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Newsletter for families of NDNCC

March/April 2015

UPCOMING EVENTS



The Children's Art Show & Annual Meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday, March 18th. All of the classrooms have been busy creating artwork to display throughout the center. Be prepared to enjoy a delicious buffet dinner prepared by Ms. Sharon. Families and Children are encouraged to attend, but care cannot be provided.

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WALK FOR A
HEALTHY
COMMUNITY

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Registration for the Highmark Walk for A Healthy Community is now open! Newark Day Nursery and Children's Center is one of 20 Delaware nonprofits to benefit from this event. Remember, Highmark Inc. underwrites the cost of the walk so that 100 percent of the money raised by walkers goes to the participating organizations. The 2015 Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community takes place Saturday, June 6, 2015, at Bellevue State Park in Wilmington. Some teams have

already been created. Join a team or start one of your own with family and friends!



Joe Corbi's orders will be in on Tuesday, March 17 after 12:00 pm! Plan your pick up as soon as possible!



On Thursday, April 16th, we're bringing Family Movie night back! Look for more information in a few weeks!

REMINDERS

NO CELL PHONE ZONE



We would like families to **take time out from cell phone usage** during drop off and pick up. Your child will miss you during the day, so start their school day with warm wishes. Your child will also want to share their day with you during pick up. Please

remind those who have permission to pick up, as well.

FALL REGISTRATION

Attention Shoppers



Do you shop at Amazon.com? By clicking [here](#) when you're ready to shop, a portion of your purchases will benefit NDNCC!

Helpful Links

[NDNCC on the Web](#)

[NDNCC on Facebook](#)

[Delaware Office of Early Learning newsletters](#)

We're already looking forward to another great school year! Fall Registration forms for ECE and SAC were handed out in the last week of February. These forms have only been passed out to families of currently enrolled children. Please return the form by March 20, 2015. Registration will open to the public after this date.

ECE HIGHLIGHTS

In anticipation of Valentine's Day, the Pre-School classroom created letters and pictures to send to their families. This was a great opportunity for our Pre-Schoolers to learn about mail! Here are photos of the children getting ready to place their letters in the mailbox:



Many of our ECE classrooms hosted friendship parties on February 13. Here are a few pictures from the events:



The Toddler classroom made hats, shared sundaes, and fruit at their banana split party.



It was a lot of fun preparing for the party in the Pre-K room. The fruit was cut by some of our students.



Pre-School also enjoyed fruit with family and friends. A future NDNCC student attended!

UD MUSIC



UD Music teaches in Pre-K and Pre-S class on Wednesdays from 9-10. The puppets are popular! UD Music also visits the Tweenie and Toddler Classrooms on

5 SPRING FAMILY ACTIVITIES ON A BUDGET

Here are five great ways to enjoy spring on a budget with your family.

Hear a Story, Read a Book

Having fun can be educational for all ages. Head to the library to hear a story if you have little kids, or choose a book everyone can read together and discuss if they are older. Find out about free upcoming book readings and other demonstrations or workshops the entire family might enjoy — suggests Andrea Woroch, consumer and money-savings expert for Kinoli Inc., in Windsor, Colo.

Make Crafts

Spring means renewal, and that goes for your family's creative side, too. Woroch suggests asking craft and fabric stores to find out about knitting, sewing and craft classes for all ages. "Bring your kids to learn something new together," she says. "Usually the cost for participating is just the cost of materials." Once you have some innovative, crafty ideas, expand the projects at home by tie-dyeing T-shirts in the front yard or painting frames in the garage.

Plant a Garden

Take the opportunity to work together through a long-term project by planning and planting a garden as a family, suggests Cathi Doeblar, New York-based author of *Ditch the Joneses, Discover Your Family*. Have everyone choose plants for a vegetable or flower garden, and assign duties to care for it throughout the spring and summer. Search your library for books on spring flowers and gardening. "By enjoying time together outside, you get the health benefits and the benefits of enjoying nature," says Doeblar.

Join in the Cooking

Fire up the grill and get the entire family involved in planning meals this spring. "Let your kids lead the dinner planning," recommends Lisa Mase, whole foods cooking educator with Harmonized Cookery in Montpelier, Vt. From chicken on the grill to burritos set up on a picnic table, find ways to get the kids involved in the preparations. "You will all feel better, have more fun and save money by cooking at home," says Mase.

Volunteer Together

Spread some good cheer as a family by volunteering this spring. "Spring is a great time for families to volunteer together, and it's free," says Liz Rampy, South Carolina-based family therapist and kindergarten teacher. Contact nursing homes to organize a day to read to residents or make simple crafts with them. The entire family can spend a day walking dogs at the animal shelter, too.

Search online for Spring Family Activities for hundreds of other options and tutorials.

The article about can be found on <https://www.pgeveryday.com/family-life/family-bonding/article/5-spring-family-activities-on-a-budget>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Early Child Ed. (ECE) Ongoing:

Day

Mon - Thurs	Read Aloud DE one-on-one readings
Mon	Music Class, 9-10 (Tweenies and Toddlers)
Tues	Ballet (Pre-S and Pre-K)
Wed	Music Class, 9-10 (Pre-S and Pre-K)
Fri	Confucious Institute Chinese Culture Class (ECE)

March:

6	NCS Closed
13	CSD Closed
18	Annual Meeting, 5:45 pm - 7:00 pm

April:

3-10	CSD/NCS Closed for Spring Break
16	Family Movie Night!

WELCOME NEW STAFF



We welcomed two new teachers in January. In the afternoon, you will see Stephanie in the Tweenie room and you will find Erin in SAC 3!

Thank you to everyone who raised funds through our Joe Corbi's

fundraiser or donated!

Your support helps to fund the additional programming that we do outside of our curriculum.

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