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August

- August 12: Last Day of Summer Camp
- August 22: Classes begin for Pre-Kindergarten, Montessori, and Kindergarten
- August 29: Kindergarten Testing (Part 1)



From the Regional Director's Desk ~ Debbie Pack

As summer camp winds down, the children look forward to their last field trips. We've had a great summer and hope the children have fun memories to share!

School is just around the corner. Please be sure you have registered your child(ren) for the 2016-17 school year. All transportation paperwork must be returned to the office by August 3, 2016 for your child to be on our schedule.

Our schools are also taking registration for our Private Chartered Kindergarten classes. They are filling up, so please register your child soon! Check with the center Director for more information.

Welcome Back!

What's Happening Around Us...

Submitted by Center Directors

Independence ~ Donna Kupiecki

Happy August! August is a very fun time at Independence Montessori School. We use the whole month on having fun in the sun by focusing on beach and water activities. We have a beach day planned with activities such as pass the beach ball, beach ball tag, and sand art, etc. We will turn our playground into a water park and have tons of fun getting sprinkled and sliding down the sliding board with water sprinklers set up. The senior campers will be having a carnival for the younger children. There will be many fun activities and games planned for the younger children all created by the older senior campers.

Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Miss Karen Sommers! Miss Karen works with us during the summer months in Senior Camp. Karen does a great job working with the Senior Campers. She is a very kind-hearted teacher and all the children adore her. In her spare time, Miss Karen enjoys spending time with her family and she loves to garden.

Maple Heights ~ Lisa Woodward

August means "Back to School", new clothes, new teachers, new school supplies, and back to school routines. We enjoyed the summer field trips and new summer friendships we forged. We look forward to creating new friendships with the start of school.

Employee of the Month

I would like to personally thank all our teachers for a wonderful summer, as well as Bob and Ron who took care of driving us safely to our field trips. This summer was awesome because of your efforts, hard work and patience. Thank you!

Parma ~ Jennifer Cook

It is hard to believe that the new school year is upon us. August will be full of new adventures here at Parma Montessori. We will be finishing up our summer camp and transitioning into a new school year. This month we will be celebrating Parma Montessori's 15th birthday! Stay tuned for details on our carnival and parent meetings! The school year officially begins on August 22nd for Kindergarten and Montessori. If you need more information on any of our programs, please see us so we can get you enrolled now!

Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Michele Moser! Michele has been with Parma Montessori since the doors opened 15 years ago! She is our school chef and so much more. She knows every family that comes through our doors and all the children greet her as she walks through the classrooms to deliver our yummy food. Thank you, Michele, for your hard work and dedication to Parma Montessori & Child Care Center.

Solon ~ Kathleen Milliken

This month draws the end of summer and the beginning of the school year. If you have not registered, please stop by the office. Please remember to update all your school year information in the office by returning any necessary forms. We will also have our summer camp pool parties August 10th - August 12th. Our school year will start on the 22nd. Please remember if your child will be coming to our after school program, you need to register him/her in the school district and update your transportation forms with us.

Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Vickie Schroeder! Vickie began with Solon Creative Playrooms in August 2015. She was hired as a Kindergarten assistant, but promoted within a month to the PreK supervisor. She also helps out as a driver for summer camp field trips. She has a way with the children to keep them busy while having fun. Vickie is motivated and excels in keeping her group in a consistent routine. She uses hands-on techniques to teach the children manners and appropriate behaviors in the classroom setting.

Strongsville ~ Lisa Ross

It's getting near the beginning of the school year - wow - this summer really flew by! The children are still talking about their fun field trips and how they enjoyed using the pool on those hot days! Please make sure you have picked up any transportation paperwork you may need for your children to be taken to/from their school to Strongsville Montessori. All our classrooms get back into full swing on the 22nd; please let me know of any schedule/classroom changes you would like to make prior to the start of the school year. Reminder: Please re-register your child(ren) for the upcoming school year. Make checks payable to Creative Playrooms.

Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Miss Annie! Miss Annie joined Strongsville Montessori this year and has been a great addition to the Toddler classroom. She works with the older Toddlers and is always engaging them in learning new things and exploring the world around them. Keep up the great work, Miss Annie!

Westlake ~ Debbie Pack

It is hard to believe summer is almost over and the school year is ready to begin! The children look forward to their last field trip to Pump It Up and a visit from Jungle Terry! Classes begin August 22nd for Pre-Kindergarten, Montessori & Kindergarten. If you have not paid your re-registration fee, please stop by the office today!

Employee of the Month

Leigh-Ann Muszynec has worked at the Westlake center for over a year. She started in the Toddler room and currently works in the Sr. Infant room. She enjoys taking the children outside daily and doing art projects with them. Their room is always full of new art decorations! Thank you, Leigh-Ann, for making the infant room so much fun, and congratulations for being Employee of the Month!

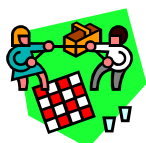
August Curriculum Ideas & Classroom Themes

Infant Info

Sensory: Listen to Music, Puzzles, Feather Fun, Blow Bubbles
Gross Motor: Basketball, Bowling, Sliding Board, Building Towers
Fine Motor: Shape Basket, Puzzles, Paint the Frog, Fingerprint
Audio/Visual: Touch Water, Bang the Drum, Animal Sounds, Pat a Cake



Jr. Toddler Tidbits - Themes: Nursery Rhymes, Creepy Crawlers, Picnic, Pirates



Practical Life: Play Store, Sweep the Floor, Water Flowers, Dress Up
Gross Motor: Bean Bag Toss, Relay Races, Exercises, Climb the Beanstalk
Language: Humpty Dumpty Puppet
Science/Cooking: Sensory Bags, Sink or Float, Spider Cookies, Magnets, Butterfly Pretzels
Art: Coffee Filter Butterfly, Noodle Necklaces, Play Dough



Sr. Toddlers - Themes: Nursery Rhymes, Creepy Crawlers, Picnic, Pirates

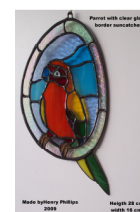
Practical Life: Let's Go Shopping, Wash your Hands, Scooping, Fold Towels
Gross Motor: Pirate Says, Ring Toss, Tunnel Time, Bowling
Science/Cooking: Ants on a Log, Magnet Wands, Bug Match, Texture Trays
Art: Paper Plate Watermelon, Paper Ice Cream Cones, Handprint Spider, Pirate Hats



Prep Camp & Montessori - Themes: Splash Bash, Camp Rock, Back to School



Music/Movement: Silly Songs, Party Songs, Beach Boys Music
Gross Motor: Beach Ball Bowling, Fishy Fishy, Limbo, Minute to Win It
Science/Cooking: Silly Stained Glass, Make Lemonade, Wave Bottles, Flavored Popcorn
Art: Flip Flop Prints, Tie Dye Shirts, Sun Catchers, Watercolors



Senior Camp - Themes: Let's Celebrate, Let's Create, Wrap Up, Back to School

Backyard Science: Lava in a Cup, Water Works, Color Mixing, Flower Garden
In the Kitchen: Ice Cream Clowns, Almost S'mores, Cheese & Cracker Car, Popsicles
Games Galore: Hotball, Name Game, Create your Own Game, Simon Says
Crafty Creations: Olympic Rings, Olympic Medals, Bubbling Pictures, Clay Pots, Beach Scene
Cooperating Games: Warp Speed, Toys & Treasures, Random Acts of Kindness
Sport Spectacular: Relay Races, Front to Back Game, Ball Relays



MONTESSORI MATTERS

Independence Center

Themes: Splash Bash, Camp Rock, Back to School, Talent Show, Tie Dye

We still have a few more weeks of camp, but the school year will soon begin. The senior campers are practicing their talent and puppet show. We will start the back-to-school activities soon. The graduates are excited about Kindergarten, and the new students will learn rules and meet new friends.

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| Sensorial: | Parachute Games, Stained Glass |
| Music: | Music Week, Talent Show |
| Language: | Silly Songs, Karaoke |
| Practical Life: | Flavored Popcorn, Make Lemonade |
| Science: | Jungle Terry, Animals |
| Art: | Flip Flop Prints |



Parma Center

Themes: Splash Bash, Camp Rock, Back to School

Summer is coming to an end and the school year is right around the corner. We are looking forward to our last weeks of field trips and fun for summer camp, but are eager to get a new school year started. We wish all our friends moving on to Kindergarten the very best and welcome all our new friends to the class.

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| Sensorial: | Pink Tower |
| Geography: | Flags |
| Language: | Handwashing, Sequencing |
| Math: | Short Bead Stair |
| Practical Life: | Placemat Rolling |
| Science: | Plants and Animals |
| Art: | Chalk Art, What is in a Backpack, Water Art, Guitars |



MONTESSORI MATTERS

Solon Center

Themes: Splash Bash, Camp Rock

As we finish off the summer, we have two very fun themes: Splash Bash and Camp Rock. Splash Bash will have us "flipping" over our flip flop print art, while Camp Rock will have us marching along to the beat. Ice cream sundaes will be a cool and refreshing treat for the kids. We will relax with some summer fun music. The 2016-2017 school year begins on the 22nd of this month.



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| Music: | Beach Boys, Marching Songs, Water Hokey Pokey |
| Language: | Musical Words, Splash and Spell |
| Cooking: | Jell-O Jigglers, Ice Cream Sundaes, Popcorn |
| Practical Life: | Shoveling Sand |
| Art: | Flip Flop Prints, Watercolors, Sun Catchers |

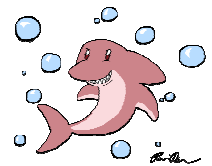


Strongsville Center

Themes: The Olympics, End of Summer, Back to School, Forces of Nature

This summer is going much too quickly! I can't believe that the new school year is about to begin. The Olympics give us the chance to expand our Geography and Math studies, along with all other areas of our curriculum, and the hot weather has offered many chances to study weather and the natural forces of nature. We are saying goodbye to several old friends, and wish them the best in Kindergarten. We have also welcomed many new faces.

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| Sensorial: | Texture and Pressure |
| Practical Life: | Baby Washing, Cleaning Pennies, Gross Motor Games |
| Language: | "Welcome" & "Peace" in Many Languages, Sentences |
| Math: | Charting & Graphing Olympic Medals, Sets, Patterns |
| Geography: | Flags of the World, Brazil, Ohio |
| Science: | Volcanoes, Earthquakes & Fire, Drought, Sharks |
| Art: | Olympic Rings & Medals, Design a Flag, Sharks & Deep Sea |



Westlake Center

Themes: 3-Ring Circus, Olympics/USA, Back to School

It's hard to believe that Summer Camp will come to an end this month! We're excited for tie-dye t-shirt day, making boats, and doing the Limbo. Also watch for our cool sun catchers and camp collage. At the end of the month we look forward to meeting new school friends and preparing for the next Montessori school year.



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| Sensorial: | Marching Band, Balance Beam |
| Geography: | Our Earth |
| Language: | Finish Summer Journals |
| Math: | Shape Sort, Apple Number Count |
| Practical Life: | Scooping with Large Spoon |
| Science: | Making Ice Cream, Wave Bottles |
| Art: | Shimmering Fish, Paper Maracas |



~ Pool News ~

Parma: This month we will work on kicking while front floating and submerging under water. We will begin the new school year reviewing rules and safety.

Solon: We'll be working out in the pool, stretching, kicking our legs and moving our arms. Beach Parties: Montessori Camp - August 10; Prep Camp - August 11; and Sr. Camp - August 12. Please bring your own beach towel. We'll be doing water games and aerobics.

Strongsville: Preschool is learning how to put their body and face in the water to retrieve an object. Pre-K and Montessori are focusing on floating techniques and safety in deep water. The school age kids are reviewing their swimming skills and playing water games.

Westlake: All groups will review back-to-school swim rules and reminders! Preschool will practice floating. Pre-K will be gliding. Younger Montessori children will practice putting their faces in the water, while the extended day children will try gliding on their own. Kindergarten will be assessed for current swim levels.



Employee Spotlight
Miranda Kuczynski
Strongsville

Miss Miranda has been with Strongsville Montessori & Child Care Center since October of 2013. She is the Cook for our center, and really loves the time she gets to spend with the children while they are eating all the delicious and nutritious food she makes for them. Miss Miranda is always coming up with new fun food the children enjoy. The children have especially enjoyed Miss Miranda's Friday "special snacks" over the summer. Thank you, Miranda, for your dedication and love of the children!



AUGUST



~~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> |
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| <u>CORPORATE</u> | Shirley Jeric 08/10 Joan Wenk 08/30 | NONE |
| <u>INDEPENDENCE</u> | NONE | Tina Hardy 3 Yrs. Lori Smith 2 Yrs. Susan Stoika 1 Yr. |
| <u>MAPLE HEIGHTS</u> | Tyler Banks 08/02 | Rashima Henderson 4 Yrs. |
| <u>PARMA</u> | Joy Ramos 08/10 | Michele Moser 15 Yrs. Briana Zelinka 1 Yr. |
| <u>SOLON</u> | Chelsea Benson 08/10 Rachel Brown 08/09 Angela McConnell 08/01 | Erin Kacmarcik 2 Yrs. Vickie Schroeder 1 Yr. |
| <u>STRONGSVILLE</u> | Brenda Lash 08/11 | Julie Duritza 8 Yrs. Amanda Franc 1 Yr. Jessica Panter 1 Yr. |
| <u>WESTLAKE</u> | Brittani Cool 08/24 Cynthia Cutter 08/30 Celia Figueroa 08/16 Sam Hollenbeck 08/09 Stephenie Loris 08/12 Christina Neal 08/24 Diane Runner 08/29 Nicole Teper 08/05 | Linda Wade 5 Yrs. |