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May 2026

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# CCC Newsletter

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## Tips and Reminders for the month:

Welcome to May! It is hard to believe that the school district will be closed in just 5 weeks! The office staff is still trying to gather care needs for summer and fall as we assist new families who are patiently waiting on our call list. We highly recommend that you share your care needs for the fall session now before taking the summer weeks off. Please remember it is VERY important that you share any changes if you have not done so already.

**Happy Mother's Day to all moms!**

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## May News

This month is a busy time around CCC. Lots of events take place and our office staff are working on staying on top of the various summer and fall transitions that will be approaching sooner than we think. Please note the following events that might apply to your family:

**Spring Conferences are offered in May-** Please watch for information about your child's classroom. Teachers should be providing opportunities to sign up at a convenient time for you and your family.

**Transition meetings:** June and August are the months that classroom "move-ups" happen. If you would like to speak to your child's classroom teacher about upcoming transitions, please let us know. Children entering our Kindergarten and SACC programs will receive letters via the front desk regarding this option to meet before the end of the month.

**NOW HIRING!!!!!!-** We are still looking for part time employees to help with the before and after school program in August. Interested individuals will need to document 2 years' experience working with children. **Please help spread the word!**

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## Important Dates:

### Week of May 4<sup>th</sup>

Muffins with Mom (during drop off)

### May 25:

**CCC Closed- Happy Memorial Day!**

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## New 2026-2027 Tuition Rates: (see attachment)

During May & June, families will be asked to update their summer financial agreements & Procure payment information. We need your help to catch expiring card numbers and update records as new cards are issued.

May is also the time to be on the lookout for the new school year's tuition rates that were published. This change will go into effect on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026 & will continue for the 2026-2027 school year.

(The new fees are posted in the lobby for easy reference starting in June & are attached to this newsletter).

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# Birch Tree Room:

Hello everyone,

Wow, it is hard to believe that there is only a few more weeks of school left but they always say time flies when you are having fun. Kindergarten is soaking up every minute of spring's amazing weather and extending our love for the outdoors into the classroom. This month we will be exploring flowers, seeds, gardens (we are super excited to help plant and take care of our center wide garden). We will also have a fun Cinco De Mayo celebration! We are continuing to work on addition, subtraction, sight words and our writing skills.

## Items needed:

*Dry erase markers*

*Glue Sticks*

*Regular washable markers*

*Paper Plates*



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## Special Events:

### Week of May 4<sup>th</sup>

*Enjoy Muffins with Mom as your child is dropped off for care that week!*

### May 9

*Men's Brotherhood  
Steak Sandwich Sale &  
mulching day*

### May 8 & 22

*Elementary School early  
dismissal days*

### May 25

**CCC Closed**

### May 27

*Elm room Celebration*

**CCC will be CLOSED** on **Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>** as we prepare classrooms for student move-up and the new school year. The first day of school for our kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> grade students is Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>!

# 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:

### #8 Use Neutral Time .

Neutral time cannot be found in the middle of a difficult situation filled with strong feelings. Instead, neutral time is when everyone is calm enough to think and talk and listen. It's important to remember that neutral time can occur either before or after a child's unacceptable behavior occurs. You can talk about what happened earlier and talk about positive ways to handle problems in the future. The challenge is to identify neutral time and make use of these opportunities.

**For example:** *You are sitting on the sofa reading books with your daughter when you look up at the clock and realize it is 7:30—bedtime is approaching fast. Getting Emma to brush her teeth each night has become more and more of a struggle. As you hold her on your lap you say, "Almost bedtime kiddo. Hey, tonight Mommy is going to brush her teeth at the same time you do—it'll be fun for us to do it together!"*

### **Hint....**

**Don't forget the 7 other tips that have been shared in previous newsletters.** (Keeping Expectations Realistic, Planning Ahead, Clearly Stating Expectations in Advance, Offering Limited/Reasonable Choices, Catching Your Child Being Good, and Staying Calm.) As you look for Neutral Time to discuss unacceptable behaviors or expectations, the conversation will have a much more positive outcome if all of these areas are considered ahead of time and consistently practiced with your family.

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

Welcome to the beautiful month of May!

We often see an increase in ticks around this time of year, so, it's a good time to review tick safety. Ticks are arthropods, like a spider. They can crawl around until they find a place to bite. Common locations are under the arms or behind the knees, inside the navel or between the legs, in or around the ears, and in hair.



Ticks can be found anywhere: outdoors in areas with long grasses and weeds, leaf piles, the woods, and even in your own yard. It's important to take preventative measures to avoid tick bites, know what to do if you find a tick on you, and understand the symptoms of tickborne diseases.

The Pennsylvania Department of Health teaches:

## **PREVENT – CHECK – REMOVE**

The best way to protect yourself and your family from ticks is to **PREVENT** them from being on your body. Some prevention techniques include:

- Wearing long pants, long sleeves, and light-colored clothing (which allows you to spot ticks more easily)
- Tuck long pants into your socks
- Use insect repellent (do not let children apply their own repellent)  
<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/repellent.html>.
- Stay to the center of paths when walking or hiking. Wear a wide brimmed hat

After you come indoors, **CHECK** your body, your child, your pets, and all clothing for ticks.

**REMOVE** any tick you find. If you find a tick on your body, your children, or your pets; it is important to remove it immediately. <https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/tick-removal.html>

Once removed: Save the tick to mail in for FREE disease testing at TICKCHECK <https://www.tickchek.com>

### **Tick and Lyme Disease Educational Videos:**

<https://www.pa.gov/agencies/health/diseases-conditions/infectious-disease/vectorborne-diseases/tick-diseases/tick-videos.html>

# 2026 Summer Price List

(Kind. + SACC)  
1st-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:

Bowling (Alternating Mondays- Maple room included)	\$12.50
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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 717-336-4007 [cocalicocare@denverstjohns.org](mailto:cocalicocare@denverstjohns.org)

**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 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 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

*Begin 1<sup>st</sup> week of school August 25, 2026*

**Kindergarten Care**

	<u>5 days</u>	<u>3 day</u>	<u>2 day</u>
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)**

	<u>5 days</u>	<u>3 day</u>	<u>2 day</u>
Full Time 1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grade care Before & After school	\$159.00	\$119.00	\$96.00
One session 1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> 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		