

Kidz Corner NEWSLETTER

MudPies NORTHWEST CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

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The goal of "Kidz Corner" is to provide monthly updates with parents and others interested in MudPies CDC. It serves to bond all center family together into a family unit and keeps the families informed of all center activities and functions. In each issue, we will share information about our centers, upcoming events, changes in the field of early childhood education and the special learning programs NWDCDC offers.



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Director's Corner

How about this weather? I am anxiously awaiting the crisp air of the Fall and all the events accompanying it. Mark your calendars in advance for our annual Fall Festival. It will take place Friday, October 14, 2011 from 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm. There will be lots of games and loads of fun! This event is sponsored by our MudPAC.



Take time to take off your shoes and walk with your bare feet on the new, cool grass we have on the playground. The swing poles on the toddler and two year playground have been removed to allow more playing options. Speaking of swings, if you have any gently-used baby swings to donate, our Bears would love to have them.

Several new things are taking place at MudPies Downtown:

Storyteller – Renee' Andrews, from the Forsyth County Public Library, started her first storytelling session on 9/13/11. The kids loved it! Ms. Andrew's will be here the 2nd Tuesday of each month to tell 3 stories for each class accompanied by songs.

KinderKixx – A new soccer camp started Thursday, September 29th and will continue for an 8 week period. The instructors will arrive at 2:45 and the camp starts at 3:00 pm. The cost is \$76 for the duration of the camp. For more details see Kiva or go to their website at www.kinderkixx.com.

Recycling - Steven Norris of the MudPAC (Parent Advisory Committee) is working with MudPies Downtown to design a recycle system. The project was voted "yes" unanimously by the MudPAC committee. It will be implemented in the next few weeks. Thank you, Steven, for all your hard work. Go Green!

MudPies MAKE-OVER – The main lobby columns, hallways, cafeteria and adjoining spaces were painted during the first two phases of our make over. Volunteers will be at MudPies Downtown on Saturday, October 8th from 9:00 – 12:00 am, washing walls, tables, chairs, windows and deep cleaning our carpets and floors.

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Class Acts

PANDAS

Would like to welcome our new children to the class: Anna W, Corbin E, Tristen K and Londen S. In the months to come, we will be discussing in our lesson plans: "Fruits and Veggies", "The Fair", "Community Helpers" and "Farm Animals". Autumn will be here soon, so it is that time again to change your child's extra clothing to weather appropriate clothing. Don't forget, parents, to always sign your child In and Out.



PENGUINS

Congratulations to Ms. Shanna! She delivered a healthy 5 lbs. 8 oz. baby girl, Alexandria, on September 4th. We welcome Ms. Shirley, who will be assisting in our room during Ms. Shanna's maternity leave. She will return October 19th.

We ask parents to provide proper clothing for children as cooler weather is slowly making its way here. Penguins are discussing and learning about the following: weather, autumn, fruits, as well as colors, counting and letter recognition.

Reminders: 1. Plastic bags are always needed 2. Remember to sign your child IN/OUT daily.

CIRCUS TYKES

Fall is finally here! We have had so many fun activities going on and many more planned. In September Ms. Sandy with MusicCare came to sing, read and play educational games with our class. We really enjoyed the time spent with MusicCare. If your child is interested in joining this weekly educational program, please stop by the office to pick up information—I highly recommend this program. In the coming weeks we will be pushing on weekly lessons with letters. So far we have had lessons with the letters A thru F. Your child should be able to recognize the letters and make their sounds. Each week, we will introduce a new letter and the sound and review past letters.

Reminders:

Please take a moment to clean out your child's cubby and reorganize it. Make sure they have 2 pairs of extra clothes and take unneeded items home.

Concern!! We have had major concerns with children bringing toys to school. This causes distractions and several toys are missing while others have been broken. PLEASE do

not allow your children to bring toys to school. We can no longer be responsible for them. Thank you for your immediate help with this matter.

OCEAN DIVERS

Happy Fall! Since the cool weather will be here soon, please check your child's cubby to see if they have 2 sets of seasonal appropriate clothing. Thank you to Kamryn, Melina and Manuela's mom for bringing in collage materials and items for our class. We are in need of some old magazines. Also, any items that have to do with the Fall season would be greatly appreciated. Examples: books, acorns, pinecones, leaves, dried flower heads and seeds. These will be our themes for the Fall. Thank you for all you do!

DINOS

As we enter into fall season, we will begin to explore themes of apples and their many uses, the colors of fall and the changes in weather. We will continue to focus on self-help skills such as washing hands and cleaning up after oneself. Please reinforce these skills as well as the themes we study at home. Remember to check your child's cubby for weather appropriate clothing because the weather is beginning to change.

JUNGLE EXPLORERS

As Fall is fast approaching, Jungle class will focus on the theme "All About Me". We will continue our letter recognition, letters A-G. Numbers 1-10 along with shapes: circles, squares, and triangles. We are studying the feelings: happy, sad, and mad. Our Fall theme will consist of the colors orange, yellow, brown and red, fall arts and crafts, vegetables: pumpkin and squash. We will be roasting pumpkin seeds and tasting pumpkin pie. There will also be a trip planned to the pumpkin patch. Please parents, don't forget to check your child's cubby and their mailbox, on a daily basis, for their homework assignments. We have a lot of fun and exciting activities planned for the Fall.

Thank you parents!

SPACE TRAVELERS

Fall is drawing near and as always Space Travelers have fun and exciting things planned. Out with the old and in with the new. Space Travelers are doing some classroom renovations; so please bare with me during this transition. In October, we have planned for community helpers to visit our class and pumpkin picking in Tanglewood. Further details will be provided as we get closer to these events.

Assistant Director's Note

It's Fall Ya'!!! It's hard to believe but it's time for the season to change again. With the upcoming season, we look forward to all the fun things we enjoy in fall. Fall festival, the Dixie Classic Fair, and of course Thanksgiving. Football is underway, along with fundraising at MudPies. We appreciate all who participated in the pasta fundraiser, and look forward to how the MudPac plans to use the funds on our facility. As always, I am easily accessible, and willing to lend a helping hand. If you need anything, my door is open, and I look forward to continued communication with all our loving families.



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Happy Birthday to Sha Woodard on September 24th!
 Bertha Jones on October 19th!



Ms. Peggy a Winner!

Congratulations! Ms. Peggy was awarded a gift card for being receiving the most "compliment slips" by our parents. Ms. Peggy has been a part of the MudPies family since 2002 and NWCDC since 1998. She enjoys all age groups which is perfect for her floating position. Her credentials include: Early Childhood,



School-Age, Family Credentials and Special Needs certificates. Peggy is planning to further her education this spring. We are so proud of your recognition!



Director's Corner (continued)

Menus – We are jumping on board with our First Lady Michelle Obama to fight obesity in children. We are currently introducing more fresh fruits and vegetables. We serve 100% real fruit juice. We also serve 2% milk to our birth to 1 year olds and 1% to our 2 thru 5 years olds. Please join us in welcoming Ms. Nanette Higgins back into our MudPies family.

Teacher Snack Day! – The MudPAC has initiated Snack Day for the teachers. The parents of one classroom per month will be responsible for teacher snack day. Snack day is the last day of every month. For the month of September, the parents of the Baby Bears will be responsible for teachers snacks.

As always, my door is always open and suggestions are always welcome. Thought for the month: *“If you see someone without a smile, give them yours. They will give it back!”*

I would also like to express our sincere apologies for all of the confusion for the week of October 3rd. We will keep you abreast of any changes in the near future.

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