



August 1, 2014

Rutgers-Livingston Day Care Center

NJ's First Nationally Accredited Early Childhood Program

Staff News

Congratulations to three staff members who celebrate their employment anniversaries in August:

Cheryl Devine, Director, 36 years!

Maria Fernandez, Honeybee Assistant Teacher, 5 years!

Patrick Kelly, Assistant Teacher/Floater, one year!

Thank You Very Much

Our most sincere thanks to:

- Okech and his family, for the playground balls, glitter chalk and colored bubbles, given in honor of his 4th birthday!
- Daniel and his family, for the giant playground balls and toy grabbers they gave us in honor of his 3rd birthday!
- Viraaj and his family, for the donations of a sprinkler, a car race track and many, many shells!
- Daria and Lila and their family, for their continuing donations of toys and other household items!
- Taya and her family, for giving us her outgrown puzzles!
- Nitai, for the wooden car!


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.

Welcome, Friends!

The summer months are filled with lots of "comings and goings!" The Honeybees are pleased to welcome our newest friend, Mila and her family to R-LDCC! 

 The Ducklings introduce five new friends, including former Honeybee, Ava, who is returning from a vacation, and Kaden, Nova, Lily and Evangelina, who are new to our Center. We hope they and their families have lots of fun with us!

The Sunbeams welcome Henry, who is new to R-LDCC; Henry's sister, Lily, is a new Duckling.  Jordan, a former Sunbeam, is returning as a Shark. We welcome back Adrian, who has been away on vacation, and former Ducklings Ethan and Jason are Sunbeams now too.

 Please join us in helping all our new (and old!) families feel warmly welcomed!

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 their families:

☺ Thursday and Friday, August 28 & 29, for staff professional development and to prepare the classrooms for the new school year

☺ Monday, September 1, for Labor Day

Summertime Fun at R-LDCC!



Chick hatching project



Merle Arts Music

Summer days are ideal for special events and special visitors.



"The Sharks Present . . ."
Throw-the-wet-sponge-at-Patrick (and other carnival games



Sprinkler Days—
Tuesday and Thursday



Outlast blocks



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 four**

members continuing into the second year of their terms; at least three new members will need to be elected. A maximum of eleven 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 2014

NAME_____

Associated with RLDCC since_____

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

Brief Background (Education, Work, Board Experience)

Please return to Cheryl or Sue by Wednesday, September 10!