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HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

(All our Centers will be closed on Monday, July 4th)

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From the Regional Director's Desk ~ Debbie Pack



As summer camp heads into full swing, the children are enjoying their field trips and summer group projects. Just wait until you see what they are creating! I hope everyone has a safe holiday weekend!

Even though we are enjoying summertime, it is never too early to think about fall registration. We continue to take enrollment for all programs! There are still a few spots open in our Private Chartered Kindergarten.

Parent Reminders:

- Remember the children are not permitted to wear sandals, flip flops, crocs or other loose fitting shoes. Tennis shoes are best for daily activities and field trips.
- Camp T-shirts must be worn on all field trip days.
- Please stop in the office with any sunscreen. You must complete the proper paperwork before it can be applied.



What's Happening Around Us...

Submitted by Center Directors

Independence ~ Donna Kupiecki

We are officially into our second month of summer camp and things have been going great! Our July field trips include Independence Park, Cuyahoga Valley Line, Brecksville Nature Center, and the Cleveland Zoo. The Montessori children love their Summer Camp classroom. All the children are talking about the fun summer camp activities. As you walk through the classroom, you will hear laughter and excitement as the children talk about upcoming field trips. Please don't forget the center will be closed Monday, July 4th. We hope everyone has a fun and safe holiday!

Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Laura Medvec, our employee of the month. Laura began with Independence Montessori in December of 2013 as a Montessori teacher. She does an amazing job with the children. Laura is very dedicated, hardworking, and passionate about the children at the center. Three words parents use to describe Laura are kind-hearted, friendly, and caring. Thank you, Laura, and keep up the good work!

Maple Heights ~ Lisa Woodward

July will bring a celebration of freedom, displays of flags, red, white and blue colors and hot temperatures. The children go outdoors several times a day, so please make sure your child is wearing tennis shoes for safe play. If you pick your child up from the playground, you must walk to the gate; we will not send them through the parking lot. We want to remind parents to please obey the pylons and parking spaces as we continue to keep our children safe. Lastly, you must be here an hour before a field trip so we can prepare the food, nametags and other important items before the trip. Field trips can be paid with money orders. We will be closed on Monday, the 4th. Enjoy your family cookouts and barbecues!

Employee of the Month

Congratulations and Happy Anniversary to Lisa Woodward, our employee of the month! Lisa will be celebrating ten years with the Maple center as the Director. She has been in childcare since 1984 and enjoys doing the curriculum with the children, as well as bringing in library books for the children to explore and read. Thank you, Lisa, for all you do for the children and the center!

Parma ~ Jennifer Cook

July is a month of celebrations. We will be closed on Monday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day. The Bubble Lady and Dr. Insecta will be visiting our camp groups this month. We are very excited to see all the crazy bubbles she makes and all the creepy crawlies Dr. Insecta brings along. Toward the end of the month we'll start preparing for fall transitions and talk about going "Back to School". We're still enrolling for our Montessori and Private Kindergarten programs for the 2016-2017 school year.

Employee of the Month

This month we would like to recognize Mr. Joe Wasen, as our Employee of the Month! Mr. Joe is our life guard/swim instructor at Parma Montessori. The kids love learning to swim with him. When he is not lifeguarding, Mr. Joe spends time with the school age children and the senior campers. He has been with Creative Playrooms for 18 years. Thank you, Joe, and congratulations on being our Employee of the month.

Solon ~ Kathleen Milliken

Happy Fourth of July! We are closed on Monday, the 4th for celebration of Independence Day. Summer brings a lot of exciting activities to Creative Playrooms. Field trips continue to run, so look for your child's posted date. Our senior camp will be having a toiletry collection for the hunger center in Twinsburg, Senior Campers will also be having a lemonade stand on Thursday evenings. Half of their profits benefit the local animal shelter and the other half will be used to buy new games for our Wii. Please support these young entrepreneurs. Please remember to sign up and pay your \$80 registration fee for the fall session in Kindergarten, Montessori, and other classes.

Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Christina Martinez, our employee of the month! She has been a teacher at Creative Playrooms since February 2015. Ms. Christina is our After School and Summer Camp supervisor. She implements and executes all of the fun and exciting activities for the after school students. Christina can be described as hard working, patient, and friendly. Thank you, Christina!

Strongsville ~ Lisa Ross

Wow! It's already July! The summer is quickly flying by! This month they have some more great field trips to look forward to like the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad, Mulligan's Family Fun Center, Rocky River Nature Center and more! We have also been enjoying our pool on all these hot and sunny days! REMINDER: We will be closed on Monday, July 4th. We still have a few more spots available for our Private Chartered Kindergarten. Sign up today to make sure your child has a spot!

Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Julie Duritza, our employee of the month. Julie has been with Strongsville Montessori since 2008. She is our Pre-Kindergarten supervisor, and does a great job with the children in her classroom. The Pre-K children are always actively learning throughout the year and are more than prepared for Kindergarten when they enter.

Westlake ~ Debbie Pack

Summer camp is off to a great start and the children are having so much fun! They are looking forward to their field trips to the Aquarium, Fairview Lanes, and the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad train ride. The Senior Campers are busy tending their vegetable garden and can't wait to enjoy their results. Please don't forget the center will be closed Monday, the 4th, in observance of Independence Day! Have a safe and fun holiday weekend!

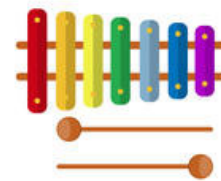
Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Cassandra Wilson! Cassandra started at Westlake Montessori this past January. She has been working as a floater and is a great addition to our team. Cassandra is working with the Senior Camp group this summer and has been doing great projects with the children, including monitoring the vegetable garden! Keep up the great work, Cassandra!

July Curriculum Ideas & Classroom Themes

Infant Info

Sensory: Feel Sticky, Feather Fun, Puzzles
Gross Motor: Roll the Ball, Sliding Board, Ball Pit, Kick the Ball
Fine Motor: Paint the Sunshine, Shape Puzzle, Sorting, Stacking
Audio/Visual: Play Xylophone, Ring the Bell, Bubbles



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Jr. Toddler Tidbits - Themes: Red, White, Blue, Under the Sea, Camping, Splish Splash



Practical Life: Let's go Fishing, Let's go Shopping, Scooping, Water the Flowers
Gross Motor: Duck Water Game, Hoola Hoops, Jumping, Obstacle Course
Language: Fireflies, Binoculars
Science: Ocean Cups, Rainbow Shakers, Paper Boats, Sink or Float
Art: Ocean in a Jar, Red, White, & Blue Collage

Sr. Toddlers - Themes: Red, White, Blue, Under the Sea, Camping, Splish Splash

Practical Life: Playing Restaurant, Pouring, Wash the Dishes
Gross Motor: Jumping, Sliding Board, Sweep the Floor, Parachute
Science: Rainbow Shakers, Sink or Float, Pattern Beads, Water Brigade
Art: Fish Bowls, Paper Campfire, Rainbow Stew, Flag Picture



Prep & Montessori Camp - Themes: The Great Outdoors, Out of this World, USA Olympics



Music & Movement: Freeze Tag, Take Me Out to the Zoo, Fireflies
Gross Motor: Nature Walk, Man on the Moon, Potato Sacks
Science: Reflection to Sun, Magic Bubble Paint, Solar Heat
Art: S'mores Sculpture, Rocket Ship, Olympic Torches



Senior Camp - Themes: Let's Cook, Let's Celebrate, Let's Rock

Backyard Science: Lava in a Cup, Ringing Ears, Crystal Shapes, Tin Can Phone
In the Kitchen: Dirt Cups, Wormy Baked Apple Bugs, Ice Cream Clowns, Star Cookies
Games Galore: Hoola Hoop, Jump Ropes, Fitness, Obstacle Course
Crafty Creations: Fruit Prints, Plate Design, Tissue Paper, Flags, Crayon Batik
Cooperating Games: Sentence Relay, Rope Shapes, Name Switch, Warp Speed, Shake Hands, Roll Call, Clandestine Clothespins.



***DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR WHITE SHIRTS ON JULY 11TH FOR TIE DYE!**

MONTESSORI MATTERS

Independence Center

Themes: July 4th, Great Outdoors, Out of this World, Olympics, Zookeepers

There are so many fun things scheduled for this month. So many new games will make July extra fun. The Olympics will test our strength and agility. We will be closed on Monday, the 4th. Field trips include the Nature Center, a great cookout, and the Cleveland Zoo.

ZOO

Sensorial:	Solar Oven, Greenhouse Growing
Games:	Relay Races, Olympic Torch Game
Language:	Animal Charades, New at the Zoo
Math:	Stars, Ant Hills
Practical Life:	Fruit Pizza, Dirt Cups
Art:	Painting with Pudding



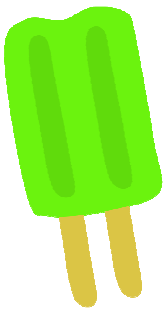
Happy
Summer



Parma Center

Themes: Red, White & Blue, Stars & Stripes

This month we'll discuss Independence Day. Our celebration will include making flags, listening to American music and much more. The children will be busy on upcoming field trips, and working with our July themes and projects.



Sensorial:	Texture Tiles
Geography:	USA Map
Language:	Story Sequencing
Math:	Counting Stars
Practical Life:	Making Bubbles
Science:	Plant Parts
Art:	Popsicles, Watermelons, Swim Suits, Fun in the Sun



MONTESSORI MATTERS

Solon Center

Themes: Spring Circus, The Great Outdoors, Out of this World, USA Olympics, Zookeepers

As we kick off the month, we hope everyone has a fun and safe Independence Day! Our center will be closed on Monday, July 4th in honor of the holiday. We have three exciting field trips planned this month; Bowling at Solon Freeway Lanes, exploring at the Chagrin Reservation, and finally, having fun at Fun-n-Stuff. Please remember to wear your field trip shirt and a good pair of walking shoes!



Language:	Letter Sound Scavenger Hunt
Cooking:	S'mores Sculptures, Ants on a Log, Rocket Fruit Kabobs
Practical Life:	Caring for our Plants
Science:	Reflections from the Sun, Greenhouse in a Bottle, Solar Heat
Art:	Galactic Collage, Telescopes, Pretty Peacock

Strongsville Center

Themes: 4th of July, Finding the Olympic Torch, Olympic Sports, Summer Storms

We're enjoying our summer fun in the sun! Swimming has begun in our onsite pool. We start the month off with a field trip, and we love to play on our playground! We are moving out of Africa and on to Brazil for the Summer Olympics so Geography will be important in our studies. We are also doing a lot of science this summer.

Sensorial:	Red Rods, the bi-and trinomial cubes
Geography:	Brazil, Following the Olympic Torch, Finish Africa
Language:	Spanish, Common Words, Sight Word Bingo
Math:	Simple Multiplication; sets
Practical Life:	Gross Motor Skills (kicking, catching, etc.)
Science:	Friction, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes
Art:	Patriotic Projects, Kites, World Flags, Summer Themes



Westlake Center

Themes: Splash Bash, Ocean Adventures, Camp Rock, Pet Shop, 3-Ring Circus

Summer camp is going great! The kids have really been having fun with field trips, cooking, fun art projects, and lots of games. This month the field trips are to the Cleveland Aquarium, Beck Center, and Eco Explorers. The kids are working on their summer picture journals and making their own snacks!

Sensorial:	Yoga, Musical Instruments
Geography:	Vacation Pictures
Language:	Summer Journals
Math:	Watermelon and Seed Match
Practical Life:	Bubble Making
Science:	Make Slime, Ladybug Garden
Art:	Bird Feeders, Clown Face



Pool News

Parma - This month we will work on retrieving dive sticks from under water.

Solon - Working on our strokes, including breathing and arm strokes. Water aerobics.

Strongsville - Kicking, putting your face in the water and blowing bubbles. The older kids will play games like sharks & minnows and have relay races in the water.

Westlake - Preschool will be getting rings from the shallow end; Prep & Montessori Camp will be putting faces in the water; Senior Camp will work on water safety and independent skills.



Employee Spotlight
Beth Zeszotek
 Strongsville Montessori

Beth Zeszotek is our employee spotlight this month! She has been with Strongsville Montessori since October 2013. She is currently in our Infant Room. Beth has worked in many of our classrooms before settling into our infant room. She is always willing to help out wherever she is needed. Beth is currently working on obtaining her Master's Degree. Congratulations, Beth!

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~~HAPPY BIRTHDAY~~

MAY TODAY BE AS EXTRAORDINARY AS YOU!

~~HAPPY ANNIVERSARY~~



**SHARING THE JOYS THAT BLOSSOM EACH YEAR IN YOUR DEVOTION
 TO CREATIVE PLAYROOMS MONTESSORI & CHILD CARE CENTERS!**

	<u>BIRTHDAYS</u>		<u>ANNIVERSARIES</u>	
<u>CORPORATE</u>	NONE		NONE	
<u>INDEPENDENCE</u>	Ashley Donofrio	07/06	Amanda Martin	4 Yrs.
	Tina Hardy	07/26	Amber Murrin	1 Yr.
<u>MAPLE HEIGHTS</u>	NONE		Lisa Woodward	10 Yrs.
<u>PARMA</u>	Nicole Desmond	07/11	NONE	
	Allison DiPaolo	07/23		
	Devon Gardner	07/01		
	Katianna Hader	07/09		
	Kathryn Wheelis	07/05		
<u>SOLON</u>	NONE		Ann Bertolone	7 Yrs.
			Susan Yang	4 Yrs.
<u>STRONGSVILLE</u>	Sue Kemp	07/27	Katie Barnes	1 Yr.
<u>WESTLAKE</u>			NONE	
	Susan Ference	07/26		
	Jaime Houck-Tomblin	07/18		
	Sarah Lima	07/29		
	Corinne Schwarz	07/30		
	Julia Smith	07/20		
	Linda Wade	07/29		