

PARENT REMINDERS

Don't Forget Vacation Club for Your School-Age Child

School districts will be closed Monday, October 10 for Columbus Day. If you're in need of child care, sign your school age student up for Vacation Club at Doodle Bugs! Vacation Club offers students a fun way to spend a day off from school. Stop by the front desk at your center for more information on fun field trips and events happening that day and to sign up!

School Picture Days

Say cheese, picture day is coming! Check out the dates below:

Lancaster - October 6 & 7

Orchard Park - October 11 & 12

Cheektowaga - October 13 & 14

Lake Worth - October 13 & 14

Clarence - October 17 & 18

West Amherst - October 18 & 19

East Amherst - October 26 & 27

Bug Squad: Doodle Bugs! in the Community

We invite you to stop by these community events. Our Bug Squad will be there painting faces and facilitating children's activities!

Kelkenberg Farms, Clarence, NY

Saturday, October 1, 10:30am - 1:30pm

Saturday, October 15, 10:30am - 1:30pm

Saturday, October 29, 10:30am - 1:30pm

Delray Beach Parks & Rec Kidsfest

Saturday, October 29, 1:00pm - 4:00pm

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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 Doodle 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!

Read for the Record

Thursday, October 27

Doodle Bugs! will join millions of other readers across the country to read, *The Bear Ate Your Sandwich* by Julia Sarcone-Roach, on the same day! This year's story is a classic tale of a bear's epic journey and the mystery surrounding one delicious sandwich!

Halloween Party & Parade

Monday, October 31

Parents are invited to our biggest parade of the year! Come in costume, bring a (store-bought) treat to share and trick-or-treat around the center with us! For your family's convenience, you can also view the Costume Parade on WatchMeGrow. Beginning at 10am all classrooms will parade through the indoor and outdoor playgrounds.

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 our Lancaster, East Amherst and Clarence Centers. We can't wait!



Hats off to our Kitchen Managers!

The first Monday of October is nationally recognized as Child Health Day. The day is an initiative to raise people's awareness of how they can protect and develop children's health. In honor of Child Health Day, we're shining the spotlight on our behind the scenes heroes, our Kitchen Managers! We are proud to have someone, in each of our centers, dedicated to the health and nutrition of the children.



Heather Foltz

McCandless, PA Center
BA in Nutritional Sciences from Penn State

Time with Doodle Bugs!: 1 yr. 3 mos.
"I like the variety in my day! I get to be in the kitchen preparing meals but also get around to each and every room to see the smiling faces of all the children!"



Pat Sciolino

West Amherst, NY Center
Industry Training: AAS in Food Service Management from Erie Community College and 30+ years working in the foodservice industry
Time with Doodle Bugs!: 6 yrs.
"I love forming relationships with the children and the teachers I work with!"

To learn more about the Kitchen Managers at each of our locations, check out our blog!



Employee of the Month

Arlene McMaster
Director
Orchard Park, NY Center

Arlene is an wonderful example of climbing the doodle career ladder! She began her tenure at Doodle Bugs! as a Lead Teacher at the Orchard Park center in 2009. Arlene was promoted to Director Assistant at the Henrietta center in 2012 and soon after to Director. Arlene has since transferred back to the Orchard Park center where, as Director, she has cultivated a wonderful center!

Arlene consistently shares knowledge and expertise with team member and is an excellent role model. She recently trained several new managers, all while successfully managing the day-to-day operations of the Orchard Park center. We appreciate that Arlene continues to expand her knowledge by actively participating in learning and development opportunities offered by Doodle Bugs! Thank you, Arlene, we are all fortunate to benefit from your proactive, hands-on, reliable and supportive qualities!

Congratulations!

10+ Years

Nicole Wojtasczyk (Admin)
Susan Wood (Orchard Park)
Sara Vertalino (East Amherst)
Cynthia Frost (Orchard Park)

5+ Years

Frank Tribunella (Penfield)
Heather Schoonerman (Webster)
Jennifer Cozzo (Webster)
Danielle Dowell (West Amherst)
Amy Bruning (East Amherst)
Lindsay Leusch (Admin)

