

May & June 2019

Executive Director's Corner by

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April showers bring May Flowers! We sure have had a lot of showers, so I know there will be many May Flowers.

It is hard to believe another school year is coming to a close. There is lots of excitement for summer activities & trips, and some anxious feelings for our kiddos who are going to kindergarten in the fall. If your child will be starting kindergarten in the fall, I strongly recommend that you enrollment them into "Getting Ready for Kindergarten". This is a wonderful program! Your child will get a taste of what kindergarten is like, and they will get to learn the way around their new school. Finding the bathroom for the first time can be very stressful. Children who are given the opportunity to explore their new learning environment will find the transition to kindergarten, not so scary.

JCDC RAFFLE

Thank you to all the families who are selling our raffle tickets! All of the money raised will be used to complete our Parking Lot Expansion Project. As you know, our parking lot needs a lot of work. Our plan is to expand our parking lot and add an additional entrance off Greendale Drive. This would provide the center with a circle driveway for drop off and pick up for our school children and for the P4J children. This improvement to our parking lot will provide a safer environment for our children and staff.

Parent Surveys

In order for us to best serve our children, we would appreciate you taking a few minutes to complete a Parent Survey. Parent Surveys will be sent home with your child. Please place all completed surveys in the new red box in the hallway or return to the office. This information will be treated in a confidential manner; however, it will be used to make changes, if needed. We are interested in anything that will help us improve the services at Janesville Community Day Care Center, Inc. We hope that your experience here has been a happy one, but if not please tell us.

Director

Julie Hertel

Hello to everyone! It's that time of year, birds are chirping, flowers are blooming, and USDA forms have been sent out. I need to have a form for each child. Please fill it out promptly and return to me by May 10th. It is a USDA regulation for our

center to have the forms on file in order for us to claim reimbursement and get funds for our meals we serve. *Please make sure to fill out both sides.

Summer schedules have been sent out and returned. I am excited to say the center is full for the summer. With high enrollment please make sure to follow your child's schedule that we accommodate staffing for. If you need to make schedule changes please call and ask. We will do our best to make staffing adjustments if necessary, however, schedule changes cannot be guaranteed. The center has state licensing regulations and NAEYC accreditation standards to follow.

In June some children will be moving to new classrooms as we make room for our school age children. Letters regarding placement will be going out in a few weeks so make sure to check your child's cubby daily.

June is the start of our fun and exciting field trips. Field trip forms will begin going out in June as well. Chaperones are free of charge and encouraged to come along. We enjoy having family and friends join us and so do the children. Chaperones are subject to a background check.

Thank you everyone for completing all forms on time. I wish all of you a fun and memorable summer. If you have any questions please ask.

Julie Hertel



Office Assistant

Miss Megan



Warmer weather is finally here. I'm pretty sure it's here to stay this time!!

We will have plenty of field trips. A list of all these trips will be sent out at the beginning of the summer. Please keep this list and post it somewhere at home!!! Summer permission slips are sent out a month at a time. Some classes have different trips/dates than other rooms. Be sure to pay attention to the classroom name on the slip!

Due to safety issues, and per our policy, flip flops are **NOT** to be worn while at daycare. Please have your child wear tennis shoes, or sandals with a back on them.

I will continue to send out monthly calendars that note all of the upcoming events. You can also see this information posted at each entrance to the building, on the Parent Board by the offices, on each classrooms Parent Board, on the Positivity white board in the hallway, the white board located at my desk, dojo/email, and on our website.

Permission slips are also needed if you would like your child to have sunscreen/bug spray put on them. These are located on my desk in the hallway and in the classrooms. You must bring your own sunscreen/bug spray. The Center does not supply these. Make sure to label them with your child's name.

Ladybug

Miss Kailey & Miss Paula

We have been enjoying the warmer weather!! Riding bikes, playing in the sand box, doing art projects outside, swinging and playing sports. All the things we've missed over the winter months. Please continue to send outdoor coats and/or sweaters, as our playground has lots of shade in the morning, and tends to be chilly!

With the warmer weather please check your child's extra clothes bin for appropriate clothes.

Some themes we will be exploring in the next few months will be Mother's and Special Girls, Springtime, Farm, Outer Space, Fathers and Special Guys, and Zoo! Keep a look out for our parent involvement days and upcoming fieldtrips.

We wanted to say a special Thank You to the parents/grandparents who have donated items; a bubble machine with bubbles, scrap paper, and clothing. Also a big thank you to those that have given their time to be a part of parent/grandparent involvement days! THANK YOU!

Happy Birthday to all of our May and June friends!

Bumble Bee

Miss Cora & Miss Jess

We hope that the weather will continue to warm up. 😊

We love spending time outside playing or going for walks.

May will be busy as we make special projects for Special Ladies in our lives; and a crazy sock day. Spring has sprung! We will learn about how things change and grow in this season. We will end May and begin June with a theme about the Zoo. Ohhh.....All the fun animals we can learn about!

June is a special time for those Special Guys we know. We will celebrate them as well. Next we take to the high seas and explore the Ocean. The animals, the beach, and the fun.

Watch for notices about summer field trips and special days.



Jitterbug/Dragonfly

Miss Haley

It's crazy that summer is almost here already! I know the kids (and teachers) are looking forward to summer! We have some really fun themes coming up and fun activities to go with them! Since the weather is warmer, we will be able to do more

activities outside! Some things we will be doing in May and June include: a special gift for our moms/special girl and dads/special guys, painting outside, going on a nature walk, doing a spring scavenger hunt, playing with bubbles and chalk, experimenting with white daises and food coloring, learning about animals at the zoo, and learning about Memorial Day!

Please check your child's extra clothes to make sure they still fit and are appropriate for the weather. Also, please make sure to send your child with a light jacket or sweatshirt every day. We do go out in the morning and sometimes it is still a little chilly outside. Also, it would be helpful to send your child with a pair of rain boots or extra shoes, as sometimes it gets muddy outside and we do not want children to have to walk around all day with muddy shoes. Happy spring!

P4J – Caterpillar/Butterfly/Grasshopper

Miss Karen/Miss Brittany/Miss Wanda/Miss Tara

May will be our final month of P4J...where has the time gone? This is a happy and exciting time for all of us. We have had a

wonderful year getting to know all of our students and families, which makes it even more difficult to say goodbye to each and every one of you. At the same time, we wish all of our students' the best of luck as they move forward to an exciting beginning at their new school. We look forward to hearing good things about this group next year. We have an end of the year celebration with P4J graduations on Thursday, May 23rd, 2019. Once again we would just like to wish all students the best as they transition to kindergarten.

June will be a month of transition as our classroom will welcome in new friends and welcome back old friends into it. Along with that, the nap room (Crickets) will move upstairs to the caterpillar room, and the non-nappers (Dragonflies) will be downstairs in the butterfly room. We will start our summer out with the Ocean theme. Hopefully the weather cooperates so we can get outside, go on walks, and have field trips throughout the summer. Keep a look out for field trip notices.

Here are ten ideas you could do with your child(ren) this summer:

- *Bake cookies for ice cream sandwiches.
- *Make a photo journal or a family yearbook.
- *Have a luau in the backyard.
- *Have a water balloon fight.
- *Have a backyard campfire
- *Make a fort out of cardboard boxes.
- *Visit a farmer's market.
- *Stage an A to Z scavenger hunt, where you have to find something that starts with every letter.
- *Pick berries.
- *Have a picnic at a state park.



Walking Sticks

Miss Haley

Time sure is flying by! School is going to be out in less than two months! I'm sure the children are looking forward to summer and not having school. When children arrive after school from the bus, they are encouraged to finish their homework before coloring or playing with table toys. Children do get to play outside after they arrive. So please make sure they have a light jacket or sweatshirt, as sometimes it is still a little chilly outside.

The Kitchen

Mr. John

Recipe from COOKS.COM

Submitted by: Stephanie T.

Buffalo Chicken Wing Dip

- 1 can chicken (large size)
- 1 8oz. brick cream cheese
- ½ c. blue cheese dressing
- ¼ c. cayenne pepper sauce
- 1 pkg. shredded Monterrey Jack cheese
- Celery sticks, cracker or corn chips

*Melt cream cheese over medium-low heat. Once creamy, add blue cheese, cayenne pepper sauce and chicken.

*Remove from heat, fold in ½ pkg. shredded cheese.

*Pour into square 8x8 oven-safe dish. Top with remaining cheese. Bake at 350°F until cheese is melted and bubbly.

*Serve with celery sticks, crackers or corn chips.

To Prevent a Cooking Fire in Your Kitchen

1. Keep an eye on your cooking and stay in the kitchen. Unattended cooking is the #1 cause of cooking fires.
2. Wear short or close fitting sleeves. Loose clothing can catch fire.
3. Watch children closely. When old enough, teach children to cook safely.
4. Clean cooking surfaces to prevent food and grease build-up.
5. Keep curtains, towels and pot holders away from hot surfaces. Store solvents and flammable cleaners away from heat surfaces. Never keep gasoline in the house.
6. Turn pan handles inward to prevent food spills.