

Happy Children! Happy Parents! Happy Teachers!

October 2017

PARENT REMINDERS

School Picture Days

Say cheese, picture day is coming! Centers with picture days in the month of October are listed below. For a full listing, visit the News section of our website.

Orchard Park: Monday, Oct. 2 & Tuesday, Oct. 3
Lancaster: Tuesday, Oct. 3 & Wednesday, Oct. 4
Clarence: Wednesday, Oct. 4 & Thursday, Oct. 5
Lake Worth: Thursday, Oct. 5 & Friday, Oct. 6
Penfield: Thursday, Oct. 5 & Friday, Oct. 6
West Amherst: Tuesday, Oct. 17 & Wednesday, Oct. 18
Cheektowaga: Thursday, Oct. 19 & Friday, Oct. 20
Henrietta: Monday, Oct. 23 & Tuesday, Oct. 24
East Amherst: Thursday, Oct. 26 & Friday, Oct. 27

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Fall Open House

Wednesday, October 4, 5:30-7:00pm

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. This year, we'll also be showcasing our brand new program, Full STEAM Ahead by Doodle Bugs! The new STEAM program elevates our technology curriculum to a new level, using tech as a tool for investigations in Science, Engineering, the Arts, and Math. During Open House, experience one of our STEAM Labs for a peek at what it's all about. We'll also have lots of other fall-themed activities for all in attendance to enjoy. Don't worry about dinner, we'll be serving pizza and refreshments too.

Read for the Record

Thursday, October 19

Doodle Bugs! will join millions of other readers across the country to read, *Quackers* by Liz Wong, a wonderful story that follows a kitten who grows up believing he is a duck!

Halloween Party & Parade

Tuesday, October 31

Come in costume, bring a (store-bought) treat to share and trick-or-treat around the center with us! Families are welcome to join us for our annual Halloween parade too! Can't make it? You can also view the festivities on WatchMeGrow. Beginning at 10am all classrooms will parade through the indoor and outdoor playgrounds.



EXPERIENCE FULL STEAM AHEAD AT OPEN HOUSE!

We're excited for the debut of Full STEAM Ahead by Doodle Bugs! – this new program elevates our technology curriculum to a new level, using tech as a tool for investigations in Science, Engineering, the Arts, and Math. Stop by Open House on October 4 and check out our STEAM Lab!



Doodle Bugs! Locations Prepare for MSA Re-Accreditation

Did you know that Doodle Bugs! is accredited by the Middle States Association (MSA)? MSA accreditation is an external, objective validation of school quality and student achievement that fosters continuous school improvement. Doodle Bugs! has partnered with MSA since 2004.

Our East Amherst, West Amherst, Cheektowaga, and Clarence locations are preparing to host their re-accreditation team visit October 30 - November 2. This visit is the final step in the rigorous self-study process. During the self-study, the centers committed themselves to several long-term goals, including the following objectives related to student performance and organizational capacity:

- Children will develop a strong sense of self and developing capacity for positive relationships with peers.
- Children will develop a growing capacity for self-regulation.
- Employees will demonstrate increased satisfaction in the workplace.

If you'd like to learn more about these improvement plans, please keep an eye on our blog for updates or contact Lindsay with questions.

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Employee of the Month

Laura Anderson

Lead Teacher - Clarence, NY Center

Laura Anderson is an exceptional member of our team. Ever since her first day, she has impressed us with her eagerness to grow and learn. She is an avid participant in early childhood education trainings, professional development opportunities and more! We love her ability to soak up knowledge and implement it in her classroom almost immediately.

Families appreciate how much Miss Laura values the home/school connection. She does a wonderful job documenting each child's day and communicating their personal story to parents through photos, video and detailed reports.

In addition to excellence in the classroom, Laura is a member of our Middle States Association (MSA) planning team, a participant in our Leadership Program and a caregiver in the Buffalo Bills and Buffalo Sabres game day playrooms. Laura is a role model and an integral part of orienting new team members. We are so grateful that she is a part of this community.

Congratulations!

10+ Years

Nicole Wojtaszczyk (Admin)

Susan Wood (Orchard Park)

Sara Vertalino (East Amherst)

5+ Years

Frank Tribunella (Penfield)

Heather Schoonerman (Webster)

Jennifer Cozzo (Webster)

Lindsay Leusch (Admin)

Beth Lawson (Orchard Park)



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