

Family 2 Family

A newsletter from *our* family at West Chester Area Day Care Center to *your* family
February 25, 2009

Registration for West Chester Schools is next week. We have posted the specifics they will require upon registration and the dates. Your child must be 5 by September 1st for Kindergarten and 6 by Sept 1st for First grade. Which school your child will attend depends on your address and you'll need to contact the district if you're not sure. Re: before and after school care, we sent out an info sheet two months ago asking who was staying for Kindergarten here and who needed before and after care etc.. and have based our enrollment on this. At this time, we have NO spaces for any new summer or before and after school children. Remember, you must tell the bus company that you want your child picked up/dropped off here for the new school year, we cannot do this for you. We also gave out transition info for all families who are transitioning their children into the districts to help ease concerns and help you become more aware of what to expect etc.. If anyone needs this info again, please just let me know.

All other Classrooms Enrollment: Based on the children we have and the new ones we know are coming, we are booked through the summer. This is great for us and really reflects the quality of the program and the staff! Please let us know if you are considering leaving the center as we are turning away many families and just want to be sure we know who is staying so we can be accurate for inquiring parents.

Parent-Teacher Conferences: We are now conducting our second parent-teacher conferences for the year. Please see your child's teacher for specific sign up times. If you need special arrangements, just let us know. As always, you can have a conference at any time, but we need to ensure we are scheduling at least three during the year to keep parents informed.

New Teacher: We welcome Mrs. Melinda Hagerty to room 4! She will be working from 8:30-4:30 and has had previous experience with working in childcare. We are excited to welcome her to our WCADCC family!!

Claire's Gourmet Fundraiser: We are doing this fundraiser again as it proved successful last time. Details: orders due Wed March 11th with pick up being Wed April 1st. For every 5 items you sell, you get one chance/ticket to be entered in a drawing for \$50 in school tuition!! All of the profits earned go directly to activities for the children like the storyteller and puppeteer we just had for the whole school!

Any closed days due to weather: Our procedure is to announce our center on ABC, NBC, CBS and FOX – Our full name will appear, DO NOT go by West Chester School District!!!! You can also call the center and enter the option # 3 for any closure information.

If there is a 1 hour delay: We open at 7:30

If there is a 2 hour delay: We open at 8:30 * **Doors close at 10:00 (please don't call**

and say you're coming after this, we need to ensure we have the proper staffing), no breakfast is served on days that we open at 10:00, please feed your child before coming in.

Private paying families only **pay up to 3 days that we close for weather** or other un-scheduled days.

Please turn over for more information ->---->-->-->

Parent Resources: Please remember to check out the parent resource center located in the Big Room near room 1. There is a ton of information, in English and Spanish, for immunizations, CCIS, WIC, seatbelt safety, resources regarding behaviors and/or possible learning delays, La Comunidad de Hispana, poison control, info on area attractions and museums for children... and so much more. We also give out (free of charge) the following magazines for children and their families: Your Big Backyard, Weekly Readers for pre-K and Kindergarten, Nick Jr. Magazine, Parent & Child magazine in addition to many other handouts that we distribute concerning issues in early childhood. Please also look for the Early Years newsletters I give out monthly which have activities you can do at home with your child like cooking and art projects, songs and books, parent support and questions and answers many parents of young children have. If you ever need information on a specific topic or area of concern, I also personally have a lot of resource materials in my office, just let me know!

School-Age Reminder: When children have a half-day and come here for lunch and snack, the charge is \$25.00. If they are here all day, the charge is \$30.00. Only before=\$10 Only after=\$10 Both B/A=\$20 We will be taking registrations for the summer program soon (no additional fee to reg.). For SCHOOL-AGE ONLY (this does not apply to any other age group): you may sign up for specific weeks only.

Seatbelts: I realize we cannot legally enforce for every parent to put their child in a carseat and use the seatbelt laws correctly, but we are hearing and seeing many children getting in vehicles in an unsafe manner. If you need assistance in getting a proper carseat, please just let us know. It really is the law, so in addition to putting your child in jeopardy of serious bodily injury, you can get fined and ticketed for not having your child properly secured. PLEASE make this a priority!!

Tax Info: If you have not yet received your tax information, it is still available at the front desk, just let us know!

My e-mail: Please do not hesitate to contact me anytime you need to via e-mail at wcadcc@yahoo.com

PLEASE GO CHECK OUT THE UPDATED WEBSITE AT: www.wcadaycare.org

It looks great, thank you Gretchen Grant!

Thank You!!
Betsy Billie, Executive Director