

Milestones Child Development Center Monthly Newsletter

July 2010



Kelly Mertes-Director; Beth Straubel-Asst. Director Director's Corner

*June was a great month at Milestones! We enjoyed welcoming many new families to Milestones & appreciate all of the great referrals from our current families!

*Reminder: July 5th Milestones will be close in observance of the 4th of July, please let your child's teacher know if he/she will be absent on July 1st or 2nd to help us make the most of our staff schedule.

*July 29th is scheduled to be our 3rd Milestones night at the park. This will be our last bring your own picnic night. For our final park night we will be hosting an end of the summer party. Milestones will provide the main dish. Make sure to keep an eye open for a potluck signup sheet in August, let's hope for a great turn out!

*As always please feel free to email Kelly belmontdirector@milestonescdc.com or Beth belmontad@milestonescdc.com

Upcoming Events

Sunday 7-4-10
Bike Parade
Downtown

Monday 7-5-2010
Milestones Closed

Rockford Farmers
Market
Every Saturday

Rogue River Blues
Tuesday Nights @
7pm

Saturday 7-10-2010
Kids Triathlon

Sidewalk Sales
7/15-7/17

Milestones Family
Park Night -
Rogue River Park
6pm
Bring a picnic
dinner!

Employee of the Month

Miss Rhonda

Thank you Miss Rhonda for going above and beyond in your planning to make sure the children in your classroom are getting the most from their Pre-K experience.

Wow those kids have great imaginations: During our recent power outage in the many of the children were concerned and convinced that our building might be haunted!!

Parent Corner:

Natural Bug Repellents

Soy-based products. A 2002 study of mosquito repellents found that the soy-based Bite Blocker for Kids was the most effective natural alternative to DEET. This natural bug repellent offered more than 90 minutes of protection, better than some low-concentration DEET products.

Oil of lemon eucalyptus (PMD). This natural oil, which comes from the lemon eucalyptus tree, is recommended by the CDC as an alternative to DEET. It seems to work really well, but hasn't got a lot of attention, says Lunder. Several studies have found this natural bug repellent as effective as DEET in repelling mosquitoes. It may also work well against ticks. Oil of lemon eucalyptus may be poisonous if ingested in high quantities. According to the CDC it should not be used on kids under 3 years.

Other products. Researchers have tested many other so-called natural bug repellents like citronella, peppermint oil, and other plant-based oils. Unfortunately, studies have not found them particularly effective.

Taken from cbsnews.com

Infant News

All of the babies had a great time making their daddy's a gift last month! This month we'll be going outside and having water play, we'll also be taking the infants out in the Bye-Bye Buggy. For art we'll be making mud painting. We have a few children moving on to the young toddler classroom. We'll miss Isaac, Paige & Matthew. We are excited to welcome Payton, Elise & Ethan to the infant room. Welcome Miss Laurel!

Ms. Kelly, Ms. Cheri, Ms. Becky, Ms. Michelle & Ms. Laurel

Young Toddler

The month of July is going to be a fun filled time in the young toddler classroom! This month we will be talking about the 4th of July, ocean, jungle animals, and transportation! The young toddlers will be enjoying many fun art projects and lots of outdoor time in the sprinkler and on walks to the park. We are looking forward to a great August.

Ms. Amber, Ms. Becca & Ms. Robyn

Older Toddler

We had such a great time on our zoo fieldtrip in June. This month we are going to be talking about reptiles, transportation, sea life and families. Please bring in a family picture to hang in our classroom. We would like to welcome Maddie, Brooke, Kendall, Sam, Emma, Andrew, Ellie and their families to our classroom. Happy Birthday to Brooke, Chase & Olivia this month! We would also like to welcome Ms. Brittany to our classroom; she's been doing an excellent job working in the afternoon!

Ms. Becca, Ms. Kristina, Ms. Devon & Ms. Brittany

Early Preschool

Wow the weather's been beautiful & we've been enjoying lots of outside time! This month we'll talk about sports and ocean creatures. We will also be having some beach fun in the sun! For the end of July we will be pretending to campout! We hope everyone is having a great summer.

Ms. Melissa, Ms. Christi, Ms. Joanna

Preschool News

Our new friends have been adjusting quite well. We are excited to have them join us & look forward to learning about their different personalities. July is starting off with a boom as we talk about the 4th of July. We will talk about using great manners then spend a whole week on water play with a beach theme. We'll finish up the month talking about camping and boating. We welcome Ms. Jillian to our classroom. She's doing a great job and the children are enjoying her!

Ms. Nicole, Ms. Kari & Ms. Jillian

Pre-K News

July will be a busy month for us. We have a few water play days, a field trip to Meijer Gardens/picnic on Thursday 7-29-10; another on Friday 7-23-10 to Walhfield Park for a play and a picnic and we'll be swimming at Versluis on Friday 7-16-10 and 7-30-10. Parents and grandparents are always welcome to join us on our fieldtrips!

Please send a water bottle for your child to have at school.

This month we will be learning about the 4th of July, oceans, outer space, the desert, and shapes.

-Miss Rhonda, Miss Darcy & Miss Sarah

Summer Camp A & B

Our Super sneaky summer camp has officially reached the month of July! We have an action packed, clue filled, and sneaky themed 4 weeks ahead of us. The themes highlighted this month are: sports, transportation, Christmas in July, and Food. Some Super Sneaky field trips include: Fourth of July party, Whitecaps, Coopersville train ride, Air Zoo, Dairy Discovery, ice cream trips, tree decorating contest, Holland Aquatic Center and Malarkeys' Pizza.

Ms. Jenny, Ms. Katie, Ms. Kelsey, Ms. Desirae, Ms. Angela,
Ms. Laura, Ms. Sarah & Ms. Alyssa

New Students July



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Elise S. ~ Infant Room
Ethan K. ~ Infant Room
Peyton Z. ~ Infant Room
Sam P. ~ Summer Camp B
Will P. ~ Preschool
Emma H. ~ Older Toddlers
Ellie M. ~ Older Toddlers

New Staff (July)

Miss Ashley ~ Sub

We're on the Web!
www.milestonescdc.com

REMINDERS AND NOTES: CREDIT TOWARD TUITION FOR REFFERALS!!



TUITION EXPRESS IS NOW AVAILABLE. NEVER GET A LATE FEE!!! THERE WILL BE A \$5 MONTHLY PROCESSING CHARGE FOR CREDIT CARD CHARGES AND CHECKING ACCOUNT WITHDRAWLS. MANY FAMILIES ARE USING IT AND IS A GREAT CONVENIENCE FOR THEM.

THE SUN IS SHINING! REMEMBER TO BRING SUNSCREEN & A HAT FOR YOUR CHILD!

Please remember to pay your tuition on time. Tuition is due by **TUESDAY** at **NOON** or the **FIRST** day of the week your child attends the center. A \$20 late fee will be added to your account if payment is not made on time.

Thanks!

Reminder any returned checks will require us to charge you a \$30 fee.