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Important Information!

- ✓ A photocopy of your child's birth certificate is needed to meet licensing requirements
- ✓ Please return food program enrollment form and household eligibility form
- ✓ Update emergency contact cards

Important Dates

CDL Fall Closure Dates:

September 7th

November 26th & 27th

December 24th-31st

Parent Advisory Board

Dates

Still to be determined—look for dates to be posted in our next month newsletter.

Dear Families;

The fall semester is now in full swing! The professional staff spent several days during orientation preparing for this upcoming semester as well as training our new group of FCNS 490 students. This semester we have 19 practicum students. Much effort has been put into planning for a smooth transition to the new semester, however; it is not uncommon for children to be a little hesitant to come to school due to all of the new faces. The student's first goal of the semester is to start building trusting relationships with the children and families. In the next week, you will be receiving an introduction letter from your child's primary caregiver, so you can start learning about them.

There have been a few questions regarding how the CDL is responding to the global Swine Flu threat. Back in May, a policy was put into place and emailed to all families in regards to what steps the CDL is taking to prevent any spread of illness as well as steps if there are any suspicious or confirmed cases of the Swine Flu. During the student's orientation this week, our nursing consultant from 4-C came in and spoke with them on measures to take to stop the spread of illness in group settings. The best defense to spreading illness continues to be proper hand washing procedures. All staff and children are required to wash hands upon entering the classroom. We encourage you to help your child get into this habit during morning drop off time. We also ask if your child is displaying any flu like symptoms to keep them home until they have been symptom free for 24 hours. The American Academy of Pediatrics has updated their Swine Flu information sheet on August 14th. This information can be accessed at: <http://www.aap.org/advocacy/releases/may09swineflu.htm>

If you have any further questions, please let me know. I look forward to a wonderful semester!

Emily Reilly
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Child and Adult Food Program Annual Enrollment Information

Dear Parent or Guardian:

This child care facility participates in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and receives federal funds to help cover the costs of providing nutritious and well-balanced meals to children. The amount of federal money we receive is based on the information you provide on the household eligibility application. Therefore, your prompt completion and return of the application will be beneficial to your child as well as other children at this facility. You will find this form in your parent pocket. Please use the following information below to assist in completing the form.

If you believe your household income is less than or equal to the Household Income Eligibility Guidelines listed below, or if you now receive SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly the food stamp program) or TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) benefits, your child(ren) may qualify for meal benefits. A foster child may be eligible for meal benefits regardless of your household income. We ask your cooperation in filling out the attached application.

The information you provide on the application will be used to determine your child's eligibility for meal benefits. The information will be kept confidential and only available to staff directly connected with administering the CACFP. Section 6 on the application requires you to sign that section if you do not want your information given to the All Kids Health Insurance Program. If contacted by another program, we may share your child's eligibility information with or without your consent. These programs might be education, health, or nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs; auditors for program reviews; and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

HOUSEHOLD INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

Effective From July 1, 2009, Through June 30, 2010 Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Week
1	20,036	1,670	835	771	386
2	26,955	2,247	1,124	1,037	519
3	33,874	2,823	1,412	1,303	652
4	40,793	3,400	1,700	1,569	785
5	47,712	3,976	1,988	1,836	918
6	54,631	4,553	2,277	2,102	1,051
7	61,550	5,130	2,565	2,368	1,184
8	68,469	5,706	2,853	2,634	1,317
Each Additional Family Member Add	6,919	577	289	267	134

It is also required that each child enrolled in our program have an annual enrollment form on file. This form must be update each year. Sections 1 thru 4 will be completed by the administrative staff for you. All you will need to do is complete section 5 and 6 on the form. All Food Program paperwork is due to the office no later than September 1st. Thank you.

ITT West News

Greetings to all my new families! I am so excited to become part of the Child Development Lab staff and am looking forward to meeting all of you.

My name is Veronica Day and I have taught preschool for 3's, 4's and 5 year olds and have been working in the early childhood field for over twenty years. Teaching in a mixed age group and working in a university setting will complete and enhance my early childhood experiences. I moved here from California where I received my Masters in Early Childhood Development and Psychology. I have four children of my own and know firsthand what an exciting and sometimes challenging time early childhood can be. My philosophy has always been to embrace the children in my care for who they are and to respect and acknowledge that they are different and unique. I am a big fan of exploration including art, literacy, movement, music and language.

My goal is to provide a welcoming and inviting place for children and their families. Please feel free to ask questions, tell me about your child and family and let me know what I can do to make this experience the best for your child. I look forward to meeting all of you.

Have a lovely day-Veronica



Preschool News

Preschool families,

It's hard to believe that the summer is almost over. We had a great time this summer and are now in full swing for the upcoming fall semester. This semester we will have 6 practicum students. In the morning we will have Tiffany, Gillian, and Denise. Our afternoon practicum students will be Dustin, Lauren, and Amrit. We are excited to see what each unique quality each of these students bring into our classroom.

This semester Euneta and I will be focusing a lot on families. At open house we had families fill out a questionnaire regarding their families that will be posted around the classroom with a family picture. If you have not already filled one of these out, please do so we can display your child's family in our classroom. Also, if you or anyone in your family has a special skill or talent and would like to share that with the children, please let us know as we are always looking for new and exciting ideas for parent and community involvement ideas!

As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask!

Have a great month,
Amy & Euneta

ITT East News

Hello Families!

We are excited to begin a new semester, but sad to see our former practicum students move on. This semester we are really focusing on different cultures, particularly the important cultures of your family. Please feel free to share any information regarding your family's culture or traditions. We will also be asking all families to bring in an item that is relevant to your culture or family tradition to help decorate our classroom. We feel this will encourage the children to develop positive identities. We will also be incorporating many materials throughout the classroom that reflect all cultures in our classroom. We invite any input you may have, as well as any fun cooking recipes!

Have a great semester,
Melissa & Sarah