled.

DELAYED OPENING PROCEDURE

A delayed decision means that the center will be delayed for approximately one hour. This additional time will give the center an opportunity to see if weather improves. At 6:30 am the radio, television and remind 101 will state that we are either open one hour late or closed. If Fredonia Central Schools announces a delayed opening then the Campus & Community Children's Center will also have a delayed opening.

Kitchen Corner

Children learn from watching you! If you eat healthy snacks your child will eat them too.

- Offer healthy snacks to help your child grow strong.
- Offer snacks between meals at regular times each day when your child is hungry.
- Do not offer snacks to calm or reward behavior.

Make the fruits and vegetables you serve Kid-friendly by giving them neat names like orange smiles, cucumber wheels, carrot coins or broccoli trees.

In each newsletter we would like to feature a kid-friendly recipe from



one of our families! If you are interested in submitting a recipe please drop one off at the main

office or with your child's teacher. Your recipe may even be used on our menu!

No desserts please.

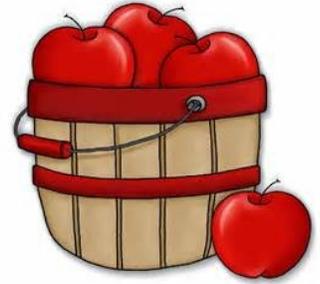
Baked Apples

INGREDIENTS

- 2 apples
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon cinnamon

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Peel apples.
2. Cut apples into 1" pieces.
3. Sprinkle apple pieces with brown sugar and cinnamon.
4. Microwave for 30 seconds until soft.
5. Let cool for 1 minute.



For more great kid-friendly recipes:
www.healthyeating.org
www.superhealthykids.com

In each newsletter we will provide fun activities for you and your family. We like to encourage outdoor activities that encourage creativity and problem solving skills.

Activity Alley



Be Active and Helpful At Home

It is not too early to teach preschoolers that they need to help out at home. Make housekeeping chores fun and involve the whole family. It will get the chores done and help your child to be both active and helpful! There are lots of ways to be active at home.

- Dust Furniture
- Pick up toys
- Rake Leaves (then jump in them!)
- Set or clear the table
- Shovel Snow
- Feed or walk their pet

Let's Get Moving Ideas:

- Go for walks together or play in the local park or playground & enjoy the changing seasons.
- Play a game of tag, Simon Says, Red Light-Green Light or chase.
- Play a game of catch with a large ball- if you miss, do 10 jumping jacks.
- Dance! (Check out the Sid Shuffle on Youtube).





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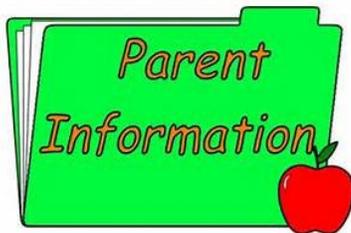
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Important Information

Parent Folders

Please check your parent folder every day. There are often very important messages.



Billing Reminder



Please remember that payments are due on the Monday before care is provided.

If you are interested in setting up automatic billing or paying online please stop by the office.

If you have any questions about your bill or need to make payment arrangements please see our Bookkeeper.

Free Cupboard



We have many items in our free cupboard. Clothes, puzzles, toys and shoes. Please help yourself to any items you may need. You may donate gently used items as well.

Helpful Resources

www.developingchild.harvard.edu

- The Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University was established in 2006. The founding mission was to generate, translate, and apply scientific knowledge that would close the gap between what we know and what we do to improve the lives of children facing adversity.

<http://csefel.vanderbilt.edu/>

- The **Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning (CSEFEL)** is focused on promoting the social emotional development and school readiness of young children birth to age 5. CSEFEL is a national resource center funded by the Office of Head Start and Child Care Bureau for disseminating research and evidence-based practices to early childhood programs across the country.