



june newsletter 2017



summer is almost here!

field trips and summer activities we got an early start on summer vacation this year and our field trips kicked out with a visit to monkey joe's and lower allen park and sky zone and adventure park. all children participating in field trips received this year's new blue(ish) dbelc camp t-shirt (a shout out to ms. shana for designing this summer's logo). this summer, our theme is "oh, the places we'll go," and we will be learning all about the topics that relate to our field trip destinations. although school agers who are required to attend trips, younger children are not. younger children who do not attend field trips can attend dbelc for the day but will be given alternative activities or classroom placements.

if your child is attending field trips, here are some field trip reminders: apply sunscreen before arriving at the center (for outside trips). we do take sunscreen with us on field trips and reapply throughout the day. be sure to dress in your *new* dbelc (blue) t-shirt. make sure to wear sneakers. sandals and flip flops are not appropriate or safe for field trips and wearing them may prevent a child from attending or participating in a field trip. please review departure times. the bus is on a tight schedule and cannot wait for children who do not arrive on time. if we will be returning late, i will contact the center to keep them updated. we are requesting that children not bring spending money on field trips; children will not be permitted to spend any money they might bring. lastly, packed lunches will be provided for field trips this year and will be listed on the regular monthly lunch menu. children may pack lunches but parents are responsible for communicating to kitchen staff on the tuesday before the trip that your child will be packing a lunch for that week's trip.



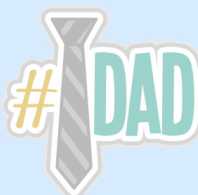
donuts with dads on monday, june 22nd from 7:00—9:00 am, dbelc will be hosting our "donuts with dads" event. we know how busy and hectic life can be for parents. we would like to provide our dads

with this opportunity to take a break from the chaos to enjoy a quick and quiet breakfast with your child. all dbelc dads (brothers, stepdads, grandfathers, if dads cannot attend) are invited to stop in that morning to enjoy breakfast with your

happy father's day!

We would like to wish all of our awesome dads a very happy and blessed father's day!

your unconditional love and attention is invaluable to your children.



summertime reminders

if you

have not returned your child's sunscreen permission form and brought in sunscreen for your child, please do so as soon as possible. we are not permitted to apply sunscreen to your child that you have not supplied to us and provided written consent for us to apply. also, each child at dbelc should bring in a reusable water bottle to use on the playground and in the building throughout the week. please write your child's name clearly on the bottle. bottles should be taken home on fridays for cleaning and returned to the center on mondays. lastly, each class has designated water days. the infants and young toddlers will have water days on wednesdays, the older toddlers will have water days on fridays. the preschool/pre-k class will have their water days on tuesdays, and the younger school agers will have their water days on thursdays. older school-agers will have sporadic water days throughout the summer; stay attentive to their whiteboard to activity updates. on water days, children should bring in a bathing suit (or clothing that can wet), a towel, and water shoes or waterproof sandals. children may wear their bathing suits to school the morning of their class's designated water day as long as they are comfortable and able to use the restroom easily. don't forget a dry change of clothing! infants and toddlers should provide water diapers. water days will begin as soon as the weather warms up. excluding water days, we request that children wear closed toed shoes at the center (**no flip flops**) for their safety.



now that the children are spending more time outside in the afternoons, i have a few outside pick-up reminders: when picking up your child, you must walk to the gate to escort your child. we cannot allow a child to leave the fenced area without being accompanied by an adult. also, do not send children to walk throughout the building unattended. all children, ages 6 week through 12 years, must be accompanied by an adult at all times when in the building.



kitchen updates: We would like to remind families that children need to be here by 8:20 am in the morning to receive breakfast. Children who arrive after 8:20 will not be able to receive breakfast and therefore will not be able to eat until lunchtime. On field trip days, if your child is not eating breakfast here at the center, please make sure that he or she is eating a big filling breakfast. We try to take snacks with us on field trips, but sometimes we are not able to fit a snack in before lunch. And, hungry kids equal grumpy kids.

Mr. Frosty



this summer, the Mr. Frosty ice cream truck will be visiting us on Friday mornings. For \$2.00, the children can get chocolate or vanilla ice cream in a cone or in a dish, with or without sprinkles. On Fridays, if your child would like to get ice cream, please drop your \$2 (exact change please) in the ice cream collection box at the parent board. There will be order forms and plastic baggies for you to write your child's name and ice cream order on.

hallelujah hoedown

vacation bible school

this summer's vacation bible school starts on Monday, June 12th and runs through Friday, June 16th from 9 to 11:30 am. There will be music, crafts, games, stories, snacks and a rootin', tootin' good time for the kids ages 3 to 12.



during the week of vbs, we will be collecting food donations for the food pantry. We would love for everyone to bring in a dry or canned good to donate every day!

on Sunday morning, June 18th, there will be a **vbs celebration service** at 8 am. vbs

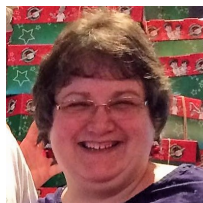


kids will share songs from the week and it will also include a slideshow of the fun. This will be immediately followed with the **hallelujah hoedown festival**. Everyone is invited to stay for western games, a couple of crafts for kids and the chuck wagon with refreshments for everyone.

dbelc will be closed Tuesday, July 4th.

This summer, with our increase in enrollment, we have welcomed a few new teachers to dbelc. Please help me in welcoming them warmly to the dbelc family.

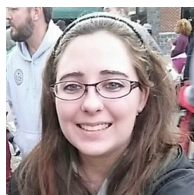
welcome, Ms. Nancy



Ms. Nancy will be joining us this summer in the infant room. Her will find her cuddling babies on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. Ms. Nancy has been involved with dbumc for years now, as she is the wife of Dover Bethany's pastor, Sal Buonocore. She has her B.A. degree from Asbury College with a Bible major and music minor and an M.A. in Religion from Asbury Theological Seminary with a major in Christian Education. She has spent the past 30+

years working with her husband full time in ministry and homeschooling their three kids. She has worked with children and youth of all ages through directing the Christian Education programming at previous churches and with school programming in public schools offered by a parachurch ministry. Nancy also currently directs the York Area Homeschool Elementary Choir. She loves watercolor painting, reading, and music. She is looking forward to caring for little ones in the baby room now that her three kids are all grown and are practically adults.

welcome, Ms. Maria



Ms. Maria will be joining us this summer to work with the older school-agers class. Before coming to dbelc, Ms. Maria graduated from West Chester University in December of 2015 with a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education. She has been working/teaching children since she was 15 years old and has worked with other camps/centers in this area. Since graduating from college, she has been substituting at Twin Valley School District, where she student taught. In her

spare time, Ms. Maria likes to read, spend time with her family (especially her niece), watch movies, and be with her pets (5 cats, a dog, a chinchilla, and 2 fish). She also rescues stray/feral cats and kittens and has found homes for around 60 homeless felines. She loves to teach children because she lives to see the sparkle in their eyes when they learn something new. She loves to see them grow and hear the stories they tell.

welcome, Ms. Katie



Ms. Katie is currently enrolled at York County School of Technology in the early childhood education program. Through the program she has had the opportunity to volunteer at several different centers such as CPC Headstart, Jefferson Headstart, York Learning Center, Cathy's Cottage, and the YWCA. Katie has also been volunteering here at dbelc for the past 2 years, assisting in classrooms and at afterhours staff meetings. She has worked with infants through pre-

kindergarten. She is also in the process of earning her CDA for infants and toddlers. In addition, she is also a volunteer with the youth at her church through their puppet ministry, Sunday school, vbs, and other youth activities. She is a girl scout currently working on her gold award. Katie plays the flute in the Dover Eagles marching band. She enjoys spending time camping with her family, especially her younger sister and younger brother. In her free time, she likes to listen to music and read books. She has always wanted to be a teacher her entire life and is very excited to have the opportunity to be here this summer. She enjoys working with children, especially the younger age and those with special needs. She has lots of patience which is a big plus when it comes to working with children.

classroom updates

Older school age school is out and summer camp has officially begun! as our friends finish school and slink in for the summer, we are happy to welcome back a lot of friends from last year and some new students, who are quickly becoming our friends. one of our new friends, is our new teacher, ms. maria (teacher biography on previous page), who is enjoying the time she has spent getting to know us. we are very excited to have our own cool class this year, now that we are so much more grown up. this summer, we will learning about topics that relate to our field trips and things our friends are interested in. right now, for example, unless you have been hiding in a cave, you might have noticed that fidget spinners are quite the rage. we are very excited to be able to bring them to camp and have planned some experiments to explore how our fidget spinners perform. in the coming few weeks, in addition to exploring our fidget spinners, we will be reviewing bucket filling and classroom expectations. just a few classroom reminders: we have each been given a red dbelc cinch bag. those bags are to stay here at the center throughout the summer and are meant to store our extra clothing and other items, like hats and sunglasses, that we will need during the day. all of our papers and projects will go in the wooden cubbies; each one is labeled with our names. please check those cubbies and our whiteboard daily. our whiteboard is posted outside of our classroom and we will keep it updated with any upcoming activities or reminders. also, just as we have done in previous years, after lunch each afternoon, we take some quiet time to rest, relax, and/or read. we have a wide selection of books available here, but books from home are welcome as well. when books are brought from home, they should be stored in cubbies or red bags when not in use.

younger school age summer is here and we are all so excited to be here at dbelc with our friends for the summer. those returning friends were very happy to see each other and ms. meagan and ms. amy; we are also thrilled to have some new friends join us this summer. they are fitting right in and have become part of the group. we have already started our paths lessons for the summer. paths is a social-emotional program that helps guide us into recognizing emotions in ourselves and in others to better use our social problem solving skills. playing together while practicing kindness, respect for each other, and problem solving strategies is our goal! in the first two paths lessons, we learned how to give compliments to each other, how to take turns, and how to get through challenges using our words. thanks to all those friends who showed and shared their board games on game day. we had fun playing games together and practicing our taking turns skills. our field trips have been incredible. we have loved jumping and bouncing our days away. next week is vbs week, so we will not be having a wednesday field trip. but, don't forget, friday is our bowling and laser tag trip in the afternoon. we will eat lunch before leaving for the field trip and have snack when we return. fridays are also bike days. we will not have bike day next friday because of vbs and our trip to laser alleys. but, for the rest of the summer, please be sure to bring a bike, scooter, or other riding toy with a helmet. children cannot ride without a helmet. each child has been assigned a hook for all their belongings in the hallway beside the pre-kindergarten classroom. each child has also been provided a dbelc cinch bag. those bags are meant to carry daily supplies, such as extra clothing, sunglasses, and hats. they should remain at the center. remember to check your child's folder in the classroom, our classroom whiteboard, and our class bulletin board (in the hallway) for updates on upcoming activities. we will begin our weekly water days as soon as the weather is warm enough to do so.

preschool and pre-kindergarten we would like to congratulate our pre-k class of 2017 on a wonderful year and graduation! each child has grown socially, emotionally, and academically so much throughout this school year. we couldn't be more proud of each one of you! this class will be graduating high school in 2030!

our summer camp program has begun. as you know, we have combined the preschool and pre-k classes for the summer. it is a great opportunity for new friendships to blossom and for ms. shana and ms. rola to get to know the preschool class before they transfer in at the beginning of the fall.

the new summer schedule is posted on our parent information board. there are many changes from the traditional school year. in preparation for kindergarten, one of our changes is that our pre-k friends do not need to take naps any longer! therefore, pre-k friends, you may leave your naptime stuff at home! preschool friends will still be napping from 12:30—3:00 pm daily and are required to bring nap materials (and to take them home on friday to be washed).

please check cubbies and mailboxes daily. each child has a mailbox now outside of our classroom. we placed a monthly calendar listing our weekly events in each friend's cubby. we have upcoming special activities, such as show-n-tell, water days, and other special events.



classroom updates

Older toddlers it's summer time!!

time for field trips, water days, ice cream trucks, and father's day! some of our older friends got to attend their first field trips! and although the bus rides were pretty incredible, jumping, bouncing, and sliding at monkey joe's and sky zone to their hearts content was by far the best part. after bouncing, it was off to the park for a picnic lunch and playtime. when we return to the center after field trips, we have snack and usually join preschool and pre-k for relaxing movie time. on wednesday evenings, you can usually find us in that classroom at pick-up. expect us to be tired (and maybe a little grumpy) on field trip days. we go, go, go all day with no nap! next week, our friends who have turned three already will be joining the rest of the older children for vbs every morning! we are excited for that! later this month, we will secretly be working on our father's day gifts. the children are very excited, but shhhh! it's a secret. we will begin learning about bugs, since we have been spending so much time outside. we see a lot of them. we have added some plastic bugs to our sand table to dig out and find. we have also examined our bugs with magnifying glasses. we have been spending a lot of time outside this week, as the weather has been beautiful. make sure we are dressed in clothing that can get dirty and to keep a supply of extra clothing in the classroom cubbies, because we will get messy in the toddler class. water days will start as soon as the weather cooperates (it was a bit too chilly this week). stay posted to our classroom announcements for updates! remember to bring in a water bottle for your child to drink during outside and classroom play. we are looking forward to a fun summer!



younger toddlers the young toddler class

would like to welcome maddy, who recently transitioned to our class. we are also very excited to welcome ms. sam back to our classroom for the summer. it has been a few years since she has worked in the young toddler classroom, but all of the children know and love her! in may, we enjoyed our muffins with mom, making our mother's day crafts, and learning and reading about lots and lots of animals. in june, we will start our weekly water days. june 14th will be our first water day and we will have water days every wednesdays. we do ask that for the younger toddlers, you send your child to the center in regular clothes. we do not mind changing them into their water clothes! in june, we will be exploring the outdoors. we will not only be reading books about nature, but we will get to interact with water and plants. we will be going outside and getting messy! please make sure that your child is dressed in clothes that can get dirty and to stock your cubbies with a supply of extra clothing. please remember every monday to bring a bed sheet (crib sized sheets work best) and blanket for nap time and a pillow case for storing a nap mat; please remember to take those items home on fridays for washing. also, we have a few friends who do not have water bottles. please bring in a water bottle for your child to drink out of throughout the day and during outside play. water bottles also need to be taken home on fridays to be washed. lastly, the mr. frosty ice cream truck will start visiting our center this friday. although we do offer ice cream in a cone or dish, we order ice cream in a dish for all the young toddlers, so we are less likely to drop or lose our ice cream cone. when completing the ice cream form, please indicate that you would like a dish!

infants in may, we celebrated three very special birthdays. happy first birthday to brynn, brea, and delainey. we would also like to congratulate maddy for moving up to the young toddler classroom. we miss her already but she is enjoying her new classroom and new friends. we would like to welcome ms. nancy and ms. jen to our classroom for the summer. we are very excited to have them both with us. in may, we enjoyed water and bubble play. some of our friends love getting wet; some of our friends are not quite as enthusiastic. we also practiced our fine motor skills by picking different types and textures of fabric out of a tissue box and then putting them back in. with our older babies, we have also started yoga time, where we practice stretching and strengthening our muscles. just a quick summer time reminder, as the weather warms, we do like to take the babies outside as much as possible. we go for walks in the strollers and lay blankets down in the grass to play. please remember to bring in sunscreen for your babies for outside play!



congratulations to the 2017 pre-kindergarten graduating class! you have all worked so hard and learned so much. congratulations to brianna, lily, raegan, colin, nicholas, annabel, jazayah, rylee, brayden, penelope, kolby, ryan, anna, and emma!