



Carriage House Courier

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Carriage House Gets New Wheels!

Carriage House has purchased a new bus!
The new vehicle accommodates 14 passengers and is equipped with three point seat belts, air conditioning, and a few other amenities.



Picture Day



Once again we have scheduled Lifetouch Portraits to take pictures at the center. During the next few weeks the classroom staff will ask you to complete a form for picture day. Your child will be photographed on 2 different backgrounds, Woodland Charm and the background color of your choice (pink, blue, gray or cream).

The children's portraits will be taken throughout the day. Our staff and the photographer will utilize every attempt to snap the photo when your child is at his/her happiest and has settled into his/her daily routine.

Open House

Tuesday, Sept. 27th

6:00pm—8:00pm

Carriage House is hosting an open house on the above date. Please spread the word with any families you know who may be interested in enrolling their pre-school or school age child.



Public Schools Closed

**On Friday, October 7th and
Monday, October 10th.**

See School Age room
for details.



"We worry about what a child will become tomorrow, yet we forget that he is someone today"

Staci Tauscher

Happy Birthday Wishes

September Birthdays

| | | |
|-------------|----|---------|
| Aubrey S. | T1 | 9-04-09 |
| Joshua P. | SA | 9-18-03 |
| Savannah W. | SA | 9-20-05 |
| Morgan P. | SA | 9-27-06 |

October Birthdays

| | | |
|---------------|-------|----------|
| Kailey D. | SA | 10-04-04 |
| Rihanna Lyons | Pre-K | 10-08-07 |
| Jaxon M. | P | 10-24-08 |

Staff Birthdays

| | | |
|------------|-------|----------|
| Miss Megan | Pre-K | 10-26-?? |
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Accompany Child To Classroom

Each child must be accompanied to and from his/her classroom daily.

Children are not permitted to roam the center without direct parental supervision.

Please be sure your child's teacher is aware of his/her arrival or departure, prior to leaving the classroom or playground.

If you have any questions, please stop by the office.



Enrollment Anniversaries

4 Years

Connor L.

3 Years

Brooke P.

2 Years

Alexandra C.

Fiona K.

1 Year

Tiffanie F.

Rihanna L.

Zoe R.

Employment Anniversaries

None

New Friends & Staff Around the Center

Children

| | |
|------------|-----------|
| Madison H. | Preschool |
| Thomas H. | I |
| Bailey H. | I |
| Declan K. | I |
| Bret L. | Preschool |
| Jake L. | Preschool |
| Griffin L. | I |
| Elijah M. | I |
| Brooke S. | I |
| Xavier S. | Preschool |

Staff

| | |
|--------------|------------|
| Miss Chelsea | Infants |
| Miss Janiesa | Infants—PT |
| Miss Annie | Toddlers |



PINNACLE CURRICULUM

Curriculum Announcement

Creating a warm and friendly environment where children love to learn is what Pinnacle Curriculum is all about. Since the environment and learning experiences your child is exposed to are so important, our teachers will be providing theme-based activities that are developmentally appropriate and fun for your child. Pinnacle Curriculum is based on the works of Piaget, Gardner, and Erikson, providing hand-on center-based activities that promote the development of emerging skills.

Written by early childhood experts with years of child care experiences, Pinnacle Curriculum provides a research-based educational foundation for your child. It is our hope that your child will enjoy the fun, interactive activities that are available to them and they will develop a love for learning while they are growing, playing, and having fun!

Monthly themes that are relevant and meaningful are organized into smaller weekly themes that help foster a child's natural curiosity about the world around them. Each month these themes will be included in the newsletter.



Monthly Themes

September

My Wonderful World

- I Am Special
- My Family
- My Friends
- My School
- My Neighborhood
- Character Education: caring
- Color: blue
- Shape: circle
- Number: 1
- Letters: M, D, F and A

Numbers and Letters listed here are for Preschool children only.

Pre-K children follow Get Ready For School curriculum for number and letter introduces.



October

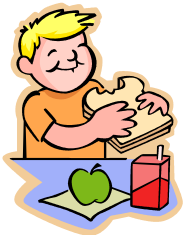
Fall Fun

- Harvest Happenings
- Fall on the Farm
- Fall in the City
- Fairy Tales and Fables
- Character Education: kindness
- Color: orange
- Shape: square
- Number: 2
- Letters: T, H and N

Numbers and Letters listed here are for Preschool children only.

Pre-K children follow Get Ready For School curriculum for number and letter introduces.





October No Lunch Days

For those who are not familiar with no lunch days, these are special days during the month that you may choose for your child to participate in a lunch prepared at the center.

Dipper Day Lunch

Wednesday, October 12th

This lunch will include:

- ~ chicken nuggets with sauce
- ~ oven fries ~ cucumbers
- ~ dessert

Cost: \$3.50 per child

Deadline: Wednesday, October 5th

Shell Pasta Lunch

Thursday, October 27th

This lunch will include:

- ~ shells with meat sauce ~ green beans
- ~ Italian bread ~ dessert

Cost: \$3.50 per child

Deadline: Thursday, October 20th

Note About Breakfast

Just a note of thanks to everyone, especially in the Toddler area, who have worked to adjust their breakfast routine! Breakfast items brought from home can be eaten in each classroom, between 7:00 and 7:30.

Note From The Kitchen

We recently implemented a new system for storing lunch items that need to be refrigerated and/or warmed. Each area now has a bin dedicated for refrigeration only items and one for items to warmed. For those who have been able to adjust to this system, we thank you.

All items not requiring refrigeration should remain in your child's lunch box/bag which should be brought directly to your child's classroom. Lunch boxes/bags can not be left in the kitchen.

All items, whether placed in bins or left in lunch box/bag, MUST be labeled with first and last name.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Halloween Classroom Parties and Parade

Monday, October 31st



Each classroom will share some special Halloween festivities on this day.

Events will include our Annual Halloween Parade through

The Bradley Home. Goodie sign up sheets for each classroom will be available later in the month.



Bookmobile Visits

The Meriden Public Library Bookmobile will be visiting the center for preschool classrooms on October 20th.

Not only do the children get to choose a book to borrow for their classroom but the librarian also shares a special storytime during this visit.



Hours of Operation Reminder

Our hours of operation are Monday-Friday from 7:00am to 5:30pm. Although staff may be in the building prior to 7:00 or after 5:30, they need those few minutes to prepare for the start of the day or at the end of the day, to complete closing procedures and prepare for the next morning.

Therefore, we ask that you refrain from entering the building prior to 7:00am and not linger around the classroom or center past 5:30pm.

We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to continuing to serve you and your family.

IMPORTANT NOTICE For Drop Off and Pick Up

As stated in the Handbook, all children must be accompanied by an adult (18 years or older) to the their classroom.

Please make sure when dropping off or picking up your child that the classroom teacher is aware of his or her arrival or departure.



We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this regard.

Cubby Check

With the autumn weather arriving, this is a good opportunity to check your child's cubby for weather appropriate clothing.

It is also a good idea to keep a sweatshirt available for those chilly morning visits to the playground.



NOTICE

The center will be closing at
5:00pm on
Wednesday, October 19th.
See page 6 for details.



Fall Fling Returns!

Wednesday, October 19th

COME JOIN THE FALL FUN!



We are very excited to have found a new farm for this traditional favorite family event!

All participants will enjoy some fall family fun (a hayride, a bonfire & hot dogs + marshmallows to roast)

WHERE: DeMaria's Farm Edgewood Rd., Kensington

WHEN: Wednesday, October 19th (raindate: October 26th)

TIME: 5:00PM

COST: \$8.00 per person for enrolled families and children
\$10.00 per person for additional guests

The deadline for registration along with payment must be handed in no later than Wednesday, October 12th.

Please sign up early, as there will be NO late registrations accepted.

A registration for will be available on the website shortly.

The Center will close at 5:00pm on this evening.

Holiday Closings For 2011

The Board of Directors would like to announce the holiday closing schedule for 2011. Please make note of the following closings.

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|------------------|--------|----------------------------|
| November 24 & 25 | Closed | Thanksgiving Weekend |
| December 23 | Closed | Floating Holiday—Christmas |
| December 26 | Closed | Christmas Day Observed |
| January 2, 2012 | Closed | New Years Day Observed |

The holiday closing schedule for 2012, will be announced in the January/February newsletter.

“Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.”

Albert Camus

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**Happy 20th
Anniversary
Carriage House!**
Established:
January 7, 1991

Caring and Sharing Together



*Don't forget to register for
Fall Fling by
Wednesday, October 12th*

**White Way Delivers
Dry-Cleaning & Laundry Service
FREE Pickup and Delivery**

Did you know that dry cleaning services are available to you at Carriage House? Save yourself a trip to the cleaners and sign up today!

Every Tuesday and Friday morning a representative from White Way Cleaners, of Wallingford, stops at the center to pick up or drop off items. To participate in this service, pick up an instruction packet in the sign in area or stop by the office to inquire.

It is cost saving and convenient!



**Author Birthdays &
Other Special Days In
September & October**

September

- 8 Jack Prelutsky
- 13 Roald Dahl
- 15 Tomie DePaola
- 16 H.A. Rey
- 17 Gail Carson Levine
- 25 Shel Silverstein
- 26 Johnny Appleseed
- 29 Stan Berenstain

October

- 1 Julie (Andrews) Edwards
- 8 R.L. Stine
- 19 Dan Gutman
- 23 Gordon Korman
- 26 Steven Kellogg



"Cleaning up with children around is like shoveling during a blizzard"