

## PARENT REMINDERS

### ABCmouse.com at Home

Doodle Bugs! is proud to extend ABCmouse.com subscriptions to all enrolled preschool and pre-kindergarten children again this year – at no extra charge! The educational website is a natural extension of the Bravo! by Doodle Bugs! Curriculum – giving children over 3,500 age-appropriate activities via technology while at home. If you are a parent of a preschool or pre-kindergarten child and need your ABCmouse.com activation code, check with the front desk.

### Enrichment Activities Begin

As we begin the 2016-2017 school year, we kick off another year of exciting enrichment programs – Tae Kwon Do and Doodle Dance and Fitness! Preschool and pre-kindergarten children participate weekly beginning September 12. Check the Parents' Board in your center and Tadpoles for your child's schedule.

Participation in gross motor activities improves coordination and promotes positive feelings about physical activity. Tae Kwon Do and Doodle Dance and Fitness exercises our mind and body, making fitness fun!



### REMINDER:

#### School Picture Day is Approaching!

Say cheese! Our centers will be holding picture days throughout the next couple of months. Look for additional communication in the coming weeks for details.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### Grandparents Day Celebration

**Wednesday, September 14**

Grandparents (or other special guests) are invited to stop in to our centers as we celebrate Grandparents Day! We have lots of special activities planned throughout the day, so come and visit anytime!

### Fall Open House

**Wednesday, October 5, 5:30-7:00pm**

We invite you to stop in for our annual Fall Open House! This family-fun event offers an opportunity to visit with our fantastic faculty, see our wonderful classrooms and meet other families. We will be serving pizza and fruit for dinner and facilitating lots of activities for all in attendance. If you know someone interested in learning more about the Doodle Difference, invite them! Our Open House is a great event for interested families too!

### Pete the Cat Author Visits Select Buffalo Centers

**Tuesday, November 8**

We are thrilled to be bringing beloved children's author of the *Pete the Cat* series, Eric Litwin, to select Buffalo-areas this fall! Stay tuned for additional information. We can't wait!

### Bug Squad: Doodle Bugs! in the Community

**Williamsville Farmer's Market, Island Park, Williamsville, NY**

**Saturday, September 17, 10am-12pm**

Stop by Island Park for the Williamsville Farmer's Market. Our Bug Squad will be painting faces and facilitating fun activities in the children's tent!

**Kids & Trucks, Frontier Field, Rochester, NY**

**Saturday, September 24, 10am – 4pm**

**Sunday, September 25, 10am – 3pm**

Kids & Trucks, presented by the Children's Institute, is a family-friendly event that allows children and adults to experience all different kinds of trucks up close – including the Doodle Bus! Our Bug Squad will be at the event for face painting and children's activities. For tickets, visit [www.childrensinstitute.net](http://www.childrensinstitute.net).

# Doodle Bugs! Wishes College-Bound Faculty a Wonderful Semester

It's that time of the year again, back to school! As our Doodle families are preparing for another school year, we are also saying, "See you soon!" to some of our Doodle faculty as they head back to college!

Doodle Bugs! prides itself in having some of the most demanding educational requirements – ensuring that we hire strong early education candidates! Additionally, we continue to encourage our faculty to participate in our various professional development opportunities and allow schedule flexibility for those pursuing higher education.

We want to thank those pursuing higher education for choosing to share their expertise with Doodle Bugs! Have a wonderful semester and we can't wait to have you back over winter break.



## Employee of the Month

**Karen Colquhoun**  
Teacher  
Cheektowaga, NY Center

Miss Karen has been a part of our Doodle Bugs! team for 11 years! We continue to marvel at her ability to always be adaptable to changes in the workplace. She seamlessly transitions from teaching pre-kindergarten during the school year to working with school-age children during summer's Doodle

Day Camp. Her transition not only involves new children, parents, and curriculum, but literally involves moving to an entirely new classroom. Her transformation of the gym into an age-appropriate, inviting, engaging "home base" for school-age campers is inspiring.

Karen is also a wonderful example of a teacher who is responsive to the needs of children and families. Families with pre-kindergarteners love their time with Miss Karen. Her thoughtful curriculum implementation differentiates learning experiences to align with children's interests and abilities. Not only are Miss Karen's children well-prepared for kindergarten, they love coming to school – a precursor for success in elementary school and beyond.

## Congratulations!

### 20+ Years

Caroline Berrios (Admin)

### 15+ Years

Andre Berrios (Maintenance)

### 10+ Years

Pamela Spath (Cheektowaga)

### 5+ Years

Jessica Greene (Henrietta)

Betsy Wilcox (Admin)

Barbara Bavaro (Orchard Park)

Michele Yoviene (Admin)

Heather Freeland (Henrietta)

Richard Rademacher (Orchard Park)

Rebecca Ford (Cheektowaga)

Kelly Dorsch (East Amherst)



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