

# Children's House Newsletter

## July/August 2017

### July Themes

Summer Seasonal  
Changes



Teddy Bear Picnic  
*(done the last week of June)*

Summer Outings

At the Beach

Ocean Animals

Nursery Rhymes/Fairy Tales

### August Themes

Dinosaurs (P2 –Pre-K)

Wild/Unusual

Animals

Zoo/Jungle



Transportation

Rainforest

Ecology Week



All About Art

Artists

Forms of Art



Famous  
Illustrators

of

Popular Children's Literature

We welcome your input on the themes presented throughout the summer.



If you have materials or general information on any of the above topics, please feel free to share them with your child's teacher.

### Upcoming Events

**7/4 Children's House CLOSED in observance of Independence Day! Enjoy the day off!**



**7/7 Luau Fun!** - Children of all ages can wear bright colors or Hawaiian shirts with leis and/or grass skirts! Teachers will plan fun activities for the day!



**7/11 Favorite or Silly Hat Day** - Children can wear their favorite or silliest hat to school!



**7/19 Fun with Bubbles!**  
How many things can we use to make bubbles? What games can we play with bubbles? *Creativity Abounds!*



**7/27 Carnival Day** Children will participate in fun carnival activities throughout the morning!



**8/1 Field Trip for P2, P3, P4 and PK/K to the Majestic Theater** to see *Aladdin* and the Wonderful Lamp



**8/11 When I Grow Up...**

Children can share their aspirations with each other, role play and have fun learning about occupations!

**8/16 Build/Construct/Create...**

Children and staff can use their creative minds to make a masterpiece!

**8/24 Mismatch and Crazy Hair Day – Be creative!**



**CHILDREN'S HOUSE HAS SUMMER AND FALL OPENINGS!**

Please let your friends and co-workers know that there are still some openings available (some summer/some fall) for all ages – **including Kindergarten.**

Children's House is open to the community and is able to offer discounts to MassMutual, Baystate Medical Center, Big Y and WNEU employees.

Anyone interested can contact Pam Flowers at 782-4448 or can reach Pam by e-mail at:

[pflowers@childrenshouseinc.org](mailto:pflowers@childrenshouseinc.org)

## Referral Bonus for Parents

A \$50 WalMart gift card or tuition adjustment (new option!) will be given to currently enrolled families who refer a **new** family to CH!

The new child would need to start between now and September 30<sup>th</sup> and the card (or adjustment) would be issued after one month of enrollment (as long as continued enrollment is expected - doesn't apply to summer only enrollment\*).



\*Additional exclusions apply. Does not apply to state subsidized new enrollment.

## Swimsuits, Towels, Sunglasses and Sunscreen

“Summer Fun” is now in full swing! We have hooked up the sprinklers; we’ll be bringing out water tables for water play and having lots of outdoor fun in general! Children should bring a bathing suit and towel daily. PLEASE label all items brought to the center.

Staff will apply AFTERNOON sunscreen on sunny summer days if a labeled bottle is provided by the parent along with a current, signed permission form.

Please label your child’s sunscreen bottle and be sure staff are informed it is on site. Please note that some sunscreens are flammable. We cannot have sunscreen that is labeled “flammable” on site – please check before sending in.

Labeled hats and sunglasses are fine to leave at school. Please understand though, that they are hard to keep track of and might be lost – even if labeled. We’ll do our best to keep everything together!



## Program!

To change things a bit for the summer, we have implemented a “planned game” component to outdoor play for toddlers, preschoolers and kindergartners.

Each week a different type of outdoor game will be introduced to the children. Some will be familiar and some may be new to the children.

The following is a list of games the staff will focus on (subject to change):

- Relay Races/Obstacle Course
- Frisbee
- Volleyball (with Beach Balls)/Beach Ball Fun
- Wiffle Ball
- Soccer Baseball
- Badminton
- “Kid Olympics” – Long Jump, Paper Airplane Throw, 50 Yard Dash
- Lawn Bowling
- Parachute Play/Limbo/Scavenger Hunt

Watch the teacher’s daily notes for information on how the children are doing with these games!

## Bug Repellants



In order to apply bug repellants at the center, we need a physician’s note indicating the need for application and permission to use a **specific brand**. Just as with sunscreen, if the product label indicates it is “flammable”, it cannot be used at the center.

## In an Emergency...

Upon enrollment, we ask parents to supply us with a list of emergency numbers. **If those numbers change or if your extension changes at work, please notify us in writing right away.** It would be helpful too if parents would please notify us if they will not be at work or if they’ll be reachable only by cell.

If *both* parents know they will be unreachable, it would be great if they would check with their back up people listed on the enrollment paperwork to ensure that *someone* is available for pick up in the event of a building or medical emergency.



**Thank you to all those parents who brought refreshments for Graduation or helped out in another way!**

**We are so fortunate to have such wonderful, supportive families!**

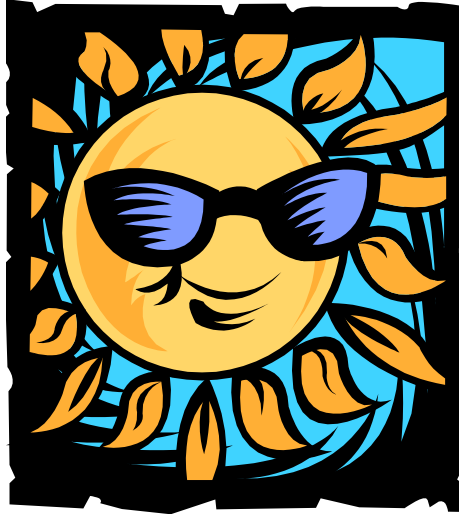
## Staff Vacations

Our staff have already begun taking their well-deserved vacation time. We will post substitute coverage on the doors.

If a classroom is shut down for any reason, the location of each child assigned to the group will be posted on the door. Sometimes this will happen if the enrollment during any given week is low.

We always do our best to have at least one of the two staff assigned to a room available to the children.

In P2, we will **always** have a familiar staff person sub – since there is only the one teacher.



## Family Surveys

We have now received about 40 Family Surveys back. Thank you very much for taking the time to complete the forms if you were one of the 40 to respond!

We are off to a great start but still need to ask that more surveys be returned in order to meet the challenging minimum response requirement for NAEYC (our National Accreditation agency) of 60%.

*All the information we're getting is valuable to us in establishing goals for the coming year.*

***Additional copies are on the credenza in the main hall.  
Thank you!***

# Enjoy your summer!