



July 2015

EARLY LEARNING ACADEMY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

United Way of Salem County Celebrates Early Head Start Partnership

United Way of Salem County's Early Learning Academy will soon become an Early Head Start facility. Early Head Start is a federally funded program that serves infants and toddlers under the age of 3. Their services include early, continuous, intensive, and comprehensive child development and family support services to families. Please visit www.eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov for more information on Early Head Start programming.

Parents will see requests for additional documentation to support Early Head Start services. Early Head Start representatives may reach out to parents in order to complete paperwork and to introduce our families to the program. Please see Ms. Lynne or Ms. Initia with any questions.



Summer Camp Kicked Off on Monday, June 29

United Way of Salem County kicked off another Summer Camp on Monday, June 29th, 2015.

Each week, Summer Camp kids will enjoy academic programming as well as weekly field trips. Summer Camp t-shirts will be available for campers.

Lunch and snacks will be provided to enrolled students. Field trips will include Chuck -E-Cheese, Lake Garrison, Fort Mott, and much more. A Camp Carnival will also take place towards the end of the summer.

Summertime Closure Week

The child care staff would like to thank our parents for their understanding and patience during our closure week in late June.



CLEANING DAY

The Early Learning Academy staff was able to complete a deep cleaning of the center as administration offered professional development to staff members. This time was also used to prepare for the full implementation of Early Head Start.

We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience as we understand the importance of child care in our family's lives.

Accepting Donations

The Early Learning Academy could always benefit from donations of outdoor and indoor toys, baby furniture (swings, highchairs, bounce chairs), and books. If you happen to have a few of these items that you are no longer using, please see Lynne Saunders about a donation. We appreciate donations!

Early Learning Academy Contact Information

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Early Learning Academy Staff

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| Interim Program Director- | Lynne Saunders |
| Group Teacher- | Bonnie Shimp |
| Family Partner Coordinator- | Initia Taylor |
| Classroom Teacher Rm 1- | Shaina Wright |
| Classroom Asst. Rm 1- | Kristin Shehan |
| Classroom Teacher Rm 2- | Initia Taylor |
| Classroom Asst. Rm 2- | Angela Parker |
| Classroom Teacher Rm 3- | April Harris |
| Classroom Asst. Rm 3- | Cassandra Holland |
| Classroom Teacher Rm 4- | Bonnie Shimp |
| Classroom Asst.- | Bernida Owens |
| Classroom Asst.- | Ashlee Yates |
| Classroom Asst- | Monique Lusby |
| Classroom Asst- | Olivia Harris |
| Classroom Asst- | Brianna Moore |
| Classroom Substitutes- | Aileen Rosario |
| Summer Camp Staff- | Charlyn Martin |
| | Jerome Lusby |
| | Victoria Hegeman |
| | Kathleen Crewes |
| | Joelle McPherson |

Student of the Month

Our new Positive Behavioral Program gives students daily tickets for good behavior; placing them in the running for Student of the Month. These students will also have the opportunity to choose a prize from the prize box if their name is pulled from the raffle. We have had a lot of fun with this program already!

Many students have “been caught” doing something nice for others like tying someone else’s shoe, patting someone on the back, and picking up a pencil for a fellow student. Other students have been recognized for completing a challenging homework assignment. We welcome parent feedback on this new program. Please share your thoughts with us.

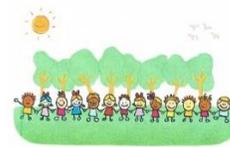


Student of the Month: Raheen



Graduation 2015

Ms. Bonnie’s class enjoyed a graduation ceremony on June 28th with dinner and cake. We would like to congratulate all of our students who will be moving on the preschool this coming fall. We have enjoying watching you grow!



Summer Camp Notices

The Early Learning Academy staff would like to remind parents of the following details for summer camp:

POOL

-Students should come dressed in their swimsuits on days that their class is visiting the Salem Pool. Those days are:

4 Year Olds- Wednesdays ONLY

5-12 Year Olds- Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Students should also bring a change of clothes and a towel with them on pool days.

FIELD TRIPS

-Students have the opportunity to earn a sticker for positive behavior each day. Students who receive three stickers each week will be invited to participate in the weekly field trip. Students who do not earn three stickers will remain at the Early Learning Academy under the supervision of one of our staff members. Our staff is committed to working with each student to ensure that their time with us is educational and enjoyable. Part of this process requires a standard of safety for field trip participation. Parents are invited to speak with their child’s teacher in reference to weekly behavior stickers.

ARRIVAL

-Parents are asked to arrive by 8am if they wish to have their child eat breakfast. Students who arrive after 8am are expected to eat at home prior to their arrival. We ask that parents bring their children in prior to 9am when most classroom activities begin. Children who arrive after 9am often miss out on special activities.

School Calendar Closings:

July 3- Observance of July 4th