

CDC Newsletter December 2011

Christmas Tree Lighting

The Fireflies and Lightning Bugs will be singing at the annual Christmas Tree Lighting on 1 Dec at 1130. We will be offering 1 participation point for parents that attend and help us with supervision at this busy location. The children will be leaving the CDC at 11:15 and parents may meet them at Bldg. 60.

Early Closure

The CDC will be closing at 4:00 PM on Friday 9 December so that all of our staff may attend the Annual MWR Award Ceremony. We appreciate your cooperation in making this happen.

Holiday Closures

As a reminder the CDC will be closed on Monday, December 26 for Christmas and on Monday, January 2 for New Year's. We wish you all a joyous and safe holiday season.

Retirement of Nancy Reeves

Nancy Reeves, CYSS Chief, is retiring on 7 December. A retirement cake & punch is being planned for Tuesday, 6 December from 1-3 in the Abel Conference Room in Bldg. 110. All of you are welcome to stop by and wish her well. Nancy has been with CYSS for 20+ years and her dedication and advocacy for our programs will be greatly missed.

Parent- Teacher Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences are being scheduled for this month. Please watch your child's classroom for sign-up sheets. All parents are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to develop shared developmental goals for your child and discuss their progress. If you are unable to make it on the scheduled date please contact your child's teacher to make alternate arrangements.

Preschool Developmental Screenings

Black Hawk Area Special Education Department will be here on 6 – 8 Dec to conduct developmental screenings for children ages 3-5 years that reside in Illinois. If you would like your child to participate in these screenings please complete the form that was left in your child's cubbie/mailbox and leave it at the front desk in any of our facilities.

Parent Participation Program

There were a few minor changes to the parent participation program with the new fee guidance. There is still a 10% discount off of one child's bill for earning

10 points. You will now be required to sign a redemption log to authorize the application of the discount. We will be implementing this in January. All parent volunteers will also be asked to sign a gratuitous service agreement. One is attached and can be completed and returned via email or left at the front desk of any facility. We will also be using a standardized form as a sign-in sheet for you when you participate in a classroom event where points may be earned. We will continue to track points earned for field trips using the field trip permission slip. If you have any questions regarding your current point balance please contact Kelli or Cindy.

Field Trips

- Lightning Bugs – Papa Murphy's Pizza on 6 Dec
- Fireflies – Papa Murphy's Pizza on 7 Dec
- Jitterbugs – Friendship Manor on 16 Dec
- Leapfrogs – Friendship Manor on 13 Dec
- Caterpillars – Amber Ridge Retirement Center on 20 Dec
- Dragonflies – Amber Ridge Retirement Center on 21 Dec
- Twinkle Bugs, Buttercups, & Ladybugs – Heartland Healthcare on 2 Dec
(they will be delivering ornaments to the residents)

Please see individual permission slips for number of participation points awarded for each trip. For most trips parents will need to provide their own transportation due to limited bus seating.

Payments

If you plan to use a vacation week this month, please notify the front desk staff in any facility prior to making your payment. Payment due dates for November are due by Wednesday 7 December and Wednesday 21 December. You can make your payments by phone, in person, or online at:

<https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/rockislandcym.html>

CYSS Web Site

CYSS website: www.riamwr.com/CYS - monthly calendars, menus, forms for re-registration, etc.

CDC Phone Numbers

Front desk, Bldg. 15 – 782-0148

Front desk, Bldg. 16 – 782-2816

Front desk, Bldg. 11 – 782-0153

Kelli Overturf, Director – 782-2822

Debi Behl, Asst. Director – 782-2934

Deb Jurisic, Asst. Director – 782-0483

CDC Classroom of the Month



Classroom Name: Jitterbugs

Teachers: Lisa Hammill & Wanda Gilson

Age group of children: 2 – 4 yrs

How long have you worked together? Approximately 3 ½ years

What is your classroom philosophy? Play is a child's work. Children learn through hands on creative activities that foster skills in all of the developmental areas: Social/Emotional, Language, Physical, and Cognitive.

What do you find most challenging about your classroom? Potty training

What do you find most enjoyable about your classroom? The children are so inquisitive and they get so excited about all of the learning activities we provide. The simple things make them so happy. They teach us so much.

When is the busiest time of the day for your classroom? Transitions, diapering, & toileting

What is your favorite activity to do with the children? Anything that is new and exciting. We like messy hands on art, science, and sensory activities.

If you could change anything about your classroom, what would it be? Remove the center walls that divide the classroom and have a bathroom with more stalls.

What is a trait that you admire in your co-teacher? (Lisa on Wanda) I admire her for the genuine love that she gives all children & the fun/creative activities she does with the children. (Wanda on Lisa) She keeps me organized (a little more), she & I want what is best for the children, and she is a great person to talk to.

What are some ways your parents can earn Parent Participation Points? Attend field trips, special events, PAC meetings, and volunteer time in the classroom.

Complete this sentence:

A happy room is a Room filled with teachers that love children and children who know they are loved.

Rock Island Arsenal Gratuitous Service Agreement

I desire to volunteer my services to Child, Youth & School Services at Rock Island Arsenal.

I expressly agree that my services will be performed without pay and that I will not, solely because of these services, be considered an employee of the U.S. Government or an instrumentality thereof. I expressly agree that I will neither expect nor demand any present or future salary, wage, or related benefits as payment for gratuitous service. I agree to participate in whatever training may be required in order to perform the gratuitous work for which I am providing.

(Typed or printed name and signature
of individual providing gratuitous service)

(Date)

(Typed or printed name and signature
of accepting official)

(Date)