



DSECC News



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DIAMOND STREET EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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From the Assistant Director,

A special thanks to all the families who contributed items to our Peace Week service project. Students from the Eagle class will be assembling the School Kits for delivery to the Mennonite Central Committee. I hope you enjoyed all the Peace Week decorations throughout the center.

April will be a busy month as you can tell from the calendar below. A special feature this month is our annual **Friendship Concert** featuring our wonderful singers! Come early or stay late and browse the **Book Fair and Art Show**.

Just a reminder: since DSECC did not close for winter weather this year, we will be closed on Friday, April 10th, our snow make-up day.

A Blessed Easter celebration to all our families.

Cathy Stephens

April Calendar

April 1	Wolfgang Candy Delivered
April 2 & 3	Vision Screening
April 3	Bookmobile
April 9	Full Day Eagles <i>No Kindergarten/Preschool</i>
April 10	DSECC Closed
April 13	Full Day Eagles <i>No Kindergarten/Preschool</i>
April 20-24	<i>Week of the Young Child</i>
April 21	Friendship Concert & Scholastic Book Fair

Warbler Room (Infants)

The Warbler Room is excited for Spring to have arrived, now we are looking forward to lots of sunshine and warm weather.

We are hoping to spend more time outside and on the playground so parents, please have hats and jackets here each day.

We have had a lot of new accomplishments in our room recently. Four of our infants have just started motoring

around the room on their own. They each have their own style of moving whether it be rolling, crawling on their stomach of actually, moving on the hands and knees. Once the infants become mobile, they get to have some play time with the Bluebirds in the Big Room and most of them love that freedom.

Happy Easter to all the DSECC families from the Warbler Room.

Ms. Sharon, Ms. Leah, Ms. Starla, and Ms. Dolly

Bluebird Room (Older Infant)

The Bluebirds are looking forward to warm spring weather and spending more time outside.

Our theme for the month of April is *The Farm*. We will be talking about the animals that live there and also, the food grown on a farm. Some of our activities will include planting seeds, making an animal collage and painting with plastic farm animals.

We are happy to welcome **Gabby, Dylan, RJ and Piper** to the Bluebird room.

Also, we want to congratulate **Ms. Amy** and her husband, **Kevin**, on the arrival of their son, **Nathaniel Edwin!**

Ms. Amy, Ms. Jean, Ms. Dolly & Ms. Kelly

Robin Room (Toddlers)

Welcome Spring! April is going to be a great month at DSECC! We are hoping for lots of beautiful sunny days to play outside and also to plant pansies and parsley in our garden. Of course, we will also need some April showers!

With Easter coming soon the Robins will be having lots of activities to keep them busy! More details will follow concerning

Easter fun. Remember that DSECC is closed on Good Friday, April 10th.

The Friendship Concert, Book Concert and Art Show are fast approaching. The Robins are practicing two songs for that fun evening – Tuesday April 21. Hope everyone can come that night!

We want to welcome **Stone, Tyler and Eloise** to the Robin Room. Parents, please let us know of any concerns pertaining your child! Still needed are coats and hats for outside and a spare set of clothes in your child's box in the hallway!

Thanks and Happy Easter!

Ms. Debbie, Ms. Joanne, Ms. Dolly, Ms. Barb

Hummingbird Room

We had a great time in March! *Musical Instruments* and *Artists* were so much fun to learn about.

In April we will continue talking about *Easter*. On Thursday, April 9th we will have our Easter egg hunt. Please bring 6 filled plastic eggs. Your child will then bring home six eggs.

Following *Easter* we will be talking about *Spring* and *Farms*.

We welcome two new friends to our class: **Damadi, Luis** and **Jesse**. Now we have a **Jesse** and a **Ms. Jessie!**

Don't forget our awesome Friendship Concert on April 21st at 7:00 p.m. We will also have a Book Fair and an Art Show put together by our very own **Ms. Jessie**. It will feature the children's art and you will be able to purchase art work from you special little artist for \$.25! What an exciting night. Hope to see you then!

Ms. Kelly, Ms. Jessie, Ms. Pat and Ms. Marie

Cardinal Room (Pre-kindergarten)

April brings Spring and warm weather, right? The Cardinals are ready for nice weather. They are constantly asking, "Do we need to wear our gloves?" Hopefully in April gloves will be a thing of the past.

In March we explored to artists, **Monet** and **Pollock**. The Cardinals really enjoyed action painting and landscapes. We also discovered *Fish and Their Habitats*. At the end of the month we started looking at *Eggs* and even are incubating some! Finally, we introduced six new friends: **Josiah, Dylan E., Dana, Alexi, Dylan K. and Eli**. Welcome to our room.

This April we will continue to explore the life cycle of chicks. We will also be looking at Easter in the religious context and also the Easter Bunny. The Cardinals will be having their own Easter egg hunt!

Please don't forget to check bins for clothes that don't fit or are out of season.

Important Dates to remember:

April 1 – Indoor Picnic

April 9 – Easter Egg Hunt!

April 10 – DSECC closed

April 14 – Show 'n Share

April 21 – Friendship Concert

April 24 – Cooking project

April 30 – A walk to the park!

Ms. Amanda, Ms. Suzy & Ms. Wendy

Preschool

Springtime in Preschool – my favorite time of year! *Daffodils* and *tulips* bursting open, *robins* and *worms* appearing, *pussy willows*, *caterpillars* and *butterflies* – these are just a few of the topics that we will be touching upon in the weeks ahead!

April is always an especially busy month. **Week of**

theYoung Child is April 19-25. This year DSECC will celebrate the week with a Scholastic Book Fair and our annual Friendship concert. We hope to see you all there! The same week is also **National TV Turn Off Week**. Can your family do without the TV for one week? Be on the look out for more information concerning this topic later in the month.

Our first month of the Book-It program concluded with the AM 3's class reading the most books so far. Keep those crayons coming! You are doing an awesome job!

Finally, if anyone is interested in a parent/teacher conference, please see either myself or Ms. Lynn to set up a convenient time. Enjoy the warmer weather!

Ms. Marie & Ms. Lynn

Kindergarten

Spring is in bloom, not only outside but in our classroom as well. Plants, flowers, and eggs have taken over our room. Eggs?! If you haven't heard already, we are incubating chicken eggs. They take 21 days to hatch and we are very excited about it. The class has been spending a lot of time learning about *Animal Babies* and about *Life Cycles*. Not sure if we will do a Chick Shower, but we will be sending out birth announcements as our little babies peck their way into our world. We also have received a donation of painted lady caterpillars which we will learn about and observe the metamorphosis of a butterfly. Our room is just blooming with great activities and ideas.

As of March 24th, there were only 50 more days of kindergarten! Can you believe

it? It goes by so quickly. Therefore, I hope you will be able to attend our Friendship concert on April 21st. The class has been working very hard with Ms. Pat to perform an awesome arrangement of music. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Ms. Dede

Eagles

April is here and the school year is beginning to wind down. The excitement in the air means that it is time to get outside and enjoy the nice weather. Children are beginning sport's practices and schedules are once again busier than ever.

April 21st is our annual Friendship concert. This year we are also having a book fair and an art show. Be sure to put the date on your calendar. We will be working on some special projects to display at the show.

We hope that the April showers will still let us get outside to play. Please be sure to dress your child appropriately for the weather. We will walk from school every afternoon unless there is severe weather.

We would like to welcome **Madison** and **Damion** to the Eagle room.

Important dates:

April 9 Full Day Eagles

April 10 DSECC CLOSED

April 13 Full Day Eagles

April 24 Akron early dismissal

April 29 Brownstown early dismissal

Ms. Pam, Ms. Dede, Ms. Brieanna, & Ms. Nami



Happy Easter!!