

# Children's Center Chronicle

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Have a safe and happy  
**Independence Day!**  
Happy Birthday USA!

## Important Dates To Remember

### Wednesday, July 4

- Independence Day - School is CLOSED

### Friday, July 6

- Staff Development/Green Day - School closes at 3:30 PM (Wear green!)

### Thursday, July 26, -

- Planning Meeting for Family Fun Day

### Saturday, July 28

- Work Day - 9:00 -12:00 noon

### Wednesday, August 1

- "End of Summer Potluck and Picnic" - School is closed at 12:00 noon

### Thursday & Friday, August 2 & 3

- Staff Development- School is CLOSED

### Monday-Friday, August 6-10

- Summer Break - School is CLOSED

### Monday, August 13

- School resumes regular session

### Tuesday, August 14 August

## Message from Ms. Maddy



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Summer time has been very busy, with many new families joining our program and all the wonderful activities that are happening in the classrooms. Much more is sure to take place as we continue our summer theme of *Trips and Travels*. I look forward to hearing all about the fun adventures the children will have as they travel to their imaginary destinations in their classrooms.

### **We have three special announcements:**

First is our intern from the University of La Vern, Ms. Margarita. She has been in the classroom for two weeks working with Ms. Rebecca and Ms. Kristel on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30- 11:00 and will continue to be here until the end of the month. She is completing her hours of practicum for her bachelors degree in Child Development.

Second, we are having a **WORK DAY** on Saturday, July 28, from 9:00 - 12:00. We need help to add more wood chips and sand to the backyard play spaces. There will be a sign up for volunteers at the Sign In /Out table.

Third, we will have a "Planning Meeting" for our **Fifth Annual Family Fun Day** on Thursdays, July 26. We want this year to be the best year yet. We need help with collecting donations, contacting community members to participate, and much more.

**We are recycling ink cartridges for cash.** Please bring your empty ink cartridges for the staff to recycle for cash at Office Max and Staples. The container for the ink cartridges is located next to the Sign In and Out table.

**Sign up now! "Positive Discipline" is here again.** This seven week course will be held on Tuesday nights starting August 14 thru September 25 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. You will learn positive guidance techniques including connection before correction with kindness and firmness. Positive Discipline offers practical ways to change lives by reducing stress while raising responsible, respectful, and resourceful children. **The series will be lead by Certified Positive Discipline Educators, Ms. Maddy and Ms. Kristel.** Registration is \$60 per person or \$100 per couple. Childcare is available for \$10 per child, per session. Registration includes the Positive Discipline book by Dr. Jane Nelsen and a workbook. To read what other parents had to say about the class see [www.worshipweekly.com](http://www.worshipweekly.com) and the link is children center. Then look for Positive Discipline Class.



"Trips and Travels" will continue to be our theme throughout the summer. Each class will rotate themes: *Going to the Beach, Going to the Zoo, and Going Camping.* We hope you will share your summer time fun with us by bringing in any pictures or souvenirs you'd like to share from your own family travels.

### **The Pre-K Promotion and Acknowledgement Program event was fun and inspirational!**

- The students sang beautifully and accept their certificates of completion. We also acknowledged over 60 wonderful volunteers who have given of their time, talents, and support during the 2011-2012 school year. **Check out the WONDERFUL Pre-K Promotion and Acknowledgement Program Photos on our website!** [www.worshipweekly.com](http://www.worshipweekly.com)



### Ms. Rebecca's Pre-K Class

Wow! June is over and the transition of children moving to their new classrooms. We had a great time studying about the zoo, the animals found there and the people who work in the zoo. I hope everyone starts off the month with a great Fourth of July. For the month of July, in the classroom, we will be going on "An Adventure In The Rainforest". We will be learning about the animals, plants, insects, and people who live in the rainforest, and the importance of taking care of our earth.

~ Ms. Rebecca

### Ms. Wasinii & Ms. April's Older Toddler Class

How time flies. It is hard to believe that June is already over and July is here. We had a great time visiting the beach in our classroom, even though it was hard to find the warmth outside for a bunch of the month. The children especially enjoyed playing in the sand at the sensory table or relaxing on a beach towel in the dramatic play corner. Songs such as "Slippery Fish" and "Hip Hip Hip Hippopotamus" were regularly requested and sung throughout the day. The children did a wonderful job learning "I am a Promise" and "Each of us is a Flower" for their performance during "Children's Moment". Each of them added their own special touch to the performance. The church members appreciated their performance and look forward to the next one in the future. We said a fond farewell to Asher Greenberg, Jace Dahlgreen and Surrenity Stiles. They will be missed.

This month we will be "Visiting the Zoo" and learning lots of animal songs and activities. You may hear the children singing or practicing making animal songs at home. There will be many zoo animals to explore and learn about in the classroom. We wish to welcome Kallie Rodriguez (Deanna's sister...now in Pre K) to our classroom.

If you could please send a new current cubby nametag size picture for your child, it would be greatly appreciated. Most of the children in the classroom are still working on learning what their name looks like, so the picture helps them when we need them to get something from their cubby.

-Miss Wasinii

### Ms. Shirley's Preschool Classroom

Welcome to the preschool classroom. This month we will be focusing on getting to know each other. I want to help your child feel comfortable in their new surroundings. One of my goals will be to provide a Christian environment with influences that will encourage all the children to become more creative, independent, and responsible in daily activities. Another goal I have as your child's teacher is to keep a smooth flow of communication with you. If you have any questions or concerns please, feel free

to contact me. There is a parent/teacher communication board in the classroom that you can also leave me notes.

Share day will be every day, and your child is encouraged to bring in a toy or book to share with their classmates. This is a fun event for them and develops their oral language skills.

July we will be "going to the beach." The children will learn about the sea life, the ocean, tide pools, and other fun ways to spend time at the beach. It will be an exciting month as we transition into our new classroom. I look forward to being your child's teacher this year.

-Ms. Shirley

### Cindy Bo's Young Toddlers

I am very excited to begin our new school year session with our new Young Toddlers and their families. This month we are welcoming Moxie (Amara-Rae) Balzer, Andersen and Eloise Kahn, and Makena Vaughn. Lucas Holt and Beau Wighton will be joining our group as soon as they turn 18 months. Welcome to each of these children and their families! It was so nice to have the children visit with their parents last month. This gave them the chance to become familiar with our school environment and routine. Because you, their moms and dads, took the time to be here with them, they received the message that school is a safe, secure and fun place to be. I also appreciated having the opportunity to get to know each one of them, as well as you, before their official first day of school. In order to help them develop a sense of security here, I will be working to develop my Primary Care relationship with them and to establish a consistent and familiar routine. I will also work to provide an experience for these Young Toddlers that will not only foster learning but create in them a love for school. We will continue our theme of "Trips and Travels" through the summer and July's travels will take us "Camping". The Young Toddlers will explore things of nature such as rocks, trees, flowers and wild life. We will pretend to sleep in a tent, look at the stars and sing "Cumbayah" around the campfire. I am looking forward to all the fun we will have together. Blessings to all!

~ Cindy Bo

### **A GREAT BIG THANKS!**

To all those who helped feed the homeless, by providing Chicken Casseroles in June: Grace Forgey, Maria Dwyer, Dominique Rodriguez, Mary Thronson, Maddy Quaglino, Pam Campbell, Cindy Bo, Kristel Kardashian, and Kasondra Quaglino,

Also, thank you to Adeline Bottorff for helping with the weekly laundry. If you would like to help with the laundry, see Ms. Maddy.