



Children's Center Chatter

Winter Fun for Children of All Ages!

Outdoor fun is part of everyday at The Children's Center and School Age Program. This winter has been no exception.

Despite some days that were too cold to get outside, we make our best effort to get outside for fresh air and physical activity.

Our School Age Program has been sledding every Wednesday afternoon and participating in the community skate on Thursdays at the on campus Ice Plex.

The Blue Room has been out searching for

mounds of snow to climb and jump on. In January they spent some of their morning walks out on campus climbing the tallest snow banks they could find.

Toddlers love to shovel snow! They just can't get enough of shoveling and sledding. The newest sleds are getting a lot of use.

It is extremely important that your child

have all their winter clothing items. The Center does have a supply of extra outdoor winter gear but not enough for everyone. Even our babies should have their winter clothes ready for any opportunities to get out for some fresh air.

We're looking forward to some more sunny winter weather. Stay warm!

The Children's Center at Morrisville State College, Inc.

Winter 2010 Issue

Special points of interest:

- ☺ Healthy Hearts Day, February 12...watch for details!
- ☺ Recipes due February 26
- ☺ Picture Day March 3 & 4
- ☺ Picture Orders due March 15
- ☺ Center will be on reduced hours during the MSC break, March 22-26, 2010
- ☺ Bring your winter clothing everyday for play!

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C-STEP Students Work

The Center is very fortunate to welcome six C-Step Students.

Maxcy (Toddlers), Merkis (Preschool and Waddlers), Claudie (Preschool), Dona Lee (Toddlers), Roselind (Waddlers) and Melissa (Infants) all started

their new schedules on February 1, 2010.

They are a talented group of students that are part of the Collegiate Science and Technology Entry Program (C-STEP). This group of students is currently part of the profes-

sional development group.

Each student will be working ten hours per week. In addition to their time spent at The Center, they must complete volunteer hours, peer tutoring and professional seminars. Please help me welcome them.

Center Continues Commitment to CACFP

From the very beginning The Children's Center has been committed to good health and nutrition. The Center enrolled as a Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) the first year it opened, starting a commitment to quality meal choices for children. On-site meal preparation, healthy menu choices and a full time food technician have made our meal-times a success.

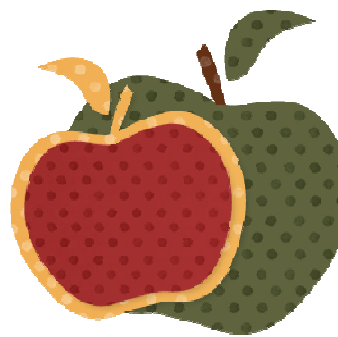
Every three years The Center is visited by auditors from CACFP. They review meal records, food preparation, classroom mealtimes and vendor receipts.

The kitchen and classrooms

have always received rave reviews for cleanliness, and the quality of food preparation.

One component we are most proud of is our family style mealtimes. If you stop by during one of our meals, you will see children and teachers eating together family style even in our youngest age groups.

Robin Branch works very closely with CACFP. She receives



5 a day is a better way! Get five servings of fruits and vegetables each day.

monthly updates, newsletters and prepares our monthly vouchers for reimbursements. Annually Robin sends out new applications to every family. This is a requirement that must be met every year. If you have any questions about the program, please don't hesitate to stop by and see her.

Keeping your child happy and healthy is important to The Children's Center; we believe it starts with a healthy, happy mealtime!

Picture Day in March 😊

This year The Center will offer two opportunities for your child and even your family to be photographed by a professional! Kara James, a parent and Board Member, has volunteered her time to come and set up a studio. Individual and class photos will be taken on March 3rd from 9:30-11:30. The classroom teachers, Jen and Robin will assist the

children during their individual sittings. You are more than welcome to have siblings sit together. Family sittings are also available on March 4th from 5-6, by appointment only. Please make your appointment with Jen or Robin.

A black & white proof and order form will be delivered to each child by March 8th. Order forms will

be due on March 15th. All orders will be filled and returned to families by March 30th (just before the Easter holiday).

Prices are very reasonable and The Center will earn a portion of every photo ordered. Any questions, please see Jen. Thank you for your support.



School Age Program Openings for Before and After School Program

Many of you may not know that in addition to the care offered here at The Center, School Age Child Care is also a part of our program.

The School Age Program (SAP) is located in the Edward R Andrews Elementary School. SAP provides before school, after school, holiday, vacation and summer care for children ages 5-12. The program can enroll up to 20 children and has

openings.

Typically students enrolled at Morrisville Eaton Elementary School are served during the school year, while students from any district can be cared for on vacation days and during the summer.

Sandy Chapman, the SAP Assistant Director, plans a ton of fun for the children. A wide variety of crafts, games and physical movement activi-

ties happen each week.

If you or someone you know needs care for a school aged child, please see Jen or Robin.

Sandy Chapman and Shun in the Blue Room at nap time!

Week of the Young Child

The Children's Center at Morrisville State College will celebrate Week of the Young Child (April 20-24, 2009) to recognize the needs of young children and thank educators and others involved in building better future for all children. Week of the Young Child is celebrated across the country by hundreds of local organizations working to improve opportunities for all young children.

The Children's Center will be celebrating all week in the classrooms. Teachers have planned some of the children's favorite activities. Because the week is about celebrat-

ing children, we have arranged for two art work displays in Morrisville. Dougherty's Pharmacy and The Copper Turret have partnered with us to "show off" our children's artistic talent.

Across the country, young children and their families depend on quality education and care, which help children get a great start, and bring lasting benefits for our society as a whole. Week of the Young Child is a time to recognize the people, programs and policies that are helping to build better futures for all children.



The Children's Center works every year with NAEYC, the largest organization of early childhood education programs, and local affiliates to build public support for high quality early childhood programs. The Center has been held its accreditation since 1998.

Sun, Fun and Safety-Getting Ready for the warm weather!

Warm weather will be here soon even though our spring has felt more like winter during the past few weeks.

When nicer weather arrives the children will be outside for more extended periods of time. Most age groups will be using the playground twice a day.

Dressing your child appropriate for the warmer weather is

important. Mornings will continue to be chilly while the afternoons may be very warm. Children will continue to need a light jacket and mud boots for several weeks.

As the children spend more time outside, and the sun is out, the staff will begin to apply sunscreen daily.

Parents will be asked to sign new permission slips for sunscreen. We are required to update the permission

forms each year. Please look for those in the classrooms!

We are also asking every family to provide a new bottle of sunscreen. Many bottles from last year were outdated.

Sunscreen Tip: For best results, apply sunscreen 30 minutes before going outside.

Blue Room Spring Program

On May 6, 2010, at 6:00pm in Madison Hall, the Blue Room will hold its annual Spring Program.

The program features a splendid performance of songs and movement. As part of the evening event, children moving on to kindergarten participate in a brief graduation ceremony.

Families and friends are

invited to attend. A reception of food and drinks will immediately follow the program.

Families need to RSVP to Amanda, Cindy or Melissa by April 23, 2010.

A special treat is being planned for this year's performance. We hope you can join us. An elevator is available

for people unable to climb stairs.



Please join us for the special event!

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The Children's Center at Morrisville State College is a licensed and nationally accredited child care center serving children ages six weeks to twelve years.

The Center offers priority to the faculty, staff and students of Morrisville State College. Community families are served as space is available.

The program is offered year round to children. It offers a safe, home-like environment for children when they must be away from home.

For more information about enrollment or to schedule an appointment to tour The Center, please call 684-6400 and ask for Jennifer or Robin.

Cookbook Recipes Due February 26, 2010

This spring The Center will be selling a new collection of family recipes and the best part is you can contribute your favorites!

Kayla Burlison, Infant Room Lead Teacher, is coordinating the fundraiser. She has asked that all families submit their favorite recipes. Recipes should be dropped off at the front desk. Kayla would also like to collect recipes from the children. Please have your child dictate their favorite recipe and we'll include in our book.

A great special with the book fair is the "Buy One, Get One FREE!" deal. For each book purchased during the book fair, a second book of equal or lesser value is yours free.

This is a great way to build personal libraries as well as donate to our classroom libraries. Each classroom will display a wish list of books they would appreciate being added as part of their classroom library.

Also taking place during our book fair is the Children's Center's Open House/Family Night. This is scheduled to take place on Tuesday April 28th from 5:30-6:30 pm. During this time we invite parents, family, friends, and community members to come and visit/view the center as well as take advantage of our Book Fair.

We look forward to seeing you during the Book Fair and Open House. Thank you in advance for sup-

porting this important reading event to get books in the hands of children. Mostly, thank you for believing in



books and in the importance of reading! -Torrey Lansing