
September 2025

CCC Newsletter

Tips and Reminders for the month:

Communication is important! This year we continue to use information on your financial agreements to create weekly staffing schedules and student rosters. We understand that emergencies happen, but before you make a change, please check with the office. Our **SCHEDULES** are made on Wednesdays so the beginning of the week is the best time to ask about unusual care situations. If a child becomes ill or alternate plans are made for a scheduled day of care- Please **call** the office to notify CCC staff about the absence as soon as possible.

CCC Must Know Facts!

As a Department of Human Services state licensed program, we have certain health and safety guidelines that **MUST** be followed at all times. All of these policies and procedures have been put into place to guarantee your child's safety before, during, and after care. Please see the list below for some of the important details we rely on families to assist with.

SUPERVISION: Students must be in sight of adults at all times. This includes drop off and pick up times. **"Big people must be with little people" ALWAYS.** CCC staff will help escort your child to and from the lobby area during drop off and pick up times.

Medications: Anything marked "keep out of reach of children" must be signed in using special permission slips. (See staff for help with this process) This includes chapsticks, lotions, some soaps, & hand sanitizers. (Please do not allow students to transport these kinds of items in a book bag or lunch box).

Cars: Always **turn cars off** & never leave children unattended in the vehicle. Our parking lot can get busy! Please do not let your child run ahead of you & watch for backup lights as people might be backing out of parking spaces.



Important Dates:

September 12 & 26: Note district closing & early dismissal times.

Sep. 1 & October 13th: **CCC CLOSED**- Labor Day & teacher in-service training day.

October 15&16 Preschool picture day- more details to follow

FRONT LOBBY INFO :

Family Mailbox: Every family has a file folder located in the clear bins along the wall. (Elm will get papers from staff) They are organized by student last name. Please visit this area during your time in the lobby to watch for important papers and children's projects.

Procare: We really rely on your assistance to help get the students signed in and out of the building for the day. If you are not using the QR code, please make sure that you sign the clipboard so that office staff can enter the children for you.

Thank you for your assistance!

Elm Room:

The Elm Room Preschool class is excited to start the new school year. Ms. Stephanie and Ms. Stacy will be welcoming many new families to the program. Throughout the month of September, we will focus on learning our routines and expectations, making new friends, and exploring our classroom. We look forward to learning new songs and creating artwork around the themes of apples, sunflowers, and farms. An All About Me theme will help us learn about our own unique qualities, as well as how to treat others with kindness and respect. We hope everyone has a wonderful school year!

Helpful reminders for all ages:

1. *If your student has any illness symptoms, please do not bring them to the center. If our staff determines they have some of the symptoms associated with a possible contagious illness, they will be isolated from other children and you will be required to pick them up. As a reminder, some of the symptoms we ask you to monitor for:*
 - a. Fever
 - b. Cough, sore throat, or colored discharge from the nose
 - c. Fatigue or unusual fussiness (not themselves)
 - d. Diarrhea or vomiting
 - e. Body/muscle aches
2. *We are starting the year with limited staff. We continue to seek qualified educators so we can continue to provide reliable care. If you know of someone with a background in education, please refer them to our Director, Ms. Charlotte. **As a thank you, you will receive a tuition credit if the referral leads to successful employment after 90 days.***

Our Giving Tree Wish List Items:

- ❖ Glue Sticks
- ❖ Tissues
- ❖ Dry Erase Markers
- ❖ Disinfecting wipes



Special Events:

(here and around the community)

Sept. 6 : Community Yard sale day in Denver Borough

Men's Brotherhood Steak Sandwich Sale Here- September 13

**October 13:
CCC CLOSED**

Teacher in-service training

October 15 & 16:
Preschool picture day
Lifetouch portraits

Be on the Lookout for our October Pumpkin Decorating Contest. The money that is raised will go into our playground bike path fund.

Teacher Appreciations

Mr. Jason – 5 years

Ms. Stacy- 6 years

PBIS Information:

Our school is choosing to participate in an important building initiative. It is called Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS).

What is Positive Behavior Intervention Support?

PBIS is a process for creating safer and more effective schools. It is a systems approach to enhancing the capacity of schools to educate all children by developing research-based, school-wide, and classroom behavior support systems. The process focuses on improving a school's ability to teach and support positive behavior for all students. Rather than a prescribed program, PBIS provides systems for schools to design, implement, and evaluate effective school-wide, classroom, non-classroom, and student specific plans. PBIS includes school-wide procedures and processes intended for all students and all staff in all settings. PBIS is not a program or a curriculum. It is a team-based process for systemic problem solving, planning, and evaluation. It is an approach to creating a safe and productive learning environment where teachers can teach and all students can learn, have fun, and remain safe.

What is PBIS at our school?

We have adopted a unified set of center wide expectations. Similar to the school districts Code of Student Conduct, these rules define our expectations for behavior in our school. These expectations are posted throughout the school and your child will be learning what that looks like in his or her first few weeks with our staff. Our unified expectations, found in every classroom and non-classroom setting in the school, are as follows:

#1: We take care of OURSELF.

#2: We take care of OTHERS.

#3: We take care of our STUFF

As part of our PBIS process, teachers and other staff members use evidence-based practices to increase student learning and decrease classroom disruptions. To keep students on the expectations in a positive manner, we do the following when teaching academics and behavior:

- ☐ Constantly teach and refer to our school-wide expectations.
- ☐ Provide students with more praise than correction.
- ☐ Talk to students with respect using positive voice tone.
- ☐ Actively engage everyone in the class during instruction.
- ☐ Use pre-correcting, prompting, and redirecting as we teach.
- ☐ Look for the positive first and provide positive, immediate, frequent, and explicit feedback.

We also have a school-wide system of consequences:

Cocalico Care Center follows a discipline philosophy that reflects positive guidance with children. If necessary, staff and administration will create an action plan to address reoccurring problems & request family meetings to discuss plans & outside resources as necessary.

Step 1= Staff provide a **Verbal Reminder** of expectation.

Step 2= Staff **Document Warning & guide** students through self-regulation steps and redirection towards expectation.

Step 3= Staff **Document Warning & assign** alternate activity for student to assist in engagement in center based expectations.

Step 4= **WELCOME BACK** from assigned activity. (Student and staff discuss current activities and how expectations fit into what is happening).

Step 5= Staff **Complete Official Family Warning slip & permanently assign** alternate activities during student lead exploration time.

Step 6= Student **referred to Office** (no more than 10 minutes).

Step 7= Office invitation for required **Action plan meeting** with family.

If you have questions about Positive Behavior Intervention Support, please feel free to contact your child's teacher. We look forward to a wonderful year of teaching your child.

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

And being back to school means... back to sharing germs!!

Here are some simple tips that can ensure the best health and well-being of your child and those around them:

- 1) **Hand Hygiene:** Proper handwashing is one of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of germs. Encourage your child to wash their hands frequently, especially before meals, after using the restroom, and after coughing or sneezing.
- 2) **Respiratory Etiquette:** Teach your child to cover their mouth and nose with a tissue or their elbow when they cough or sneeze. This simple act can help prevent the spread of respiratory droplets containing germs.
- 3) **Immunizations:** Ensure your child is up to date with their immunizations. Immunizations can play an important role in protecting against various infectious diseases.
- 4) **Healthy Habits:** Encourage your child to maintain a healthy lifestyle by eating a balanced diet, getting enough sleep, and engaging in regular physical activity. A strong immune system can help fight off germs more effectively.
- 5) **Stay Home When Sick:** If your child is not feeling well, it is essential to keep them at home. This not only allows them to rest and recover, but also prevents the spread of germs among other children and staff members.

We kindly request your cooperation in keeping the Cocalico Care Center informed of any illness your child may have, especially if it is contagious. This includes but is not limited to illnesses such as strep throat, COVID-19, and influenza (flu). This information allows us to take appropriate measures to prevent the spread of germs among other children and staff members.

Fall is just around the corner! I hope you have an enjoyable and healthy September.

Welcome back!

Jenine Bisaccio, RN, CSN