

You're Invited to attend the

**Delaware Valley Kindergarten Transition Luncheon
For Graduating Head Start & Pre-K Counts Students
Center for Developmental Disabilities**

Thursday, May 26, 2011 ~ 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

We will be joined by

Dr. Peg Schaffer ~ Principal, Shohola Elementary

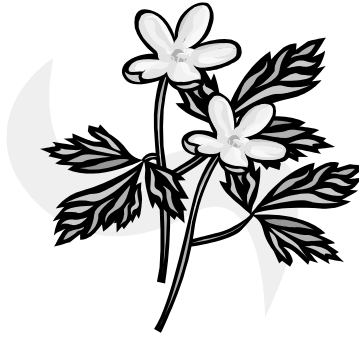
Kimberly Butaitis ~ Assistant Principal, DV Elementary School

This informal gathering is an opportunity for you to individually meet and talk to your principal about your child. Students may also join us before and after class, lunch and activities will be available for them during your meeting.

Please contact CDD to obtain the “All About Me” information form to help you share some special information about your child.

*Please R.S.V.P. by May 18th to Margie
(570) 296-3992 ext. 26 or margieneff@yahoo.com*

Teacher's Page for Spring



Miss Diane, Miss Teena and Miss Terry's Classes:

Spring is finally here!!! The beautiful weather is coming and we are all looking forward to it! We will be finishing up the last few letters of the alphabet and beginning numbers. Our themes will include Planting/Earth Day and Insects and Farms. Take time to notice the changes in the environment and the different kinds of plants and insects that spring brings. It is a wonderful time of the year for early science and exploration activities. Expand on these themes in your everyday life with your child. Allow them to plant a seed in a small cup and place it by a window that gets lots of sunshine. Talk with them about what is happening to the seed. This type of activity is a great learning experience and generates a lot of language. We will also be spending more time outside and participating in cooperative games. They are a great way for your child to engage in social play and work together. Motivating activities such as these make taking turns and working cooperatively fun for your child.

Here are some ways to provide opportunities for science and exploration at home:

1. Provide science materials for your child to explore; large and small magnifying glasses, balance scales, mirrors, magnets, rulers and tape measurers, nets and bug boxes.
2. Use your surroundings; plants and flowers, insects in your environment, soil and rocks, gardens, trees, etc.
3. Answer their questions honestly. If you don't know an answer-find out! Then, tell them where you found the answer. Even pre-schoolers understand looking up information in books or computer programs and on the internet.

Suggested Readings for Spring

The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle

The Grouchy Lady Bug by Eric Carle

Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin Jr.

Monarch Butterfly by Gail Gibbons

The Butterfly Alphabet by Jerry Palotta

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

Five Little Ducks by Jose Aruego and Ariane Dewey

Come Along Daisy by Jane Simmons

Spring is Here: A Barnyard Counting Book by Pamela Jane and Melissa Sweet

Enjoy the weather and Have FUN with your child!!!

Language Development through Reading

Lauren Lockwood, MS CCC-SLP

Reading is one of the best ways to expose your child to language and to lay the foundation for later independent reading. Reading books with toddlers is a great way to help expand their vocabulary, The following tips are useful for getting the most out of reading time with your child.

When reading with your toddler or preschooler:

- Follow your child's lead. Allow them to pick the book. Then remember you don't have to read every page in the book or every word on the page. The important thing is to focus on what is interesting to your toddler while reading.
- Label the pictures.
- Ask questions like, "Where is the hippo?" Or for older children ask more open ended questions like, "What do you think will happen next?"
- Read slowly and pause frequently to see if your child can finish the sentence you are reading.
- When your child labels a picture incorrectly, for example she says pig for dog, simply say dog and point to the picture again rather than saying, "No, that's not a pig." This allows them to learn the correct name for the word with out feeling bad about their language attempt.
- Read a variety of books! Repetitive books, books about colors, numbers, letters, books about everyday objects, animals, food... whatever you and your child love!
- Read regularly! Reading regularly gives you an opportunity to focus on new vocabulary, check for comprehension, teach new concepts and most of all bond with your little ones!
- Make it fun!
- There is no question that reading with your kids frequently definitely has a positive impact on their language development!

Have a variety of books available for your child to choose from. In general, focus on sturdy books with bright, colorful illustrations and simple repetitive text. Young children love to anticipate what happens next which allow them to participate in the story telling.

Some great books include:

"Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?" by Bill Martin, Eric Carle

"Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What do you Hear" by Bill Martin, Eric Carle

"Mr. Brown Can Moo! Can You?" by Dr. Seuss

"My First Word Board Book," by DK Publishing

"The Very Hungry Caterpillar," by Eric Carle

"Goodnight Blue," by Angela C. Santomero

"Goodnight Moon," by Margaret Wise Brown

"Guess How Much I Love You," by Sam McBratney

**CDD TRIP TO
COUNTRY ARK FARM
HAS BEEN SPONSORED BY
HELP OUR KIDS**

When: Tuesday, May 24, 2011

Time: 10 am to 12 pm

Where: Genesis Drive-Dingmans

Directions: Log Tavern Rd to Genesis Drive. Go to end of Genesis Drive

and see entrance to Farm

686-3480

Who: All CDD Children and Families

Parents are responsible for both transportation and accompanying your child.

We encourage you to bring sliced apples, saltines, and goldfish crackers to feed the animals!

Please bring your stroller and dress your child in play clothes.



Please detach and send in form with your child before May 20, 2011.

Country Ark Farm Field Trip

Student's Name: _____

of those attending _____

COMMUNITY EXPO 2011 & CAR SHOW

Hosted by Pike County Chamber of Commerce

Saturday, May 21, 2011

11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Delaware Valley High School ~ Milford, PA

Open to the Public ~ Free Admission

Special Appearance by

Lisa Alexander

The Queen of Green Living

And Founder & CEO of Green Life, Inc.

50/50 Raffle

Antique Car Show

**Visit more than 60 businesses,
organizations, restaurants and artisans**

For further information:

Contact the Chamber Office

(570) 296-8700

info@pikechamber.com



Early Childhood Day

with the *SWB Yankees*
at PNC Field

*Promoting Pennsylvania's Promise for Children
Because every child is Pennsylvania's future.*



Sunday May 22nd Game-time 1:05pm
SWB Yankees vs Indianapolis Indians

\$9-11 per person includes (children under 2 free):

- 🎟️ Join the Pre-Game "Parade to the Future" featuring the children of NEPA
- 🎟️ Reserved Lower Level or Upper Level Group Seat
- 🎟️ Limited Edition SWB Yankees Hat & Play Ball! game program
- 🎟️ Free access to the Fan Zone for 1 hour from 11-12
- 🎟️ Kids "Fun Run" on the field following the game



Ticket order deadline May 21st!
For more information contact Jake
570-558-4639 or jwinowich@swbyankees.com

Early Childhood Day with the SWB Yankees is a project of the Early Care and Education Coalition of Pike County · Pocono Healthy Communities Alliance · Wayne County Children's Coalition · Susquehanna County CARES · Lackawanna County United Way Success by Six · Success by Six United Way of Wyoming Valley

<p>Tickets can be mailed (optional) for \$5. Tickets not mailed will be available for pickup at the PNC Field Box Office Will Call 60 minutes prior to game start. Bracelets for the Fan Zone can be picked up at the Early Childhood Reception Table outside the main gates. Make check or money order payable to SWB Yankees.</p>	
# of tickets _____ @ \$9/person: (upper level)	# of tickets _____ @ \$11/person: (lower level)
Mail my tickets \$5 (optional) _____ \$ _____	Total Enclosed. Tickets will be mailed by May 1.
Name: _____	Phone: () _____
Home Address: _____	
<p>_____ My Preschool Child would like to participate in the pre-game Parade to the Future. Children should be dressed in costume as their chosen future career. You will receive additional details with your ticket delivery.</p>	

2011 CDD Wish List Project

We continue to receive donations from the community for our **2011 Wish List Project**. To date we have received \$9,563 in donations in order to purchase educational and therapeutic equipment, as well as begin small outdoor projects at CDD. Most notably, many attendees of the Chefs Do Dinner sent in donations in order for the CDD to purchase 12 iPads for the center. The children at CDD will be using the iPads to communicate with the world around them, to make choices and to request what they really want or need.

Please consider making a donation today to the **2011 Wish List Project**, so you can make a difference in the life of a child living in our community. *Special note: donations can be made In Honor of or In Memory of a friend, family member or child attending CDD.*

Areas of Need:

- CDD Playground** - Help us purchase a handicap accessible surface for children utilizing wheelchairs, as well as for others who may have difficulty walking and maintaining balance.
- Mobile Bookshelves** - The mobility of the bookshelves allow teachers to create an accessible and flexible classroom environment for all students.
- Portable DVD Players** - DVD players provide a portable learning experience to help children become more engaged in their activities, as well as provide practical teaching activities ranging from ABC's and 123's.
- Therapeutic Equipment** - Help us to purchase specialized mats, balls and wedges in order to maximize each child's therapeutic session.
- Handicap Accessible Outdoor Classroom** - The CDD would like to create multiple sensory stimulation environments, with plants selected for fragrance, texture and color. Accessibility and inclusion are the heart of our vision for the outdoor classroom, making the rich experiences of the natural world available to all children at CDD.
- Classroom Computers** - We are in need of new computers for our classrooms. Three and four year old children who use computers with supporting curriculum have significantly greater gains in verbal and non-verbal skills.
- Computer & iPad Software / Technology Equipment** - Specialized computer software provides every child with the opportunity to make choices, encourage exploration, communicate and share knowledge with others.
- Classroom & Training Room Furniture** - The CDD needs to purchase sturdy, durable furniture that meet child safety standards and must be age appropriate for the 80 children enrolled, as well as furniture for our family support training room.

Donation Amount: Check Credit Card

\$1,000 \$500 \$250 \$100 Other _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

I wish to make a gift in honor of / in memory of: _____

Credit Card Payment Information: Visa MasterCard Amex Discover

Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____ Security Code: _____

Name that appears on card: _____

The official registration and financial information of the Center for Developmental Disabilities of Pike County, Ltd. (EIN# 23-269523) may be obtained from the PA Department of State by calling (800) 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.



Wish List

Daily Supplies:

- Tissues/Kleenex
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Tall Kitchen 13 Gallon Garbage Bags
- Staples Gift Cards (purchasing office supplies)
- United States Postage Stamps (44 cents)
- Ziplock Sandwich Size Bags
- Ziplock Quart Size Bags

Food Supplies:

- Dried Macaroni - All Sizes and All Shapes
- Dried Legumes - NOT RED!
- Dried Lentils
- Dried Split Peas
- Wal-Mart Gift Cards (purchasing snacks & lunch items)

Classroom Art Supplies:

- Finger Paints "Washable": Red, Yellow, Blue, Green, Brown, White and Purple
- Finger Paint Paper – "Shiny Surface Paper" in White Rolls or Reams
- Construction Paper: Multi-Color Packs in Letter Size and Legal Size
- Play Dough – Multi-Colors
- Thick "Washable" Magic Markers
- Thick "Washable" Crayons
- White Glue "Washable" - Large Containers
- Shaving Cream – White Unscented
- Sandbox Play Sand

If you or an organization would like to donate any of the items on this list, please contact the CDD at (570) 296-3992 ask for Kelly Wulfhorst (ext. 21) or Diane Chudoba (ext. 64)

We truly appreciate your support!



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CDD May and June Calendars

Revised 5/2/11

X's = CDD closed

Bold & Underlined = CDD Open

May 2011

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	X	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	<u>26</u>	X	28
29	X	<u>X</u>				

June 2011

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	X	11
12	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	X	X	X	18
19	X	X	X	X	X	25
26	X	X	X	X		

SEE YOU AT GRADUATION!

You are

Cordially Invited to Attend

The Center for Developmental Disabilities of Pike County

Graduation Ceremony

on Thursday, June 90, 2011

7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

at the

Delaware Valley High School Auditorium

Milford, Pennsylvania

Educational Funding provided by Colonial IU 20, Help Our Kids, The Biondo Foundation, Pike County Commissioners, United Way, Dingman-Delaware Townships and Partnership with Friendship House.

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