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Newsletter for Families of NDNGC

March/April 2016

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community



HIGHMARK. WALK FOR A HEALTHY COMMUNITY

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Join us and make a difference one step at a time.

Click on "Our Locations" Select "Wilmington"

Click "Register Now" or "Donate Now"; choose Newark Day Nursery and Children's Center as your organization.

Join a team, create your own, walk or donate!



WWW.WALKFORAHEALTHYCOMMUNITY.ORG

SATURDAY, JUNE 4 BELLEVUE STATE PARK WILMINGTON, DE

Registration at the Figure 8 Barn: 7:45 a.m.
5K Walk: 9:00 a.m.
One-Mile Fun Walk: 9:15 a.m.



Did You Know?

HIGHMARK.

A standard sized water bottle filled with dimes equals **\$100!**

There's one in each classroom or you can create your own!

Where Does the Money Go?

- 100% of all funds raised by NDNGC walkers will be given to NDNGC! Highmark does not keep any of the funds raised.
- Every dollar raised impacts a child's life and development
 - Helps maintain affordable tuition rates for every family
 - Supports our scholarship program
 - Helps NDNGC provide enrichment experiences at no additional cost to our families, including, but not limited to,

Chinese Culture class, ballet, music class, cooking class, vision screenings, developmental screenings, S.T.E.M. club, picnics, Fall and Spring fests, and special guests visitors and performers.

THANK YOU!



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Attention Shoppers



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

Helpful Links

- [NDNGC on the Web](#)
- [NDNGC on Facebook](#)
- [Delaware Office of](#)

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the The Children's Art Show & Annual Meeting on Feb. 25th!
We had an amazing night filled with great food, entertainment, awards and an awesome art show!

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PARENTS IN ACTION

Ages in Stages



Newark Day Nursery is now implementing the screening tool Ages and Stages (ASQ-3) into our Early Childhood Classrooms. ASQ-3 is a simple questionnaire for families to fill out that asks questions about what your child can and cannot do. Questionnaires can be accessed online using the URL <https://asqonline.com/family/6fa3fa> or a paper copy can be given to you from your child's teachers. Thank you for your participation and for allowing us to work with you on behalf of your children.

Parent Outreach Program



Joanne Letwinch will be presenting a 'Parent Empowerment Session' from Read-a-loud Delaware about Language and Literacy Thursday, March 24 5:00-5:45pm to parents and guardians. The program is free and focuses on the importance of language and literacy in the early years of life. Parents/guardians will receive one book per child under the age of 7. Sign up at the front desk if you can make the session.

Head Start is also inviting parents/guardians to join a Parent Program Titled: 'Reading Readiness' on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 9:30am in the Multi-purpose Room at NDNCC. A sign-up sheet will be at the front desk if you can make the session.

NDNCC on Facebook





Stay up-to-date with the latest news, closing information, announcements and fun trivia by subscribing to our Facebook page!

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Summer Camp Enrollment

Enrollment for Camp at NDNCC has begun! This year summer camp will run from Monday, June 13th until Thursday, August 25th. Contact Irene Bailey, Camp Enrollment Coordinator (ibailey@newarkdaynursery.org) or Dane Hutchinson, School Age Program Coordinator (dhutchinson@newarkdaynursery.org) for details.

FAMILY RESOURCES



Coffee's Here!

Don't have time to make your morning coffee run?

We now have a coffee station available for families and staff! Our fully stocked station is equipped with a Keurig machine, assorted K-Cups, Lipton tea bags, stirrers, sugar, artificial sweetener, creamer, cups, lids, and napkins. Feel free to bring your own K-Cups, or brew hot water for a cup of tea or hot chocolate. The coffee station is located across the hall from the Front Desk in the Interview Room.

DID YOU KNOW?:

Have you forgotten your car seat? No worries; we can lend you one!
Stop by the Front Desk for more information.

NEW ACTIVITIES

Valentine's Day



Ms. Julia and Ms. Cat helped the Pre-Schoolers mail their very own Valentine's Day cards to their families!

Mother Goose





Mother Goose will be visiting the ECE classes on the mornings of Thursday, March 24th and Friday, March 25th. Mother Goose Visits to child care centers are performed by volunteers who bring the nursery rhymes to life with their performances. This program is an enhancement to the Volunteer Reading Program of Read Aloud Delaware.

UD Music Classes



Emma Harrington is the new UD music teacher for our ECE classes this semester. She is here on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. The children enjoy learning about beats, rhythms, and patterns during this fun, interactive music class with Ms. Emma. The schedule is as follows: **Wednesday: Pre-K : 2:00-3:00 & Preschool: 3:00-4:00 Thursday: Infants: 2:45-3:00 & Tweenie: 3:00-3:30 & Toddlers: 3:30-4:00**

RECIPES KIDS CAN MAKE



© Serena Bakes Simply From Scratch

Here is a delicious and nutritious recipe you and the kids can make together!:

Chicken Enchilada Pasta Skillet

Ingredients:

- 2 large Chicken Breasts, diced
- 1 lb. Rotini Pasta (For Gluten Free, use Brown Rice GF Noodles)
- 1 can Black Beans
- 6 oz. Tomato Paste
- 1 Bell Pepper, diced
- 2 cloves Garlic, minced
- 1/2 Onion, diced
- 1 cup Corn
- 1/4 cup Chili Powder
- 1 teaspoon Oregano

- 2 teaspoons Cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon Salt
- 2 tablespoons Butter
- 1 teaspoon Hot Sauce (or to taste)
- 4 cups Chicken Stock
- 1 cup Water

Directions

Melt butter in a large skillet or pot. Add diced onion and sauté until onion starts to caramelize.

Add garlic and chili powder. Stir for about a minute over medium heat until fragrant.

Add tomato paste, oregano and cumin. Stir until well combined. Slowly pour in water and chicken stock.

Add salt, hot sauce (I like Cholula Hot Sauce), diced bell pepper and chicken breasts. Bring to a simmer.

Add drained and rinsed black beans, corn, and uncooked rotini pasta. Stir until well combined. Return to a simmer, reduce heat to low and cover. Cook for 13 minutes or until pasta is tender.

Kids Warning: Note to parents: Never leave a child unattended in the kitchen. These recipes are appropriate for children of various ages. When a recipe calls for cooking on the stove or using a paring knife, an adult should do those activities and let the child assist, if age appropriate.

Recipe courtesy of [Serena Bakes Simply from Scratch](http://www.serenabakesimplyfromscratch.com/2014/06/chicken-enchilada-pasta-skillet.html) at <http://www.serenabakesimplyfromscratch.com/2014/06/chicken-enchilada-pasta-skillet.html>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Early Child Ed. (ECE) Ongoing:

Day

M-R: Read Aloud DE One-on-One Readings

Tues: Mid-Atlantic Ballet (PS, PK)

Wed: UD Music (PS, PK)

Thurs: UD Music (Infants, Tweenies, Toddlers)

Fri.: Chinese Culture Class (PS, PK)

March:

4 NCS Closed

11 CSD Closed

25 - 31 NCS & CSD Closed (Spring Break)

April:

1 NCS & CSD Closed (Spring Break cont'd.)

26 CSD Closed

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