



Carriage House Day Care Where Early Learning Begins

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Carriage House Celebrates 21st Birthday



During the month of January, Carriage House will celebrate its 21st birthday! Carriage House opened its door on January 7, 1991 and has been providing quality child care for children and their families ever since.

Valentine's Day Celebrations

Tuesday, February 14th

Each classroom will post a goodie sign up sheet for their classroom party.

Classroom teachers will also make a notation on this sheet about the number of Valentine's your child will need if he/she wishes to exchange Valentine greetings.



Meriden Public School Kindergarten Registration

Registration for the 2012-2013 Kindergarten program will take place in the elementary schools on February 6, 7, 8, and 9.

All students eligible must register their district school. The child's birth certificate, proof of residence (rental/mortgage agreement, utility bill) and immunization record must be presented at the time of registration.

To be eligible, the child must turn 5 years of age by January 1, 2013.



Meriden Daffodil Parade...Saturday, April 28th

Carriage House is hoping to gather children, families and staff together to march in this year's parade.

The parade theme is "Spring Fever".

We are looking for volunteers to help plan!

A planning/brainstorming meeting will be scheduled soon.

Please be on the lookout for information and plan on attending.



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Happy Birthday Wishes

January Birthdays

Micaela D.	T	1-31-10
Tessa L.	Pre-K	1-31-07

February Birthdays

Layla A.	T	2-02-10
Elora N.	Pre-K	2-06-07
Jackson W.	T	2-10-09
Charlotte D.	T	2-11-10
Allison W.	T	2-21-09
Julianna W.	T	2-21-09

Staff Birthdays

Miss Janiesa	I	1-04-??
Miss Melissa	T	1-21-??
Miss Cydney	SA	1-24-??



Winter Weather Closings

One Call Now

Our mass notification system (phone and email)

Televised Announcements

Early Warning Network on Channel 3

Web Announcements

www.wfsb.com

www.carriagehousedaycare.com



Enrollment Anniversaries

7 Years

Kailey D.

3 Years

Madelyn D.

5 Years

Tony M.

2 Years

Owen B.

Jade J.

Amelia P.

4 Years

Brendan W.

1 Year

Ashton A.

Employment Anniversaries

21 Years

Miss Betsy

Office

2 Years

Miss Megan Pre-K

4 Years

Miss Cheyenne

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New Friends & Staff Around the Center

Children

Ryleigh R.

Infant

Welcome Back....

Priscilla B.

SA

Staff

No new faces this month

Year End Tax Statements

Year end tuition payment statements are available on the book shelf in the sign in area, next to tuition payment box.

This statement can be used to assist you in tax filing.



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

January

Winter Wonders

- Snow, Snowflakes, and Ice
- Winter Wear
- Winter Animals: Penguins, Seals and Polar Bears
- Igloos and Eskimos
- Character Education: patience
- Color: white
- Shape: star
- Number: 5
- Letters: W, J, R, and I



*Numbers and Letters listed here are for Preschool children only.
Pre-K children follow Get Ready For School curriculum for number and letter introductions.*

February

Matters of the Heart

- We Love America
- Be My Valentine
- Healthy habits: dental and full body
- Character Education: citizenship
- Color: pink
- Shape: hearts
- Number: 6
- Letters: L, V and C

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January and February 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.

Macaroni & Cheese Lunch

Friday, January 20th

This lunch will include:

- ~ macaroni and cheese
- ~ hot dog
- ~ mixed vegetable
- ~ dessert

Cost: \$3.50 per child

Deadline: Monday, January 16th

Chicken Nugget Lunch

Tuesday, January 31st

This lunch will include:

- ~ chicken nuggets
- ~ fries
- ~ corn
- ~ dessert

Cost: \$3.50 per child

Deadline: Tuesday, January 24th

Pasta Lunch

Tuesday, February 14th

This lunch will include:

- ~ pasta w/meat sauce
- ~ salad
- ~ bread
- ~ dessert

Cost: \$3.50 per child

Deadline: Tuesday, February 7th

Breakfast Lunch

Wednesday, February 22nd

This lunch will include:

- ~ pancakes
- ~ sausage
- ~ fruit
- ~ dessert

Cost: \$3.50 per child

Deadline: Wednesday, February 15th

Note About Breakfast

Breakfast items brought from home can be eaten in each classroom, between 7:00 and 7:30.

Items brought in later than that can be served with the child's morning snack.

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.

Bookmobile Visits

The Meriden Public Library Bookmobile will be visiting the center for preschool classrooms on January 19th and February 16th.

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.



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Brick Walkway

Our walkway get slick and slippery during the winter weather. Please be sure you and your child(ren) use caution when walking to the door.

Public Schools Closed

On Jan. 16th and

The week of Feb. 20—24

See School Age room for details.



“Babies are such a nice way to start people.”
Don Herrold

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 season changing again, please be sure your child has a minimum of two (2) appropriate changes of clothing in his/her cubby, each day.

Suggestions for items include: long pants, shirts, underpants, socks and sweatshirt



It is also important to note that all classrooms spend time outdoors on a daily basis (infants—school age)

Please help your child be prepared for this opportunity by providing a heavier weight jacket, hat and mittens/gloves.

Seasonal Outdoor Apparel



It is important to note that all classrooms spend time outdoors on a daily basis (infants—school age). This may range from a short walk to opportunities to play on the playgrounds.

Please help your child to be prepared for these opportunities by providing a heavier weight jacket, snowpants, hat, and mittens/gloves



One Call Now is a mass notification system that sends emergency notifications as well as routine day to day message via voice, text or email.

We have been utilizing this system since November and are very pleased with the results.

Please be sure the center is notified of changes in your contact information so this system can be used to its fullest potential.

CHDC Board of Directors Seeking Interest In Membership Or Consulting Opportunities

The Board of Directors is seeking recommendations for professional individuals whose area of expertise would benefit the board.

At this time they are seeking persons with backgrounds in the following fields:

Marketing Finance



If you are interested or would like to recommend someone, please see Pam or Betsy

Holiday Closings For 2012

The Board of Directors would like to announce the holiday closing schedule for 2011 & 2012. Please make note of the following closings.

2012

January 2	Closed	New Years Day Observed
April 6	Closed	Floating Holiday—Good Friday
May 28	Closed	Memorial Day
July 4	Closed	Independence Day
September 3	Closed	Labor Day
November 22 & 23	Closed	Thanksgiving Weekend
December 24	Closed	Floating Holiday—Christmas
December 25	Closed	Christmas Day
January 1, 2013	Closed	New Years Day

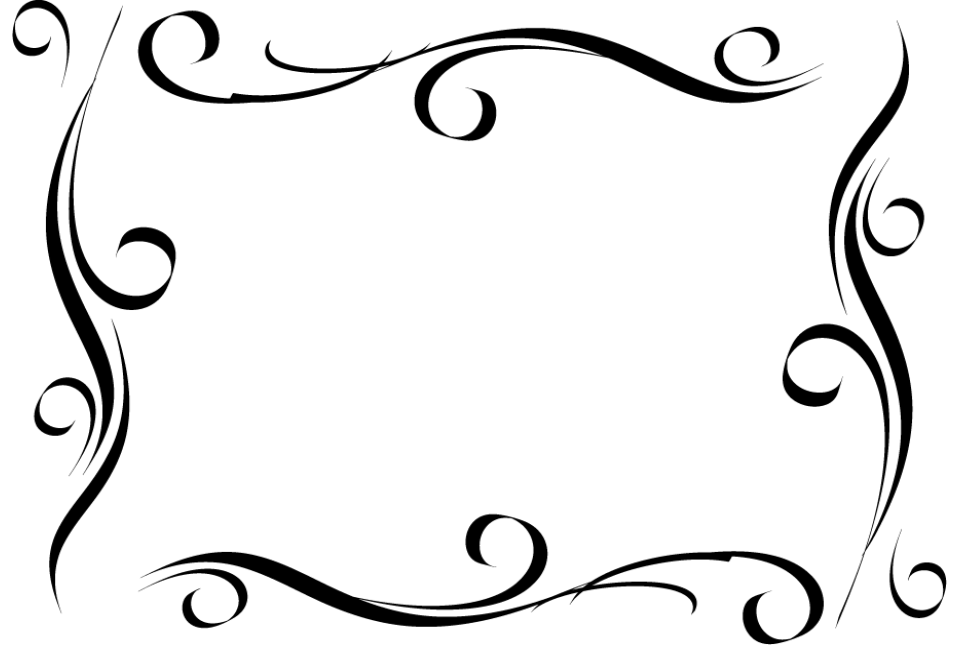
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**Happy 21st
Anniversary
Carriage House!**
Established:
January 7, 1991

Where Early Learning Begins



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 January & February

January

- 3 J.R.R. Tolkien
- 12 Jack London
- 18 A.A. Milne
- 19 Edgar Allan Poe
- 20 Tedd Arnold
- 27 Lewis Carroll
- 29 National Puzzle Day

February

- 2 Groundhog Day
- 7 Laura Ingalls Wilder
- 11 Thomas Edison
- 12 Judy Blume
- 23 Walter Wick
- 28 Lemony Snicket



“While we try to teach our children all about life, our children teach us what life is all about.”

Angela Schwindt