

Critchlow Adkins Children's Centers

Family Newsletter

Spring 2009

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Since 1970



Newly Expanded St. Michaels Site Opens its Doors!

The newly renovated and expanded St. Michaels Site of Critchlow Adkins Children's Centers is up and running! The new site, which opened on October 13, 2008, consists of 5 brand new, beautiful rooms including two year old, preschool, pre-k and before and after school care. The new St. Michaels Site is the second CACC site to include care for two year olds and welcomes 12 new little ones to their space. The teachers and staff of CACC St. Michaels site were thrilled to move into their new rooms and are happily providing.

We have many people to thank for facilitating both the renovation of our space and the seamless transition. Thanks to the staff of CACC and the St. Michael's site

director, Marlene Thomas. We would also like to thank Rick Walls and John Masone of Talbot County Public Schools for their help and support.

To celebrate the opening of the new space, CACC hosted an open house on October 30, 2008 from 4-6 pm.



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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Professional Day for CACC, April 13th, 2009
- ◆ Pizza Hut Fundraiser

Professional Day Closing

We will be closed on Monday, April 13th, 2009 for Professional Day. Families will not be charged for this day.

This is a day where all of our employees from all 5 sites get together as a team and are trained on varied topics.

We thank you in advance for your understanding and encourage you to direct any question(s) you may have to your child's site director.

White Marsh Site News

The White Marsh Site is working towards an After School Accreditation program through the National AfterSchool Association (NAA).

The National AfterSchool Association accreditation is a five step process that helps a committed program improve their quality and then make changes that will lead to better practices. It will take four to six

months to assess the program and develop an action plan. National After School accreditation looks at 6 categories: Human Relationships, Indoor Environment, Outdoor Environment, Activities, Safety, Health and Nutrition and Administration. Once accreditation is achieved, all five CACC sites will hold accreditation titles.

Cordova School Site

Thanks to the Szymanski Family. The baseball team from Chesapeake College came to the site on February 27th to read Dr. Seuss books to the preschool children. At the beginning of March, they began the Book It Beginners Read-Aloud Program. The school age children have

been busily preparing for Kick Butts Day on March 25th. Ms. Mary Ann returned to the site on March 16th from her trip to Nicaragua with her husband.

School Age Site

Our MSDE Accreditation expires in June 2009 and we have begun to work on ensuring that our program meets the standards that outline best practices in the field of Early Childhood Education. We were also able to attend the Easton Elementary Pre-K registration with the hope

of possibly increasing our enrollment in the fall. We have planned our Anti-smoking activities to start on March 23rd. The Girl Scouts are also planning to come in and add to our anti-smoking experience through various games and activities. We had a lot of fun and food at our Valentine's Day party with donations from our parents.

St. Michaels Site

The children and staff of the St. Michael's site participated in the Cystic Fibrosis March on March 20, 2009. Fun was had by all on this beautiful day.

The St. Michael's site has formed a Parent Advisory Committee and has had their first meeting in the month of March.



*Kick Butts Day is
March 23rd, 2009^h...*

Kick Butts Day is sponsored by Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids occurs on the third Wednesday of March. "Stand Out... Speak Out... and Seize Control Against Big Tobacco!"
www.KICKBUTTSDAY.org

Pre School Site

Pizza Hut cards for sale!! \$10.00 per card, valid through June 2010! See your Site Director!! Buy 1 large pizza, get 1 medium free; card can be used 12 times (cost of 1 medium pizza=\$10.00 card).

Welcome to our newest team member - Erin Donovan. Erin is

working with our youngest in the 2 year old room. Reminder: We will be closed on April 13th, 2009 for Staff Professional Day. Because this an unscheduled closing, parents will NOT be charged a fee for this day. The weekly fee will be credited by one day.

Asking Questions and Making Guesses

Your child has been learning science every day of their life. That's because science involves things that we do naturally each day: asking questions, using our senses, and discovering new ideas. Scientific thinking is one of the skills your child will need in order to be ready to start school.

Many of the things you do with them every day, from infancy through preschool, will help to build these skills. You will be preparing your child to do well in school when you help them at home. 😊

Discovering Science

Young children often ask the question "why?" Curiosity is a natural emotion and when children ask questions they are trying to learn more about the world around them. As your child's first teacher, it is important to talk with them about their questions. Do not

give your child the answer. Help discover the answer by asking them questions about what they see and observe. 😊





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New Students

The purpose of a newsletter is to provide specialized information to a targeted audience. A school newsletter can be a great way to develop a strong relationship with parents.

First choose a short title for your newsletter— something like "School News," or "Back to School." As you choose the title, also take time to think about the newsletter's theme. What important messages do you want to

send parents and families?

Next, establish how much time and money you can spend on your newsletter. These factors will help determine how frequently you publish the newsletter and its length.

Use the body of your school newsletter to keep parents apprised of major assignments and class events.

New Staff

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