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Rutgers-Livingston Day Care Center

NJ's First Nationally Accredited Early Childhood Program

Staff News

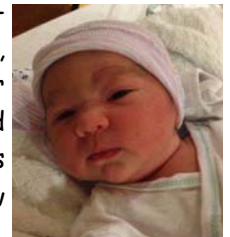
We have a number of employment anniversaries to celebrate in August:

- **Maria Fernandez**, Honeybee Assistant Teacher, 4 years
- **Cindy Rolzhausen**, Duckling Teacher, 16 years
- **Ann Ciallella**, Foodservice Worker, 28 years
- **Cheryl Devine**, Director, 35 years

Did you know that the average length of employment for current R-LDCC staff is nearly 15 years (14.875 to be exact)? That's a lot of teaching and caring and playing and cleaning and cooking and . . .



Congratulations are in order for former Assistant Teacher/Floater, Theresa Cascioli, who welcomed her baby girl, Valentina, into the world on July 22. This little princess shares a birthday with the new Prince of England.



Amy Evanylo started as a summer substitute in July, and will be with us until near the end of August. Amy Snitkin was unable to continue at R-LDCC for personal reasons.

Some Things Bear Repeating . . .

Send your child's sheet and blanket in his R-LDCC tote bag each Monday. Our storage space is limited...if it doesn't fit in the bag it is too big!

Speaking of tote bags . . . every Tuesday and Thursday (Sprinkler Days!) each child should arrive at the Center wearing his/her bathing suit, with a complete change of clothes: shirt, shorts/pants, underwear, shoes and socks **in the tote bag**. The teachers help the children change into clean, dry clothes after outdoor water play.

If you forget your child's dry clothes AND forget to keep his cubby stocked with a change of clothes, we do have some extra "borrow" clothes. Your child will be more comfortable, however, if he can change into his own things, without us having to guess at sizes. When you use borrow clothes, please launder and return them as soon as you can.

Kindly refrain from placing restrictions on your child's activities while at the Center. The teachers plan age- and developmentally-appropriate experiences, suitable to the

weather, both indoors and out. We want to work as partners in your child's learning and development. When a parent tells a child, "Stay out of the sand," or "Don't play in the water," the child receives mixed messages between home and school. If your child is well enough to come to the Center, he should be well enough to participate in all of our activities.

If your child will be going on vacation, or even just having a day off, please inform the teachers and/or the office. It helps us with planning, remembering to send home sheets, etc. Any time you plan to bring your child to the Center after 9:30 am, please give us a call so we'll know to expect him!

R-LDCC will be CLOSED to children and families:

☺ Thursday and Friday, August 29 & 30, for staff professional development and to prepare the classrooms for the new school year

☺ Monday, September 2, for Labor Day

Sunbeam Spaces



We have a few openings in the Sunbeam room for Pre-K or Kindergarten aged children.

Help us spread the word by telling your friends, neighbors and co-workers that this is a great place for their 4- or 5-year-old!!



Facebook users, be sure to "like" our page!

Opportunities to Support R-LDCC

Families and friends can help support R-LDCC financially in several user-friendly ways!

1) Save Boxtops for us! Cut the pink coupons from items you ordinarily buy anyway, and put them in the collection box on top of the mailboxes. A list of available products can be found at: Boxtops4education.com



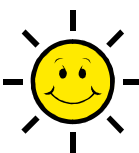
2) Bring in your loose change and put it in the Magic Penny Jar on top of the mailboxes.

3) Set your browser to Goodsearch.com or use GoodShop.com for your online purchases and list Rutgers-Livingston Day Care Center as your cause! We get a donation every time you use the internet or shop online, at no cost to you!

Welcome, Friends!

We have new friends to welcome this month!

The Sunbeams are glad to have Conrad and Pranav from the Duckling room with us, and to have Sara back from her vacation. We're looking forward to meeting new friends Alex and Ariel later in August!



The Ducklings welcome Averie and Brian from the Honeybee room, as well as Ellie, who is new to R-LDCC. We're looking forward to having former Honeybee Okech return to R-LDCC as a Duckling!



The Honeybees will have two new friends this month: Grant and Warren and their families are new to R-LDCC



We're so happy to meet all our new families!

Summertime Fun at R-LDCC!



Cheryl's Ice Cream Cart



Sprinkler Days



Summer days are ideal for special events and special visitors.



Preschool of Rock!



Sing-along (and dance along!)

Safety and Security — Everybody's Business!!!

The safety and security of the children is the responsibility of each and every adult coming to the Center. Children's continued enrollment is contingent upon families' full cooperation with these safety practices:

Latch the front gate every time you enter or leave the playground. While it may seem somewhat rude at first, we ask that you do not leave the gate open for another adult, even if s/he is following closely behind you. We can't take any chance that a child may run out of the playground and into traffic. Do not permit children (including older siblings) to open or close the gate – this is a responsibility for adults only.

Safeguard the front door. Do not allow people unknown to you into the Center, even if they look like parents! If they belong here, they'll have a key. The front door is the only barrier keeping strangers out of our building. Only staff members and parents/guardians of enrolled children have access to an entry keyfob; it may not be shared with babysitters, friends or other family members.

Hold your child's hand tightly when leaving the playground and securely buckle him/her in the car seat, every day. The university police regularly patrol the area to enforce this NJ law.

Respect the fire zone. Parking is permitted in the front of the Center, but not within or in front of the striped fire zone. Emergency vehicles must have full access to the building at all times. R.U. faculty/staff members with parking permits are encouraged to park across the street or to use Lot 105 on the side of the Asian-American Cultural Center.

Board of Trustees

Rutgers-Livingston Day Care Center is governed by a Board of Trustees made up of family members of children in the Center and interested members of the community. This is one opportunity for you to have an impact on how the Center is run.

Board members are elected for two-year terms and have responsibility for approving policies in the areas of finance, personnel, and facilities. Business is conducted at meetings held at the Center, at which issues and decisions are discussed and voted upon.

Each fall, board members are elected for the upcoming year. This year we have **only three**

members continuing into the second year of their terms; at least four new members will need to be elected. A maximum of twelve new members are eligible as per the Center's by-laws.

We ask all interested family members to seriously consider making this commitment to their child's early education experience. Board members should be aware of and supportive of the Center's philosophy.

If you feel you are able to serve the Center in this capacity, please complete the self-nomination form you'll find attached and return it to Cheryl or Sue.

Health Records

For each enrolled child, the Center is required by the Office of Licensing to maintain on file a Universal Child Health Record (UCHR), updated *annually*, along with an immunization record and a special care plan (if applicable). A copy of the UCHR is available on our website, www.rldcc.org. When you take your child in for a check-up, make sure the health care provider completes the form, and bring it—along with documentation of additional immunizations—back to the Center for his/her file.

The NJ Department of Health requires that: **Children six months through 59 months of age attending any licensed childcare center or preschool facility . . . shall annually receive at least one dose of influenza vaccine between September 1 and December 31 of each year.** Keep this regulation in mind when making your child's medical appointments.



NOMINATION TO RLDCC BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Trustees Election - September 2013

NAME _____

Associated with RLDCC since _____

In what capacity (parent, board member, etc.) _____

Brief Background (Education, Work, Board Experience)

Please return to Cheryl or Sue!

Sunbeam News



The Sunbeams have been very busy this summer! The children are enjoying Sprinkler Days every Tuesday and Thursday and our special Wednesday activities are a hit! The Sunbeams have challenged themselves to create rivers and pools by digging in the sand on sprinkler days. It has been a great learning experience for them and a lesson in cooperation, teamwork and compromise.

In July we studied sports and enjoyed learning about the sports our family members play(ed), exploring different types of balls and learning

how to play tee ball. We also began a study on rocks after watching many of the Sunbeams show interest! We will continue this study into August. The Sunbeams have already explored and sorted rocks, looked at them close up using magnifying glasses and a microscope and found a rock that will make a great rock pet! In August, we will make our rock pets, experiment with the process of erosion and learn about petroglyphs. Stay tuned to find where our exploration leads us!

Honeybee New Friends



Quinn

As the summer progresses, we welcome new friends and say, "good-bye" to others. One of our goals for our Honeybees is to learn about others: to develop trusting relationships with nurturing adults, to show interest in peers, to demonstrate caring and cooperation, and to try roles and relationships through imitation and pretend play.



Isabella

Water Fun in the Duckling Room!

Water is everywhere in our lives. Without much thought, we bathe in it, drink it, cook with it, and wash our hands over and over on a daily basis. In spite of its everyday status, there's still something fascinating about water, especially for young children. They'll scoop, pour, and explore, over and over and over again. The Ducklings will investigate the properties and uses of water with some fun activities! The children will conduct experiments to determine which type items absorb or repel water, what will sink or float, and ways to transfer water from containers of different shapes and sizes. What a wet, wonderful time we will have!



NAEYC for Families

R-LDCC is still waiting on our re-accreditation decision from NAEYC.



In the meantime, you can find some helpful information at:

<http://families.naeyc.org/>