



CHILDWORK *News*

September 2010, Edition

Calendar

Sept 24th

Kids Night Out

Sept 27th ~ Oct 1st

Enrichment Programs Start

Oct 3rd

Ice Cream Social

From the Education Director

Teachers prepared environments, materials and plans in anticipation of seeing the classrooms filled with laughter and joy in learning. I celebrate the passion and dedication of these remarkable people who continue that work with energy and enthusiasm this fall.



Children and families also enter in their own unique way each September. Some bound in with excitement while others need time to “warm up”. In every classroom, routines are developed and continue to be worked on daily. These routines establish a sense of safety, belonging, capability and value for every child at Childswork.

Children are now beginning to walk in, hang up coats, and explore their classroom space. The beauty of students’ art is replacing the bare walls. The quiet rooms are filled with music, problems being negotiated and moments of discovery. Children are beginning to connect with friends both old and new. Families talk in hallways, family lounge and outdoors. We are a community in the making!

To all Childswork children, families and staff, whether new or returning to our community, Welcome.

Michele

Throughout the year you will often find me in the classrooms and hallways supporting the important work in our learning community. I look forward to working with staff to make children’s learning visible over the school year through handouts, newsletters and photo displays. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have concerning education, curriculum, tours or placement.

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Ice Cream Social

The 27th annual Ice Cream Social is just around the corner, Sunday, October 3rd, from 1:30 ~ 3:30. The social is a great way to meet current and alumni families and staff. There will be Pony Rides, Bounce Castles, and the Salmon Street Singers. It is not a fundraiser, just a lot of fun for all.

It will be held on our school playground (if it’s raining we will use the gym and school). Entrance will be at the playground gate on Taylor Street. The suggested admission (which includes all food and activities) is \$20 for families of 4 or more or \$5 per person.

There will be sign up sheets for volunteering posted on bulletin boards or you can contact Sue @ 503-234-3611 or sue@childswork.org

See you on the October 3rd!!

Welcome to Before and After Care (BAC)

We are here to blend the ongoing learning and education of the whole child while honoring the unique needs of a longer day. Our goal is to support working families with consistency for children. We do this by setting hours according to the needs of our families during regular class days and offering camps on teacher in-service days and winter and spring breaks. Our teachers are dedicated to the learning and high quality care of your children.

Please come meet our lead teacher Birgit and visit our classrooms dedicated to BAC. Other teachers from our staff join Birgit in our afternoon program providing consistency and high quality care for your child.

BAC Information:

Before Care is from 7:30 ~ 9:00 am and meets in Megan/ Liz's classroom # 5 upstairs across from the bathrooms. Staffed by Megan Klemens and joined by other staff members.

From 9:00 am ~ 5:30 pm students are downstairs in the BAC Classrooms. The morning group is with Birgit.

The following classrooms are downstairs for After Care:

Danielle/Nate class
Danielle/Sundance class
Sally/Susi AM class
Debbie/Tuan class

Susan/Margo class
Courtney/Patty class
Molly/Daniel class

The following classrooms are upstairs for lunch in Sundance/Tina's Classroom:

Sundance/ Tina
Crystal/Meg

Leah/Megan

1:00 pm children are napping, going outside, and going to enrichment classes.

2:00 pm all outside groups come inside to the BAC classrooms

3:00 pm nappers and enrichment students staying later join the other group.

5:30 Close

Enrichment Programs Start the week of September 27th. All fall enrichment classes have a few openings, except Gardening and Cooking which are cancelled this term.

KNO – Kid's Night Out – A fun evening of projects, pizza and being with friends. Registrations forms are in the school office.

If you have any questions please contact Laurie Jorgensen at laurie@childswork.org

Note from our Neighbors

Our neighbors on Salmon Street have mentioned that the traffic and noise level is high during drop off and pick up. Driving and parking on Salmon Street can be tough so please note that Taylor Street is also available and is a wider street. Please be respectful of the neighbors and the Church and try to minimize screaming and yelling from children in the front of the school. The Church has also asked that children do not play on the area surrounding the church. Thank you

2010-2011
Staff



Not pictured:

Sue (was taking the picture)
&

Michael (our wonderful custodian)