
April 2026

CCC Newsletter

Tips and Reminders for the month:

Welcome to Spring! Please join us for the Crazy Days of April where each Wednesday is fun, "crazy", and full of laughter! With the arrival of Spring and the return of warmer weather, please remember to be especially careful in the parking lot when the children are playing outside. Please remember to visit the lobby. A staff member will transport them from outdoor play to your loving arms.

Upcoming Transitions...

It is hard to believe that our school age students will be with us full time as summer vacation begins in just 10 short weeks! As the teachers and building begins to transition for camp and classroom "move-ups", please let us know if you have any questions. Below you will find some important facts that apply to this busy time of year:

- Elm Room families will officially register for next year's session this month by paying a \$45.00 registration fee before they leave us for the summer. Please watch classroom notices about special end of year activities as we prepare to end the 2025-2026 school year with you.
 - Full Day preschool families will be notified by classroom teachers about possible move-up's and all of the fun items planned as we transition into warmer weather care. Please make sure you return your forms to request or decline a transition meeting with your child's teacher.
 - School age summer rosters have been created based on information returned to the office in Jan/Feb. If you are planning to participate in care from June-August, please remember that families will need to send a packed lunch each day. More details about camp activities will arrive at the end of May.
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Important Dates:

April 3 & 6 **CCC CLOSED**

April 17- SACC 1:30 dismissal day

***New Tuition Rates are attached and will begin 6/8/26.**

R&K Sandwich Sale:

Thank you to everyone who helped with placing orders for the sandwich fundraiser. R & K makes it so easy to organize and deliver to you!

This year CCC sold 756 sandwiches and made a profit of \$2,079.00. This money will assist with purchases that are needed for the trike path that is part of the St. John's Capital Campaign happening this summer.

If you would like to add to this fundraising project for the new outdoor play area for the students, please message Charlotte. She would be glad to share information.

The Maple Room:

Classroom Highlights:

The Maple room has been anticipating the arrival of April and the warmer weather that comes with it! Our spring themed activities such as mud painting, seed sprouting, and planting have gotten us excited for all that spring will bring!

The Maple Room also has a busy schedule for the month of April! We'll be starting out our month with superheroes and construction themes, learning about a variety of different things like graphing and measuring. Each student will also get the opportunity to create their very own superhero cape and even turn themselves into a superhero! For the rest of the month and the beginning of May we will start our anatomy study! Together as a class we will explore many of the different parts of the body, discussing our bones, teeth, digestion and even our blood!

Our Giving Tree Wish List Items:

- ❖ Paper Towels & tissues
- ❖ Swiffer mop Refills & Dry Erase Markers
- ❖ Baby Wipes & sandwich Ziplock bags

Coming up- Crazy days of April

4/1/25- Crazy Hair Day

4/8/25- Color Day (teachers will share room colors)

4/15/25- Dress Like a Teacher Day (Teachers like kids)

4/22/25- Silly Sock Day

4/29/25- PJ Day



Special Events:

April 11

*Men's Brotherhood Steak
Sandwich Sale*

April 18

*CEF Yard Sale Day at Denver
Elementary School*

April 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29

Crazy Days of April



Positive Solutions for Families:

Has life with your young child become filled with conflict and confusion? Does it seem as if even the simplest activity can turn quickly into disaster when your child's behavior is out of control? Are you beginning to feel as if things are getting worse instead of better? You're not alone. Many, if not most, parents find themselves struggling with the challenging behavior of their young child at some point in time. The good news is that there are evidence-based, effective strategies that you can use to create positive solutions for your family.

Tip of the Month:

#7 Stay Calm.

When your child's behavior is unacceptable, you can choose to either respond to it or ignore it. If you decide that a reaction is required, remember that the least response necessary is usually best. Acting calm with a minimum of attention will reduce the risk of strengthening the very behavior you wish to discourage. When you remain calm, it also gives you time to think about how you want to respond. Remember, you are modeling desired behavior for your child—the more out-of-control your child becomes, the more self-control you need to show. When you remain calm your child learns appropriate ways to respond to difficult situations.

For example: *You are cleaning your house in preparation for your in-laws' annual visit. You go in the kitchen for just a moment and return to your family room to find that your 2 year-old son has colored on a white wall with red and blue crayons. Your immediate reaction is to scream in horror. However, you think twice, take a deep breath and say, "Christopher, paper is for coloring, Mommy's white walls are not", and buckle him in his high chair where he can continue to create his art on paper.*

Hint....

Staying calm when dealing with kids is much, much easier said than done—especially when you have a child who acts out.

Change your perspective. If you can think differently, you will be less angry at your child.

Identify your feelings. When you are about to let off steam, pause and identify your feelings. Is it irritation, frustration, hurt that's bothering you? Name it; identify it as your own.

Pause, breathe, think. Model for your child how to deal with difficult feelings.

Let go of worry and focus on what's good. Try to fill your imagination with positive outcomes, rather than negative ones.

Healthy Habits... *provided by: Jenine Bisaccio RN*

April Showers bring May flowers and..... ALLERGY & ASTHMA SEASON!

If you suffer from allergies, you know the symptoms: coughing, sneezing, itchy eyes, runny nose, and scratchy throat. Common allergens and irritants found in and around the home are pollen, dust mites, mold, insect droppings, pet dander, and secondhand smoke.

Allergy treatment tips include:

- Avoid allergens and keep house clean and free of pests.
- Keep windows closed during high pollen days, especially when it is windy
- Wash hands often, cover mouth when sneezing or coughing.
- Change clothes when coming in from playing outdoors.
- Use over the counter antihistamines and decongestions as directed.
- Keep air filters changed and use air purifiers.
- Allergy testing and treatment by a doctor.
- Do not allow smoking/vaping near your child-especially in your home or car
- Take all medications for asthma already prescribed by your doctor to keep asthma under control.

It is important to stay healthy and distinguish allergies from a more serious illness such as asthma. During an Asthma attack, airways become narrowed, and breathing can become extremely difficult. Asthma triggers can include respiratory infections, pollen (trees, grasses, weeds) air pollution, food, allergies, cleaning products, perfumes, exercise, and cold air exposure. Common asthma symptoms include wheezing, shortness of breath, chest tightness, and coughing. Asthma cannot be cured but it can be controlled.

Please remember to update the Cocalico Care Center if your child has any new health needs. Thank you!

Jenine Bisaccio, RN



Starts June 8th

2026 Summer Price List

(Kind - 5th :)

School-age Full Time (5 days)	\$241.00 week
School-age Part Time (3 days)	\$181.00 week
School-age Part Time (2 days)	\$144.00 week

Oak/Chestnut/Maple (5 days)	\$249.00 week
Oak/Chestnut/Maple (3 days)	\$187.00 week
Oak/Chestnut/Maple (2 days)	\$149.00 week

Extra Fees for the Summer program include: (School Age)

Bowling (Alternating Mondays- <u>Maple room included</u>)	\$12.50	} current 1st - 5 th grade
Middle Creek Hike (TBD)	\$5.00	
Baseball Game (July 9)	\$15.00	
Dutch Apple Theatre (TBD)	\$20.00	

Cocalico Care Center

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Tuition 2026-2027 starts June 8 (last Increase-June 2025)

Annual Registration- (Collected in August & initial Registration) **\$45.00 Per Child** (last update 2020)

Discounts:

Sibling discount: Families w/ more than one child enrolled will receive a 20% discount off their monthly or weekly bill for the lowest tuition payment due.

Military discount: Families that are actively deployed or retired from service will receive a 10% tuition discount

Vacation Day Credits: see Parent Handbook for specific policy

Additional Fees:

Insufficient Funds/declined payments \$25.00

Late Payment \$20.00 a week

Late Pick-up \$2.00 a minute after program ending time

Forgotten lunch Fee \$5.00

Transportation Fee \$15.00 a week for 1st-5th grade students using the special contracted bus

The Elm Room- (1/2 day preschool program)		AM	PM
3's	\$220.00 per month	Tuesday, Thursday (8:30-11:30)	N/A
4's	\$287.00 per month	Monday, Wednesday, Friday (8:30-11:30)	(11:45-2:45)

The Oak, Chestnut, & Maple- (Full Day Preschool open- 6am-6pm)

Full week of Care (5 days) \$249.00

Part Time Care (3 days) \$187.00

New 2 day option \$149.00

Kindergarten Care

	5 days	3 day	2 day
Full Time Kindergarten Before & After school	\$204.00	\$153.00	\$123.00
One Session Kindergarten (Am or PM only)	\$186.00	\$140.00	\$112.00

Extra Fees if care between 8:20am-3PM

Full day closings = \$35.00

1:30 dismissal= \$15.00

School Age Care (SACC)

	5 days	3 day	2 day
Full Time 1 st -5 th grade care Before & After school	\$159.00	\$119.00	\$96.00
One session 1 st -5 th grade care (Am or PM only)	\$108.00	\$81.00	\$65.00

Extra Fees if any care between 8:20am-3PM

Full day closings= \$55.00

11:30 Dismissal= \$35.00

1:30 Dismissal= \$19.00

Delay Start= \$25.00