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DIAMOND STREET EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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It was great to see so many families at Akron Park for the DSECC picnic last Friday night. Thanks for taking time to come be together on a beautiful summer evening and for bringing good food. It was fun to see the interested and happy faces of both children and adults during the “Forgotten Friend” reptile show.

Summer offers many opportunities for great learning experiences outside. It also feels a bit more laid back with water play days, bike days, trips to the park, and watching our garden grow. I hope your family takes the opportunities for more active play and healthy in-season eating this summer like we are here at the center.

June Hershberger
Director

July Calendar

July 2	Bookmobile
July 5	DSECC Closed 4 th of July Holiday
July 8	Water Play Day
July 12-16	Water Play Week
July 20	Water Play Day
July 28	Water Play Day

Warbler Room (Infants)

Very warm summer greetings from the Warbler room. We are taking advantage of the cooler morning temperature by going on a walk with all of the Warblers almost daily. The infants love the ride in the stroller and the change of scenery.

It is also exciting to see the changes and development in all of our Warblers from week to

week. Before we know it, they will be running around as little Bluebirds!

Thanks to all who sent sunscreen for your child. As always, please communicate any questions or concerns that you may have. Have a safe and happy 4th of July!

Ms. Kelly M, Ms. Sharon, Ms. Ruthie & Ms. Tina

Bluebird Room (Older Infant)

Welcome Summer! The themes in the Bluebird room for the month of July will be Summer Time and Water. The Bluebirds enjoyed their first experience with water play. These special days will continue throughout the summer with one day each week being a water play day. This month there will also be a Water Play Week—July 12th through July 16th. I will provide more details on the activities for that week soon.

A few other fun things we will be doing this month are exploring ice and making ice cream.

Stay cool!

Ms. Amy, Ms. Chelle & Ms. Michelle

Robin Room (Toddlers)

Hope you are all staying cool and enjoying the summer months! The Robins are having a great time enjoying our summer schedule, water play days, and our Wednesday morning guest reader! A former Robin, **Kailee Freeman**, is going to third grade and is enthralling your children as she

reads to them books that they love to hear. It is such a delight to watch their cute faces as they listen to her read!

This month we will talk, read, and dramatically pretend that we are at the beach! If you have any beach props we could enjoy, just let us know. We set up a beach umbrella in our room and really have fun!

A full week of water play is scheduled for July 12-16 with a variety of activities planned. We will let you know of more details closer to the date.

The last two weeks of the month we will talk and learn about pets. We will conclude that unit by focusing on Clifford the Big Red Dog!

Our newest Robins--**Drew, Riley,** and **Sophia**--have transitioned nicely and are fitting in well!

Please let us know of any potty training habits or any concerns you may have pertaining to your child that will allow us to better care for and teach your child! We love them!

Ms. Debbie, Ms. Joanne, Ms. Barb, Ms Sue & Ms. Greta



DSECC is
closed
Monday,
July 5th!

Have a happy and safe
holiday!

Hummingbird Room

In June we learned about bugs, sports, and had some treasure-hunting fun as pirates. We also welcomed **Michael, Nehemiah, Kiera** and **Neveah** to the Hummingbird room.

In July, we will spend the first week having a grocery store in our room. The week of the 12th is Water Play Week. After that we will be setting up a campsite for our camping theme. You may send real or pretend camping items in to share that week. The last week in July we will explore the Middle Ages with our *Castles, Knights and Princesses* unit.

Important Dates:

Bike Days: (bring your bike and helmet)

July 7th & July 23rd

Water Play:

July 8th, 20th & 28th

July 12th – 16th (all week)

Ms. Kelly, Ms. Suzy, Ms. Sumathi & Ms. Nami

Cardinal Room

Wow! Summer is here! What an exciting month we have planned. The first two weeks we will talk about the weather and different storms. We will even make a tornado!

The week of the 12th-16th will be Water Play Week. We have some different activities planned for that week.

Monday: **Water play**

Tuesday: **Bubble day** (bring in anything you have with bubbles)

Wednesday: **Water play**

Thursday: **Park day**

Friday: **Water play**

Please remember to come dressed in your suit and to have your bag, clothes, and towel properly labeled. This will help

make water play days a great success!

After water play week we will venture out into space to our Solar System unit that we had put on hold for a few weeks so that the children were able to explore their interest of fungus!

Have a great summer!

Ms. Jessie, Ms. Alyssa, & Ms. Kelly

Orioles

The first days of summer have flown past and it's July! We had a great kick off to our Summer Camp with Color Me Healthy. Ms. Dede taught us all about healthy foods and exercise. Our class even got to taste some new healthy foods such as: mango, kiwi, grapefruit, and many more. The end of the month was spent trying new Silly Science experiments and explorations.

July will bring the celebration of our independence and fireworks, our favorite. Our Summer Camp on Butterflies and Moths will be lead by Ms. Amanda. We will see the process of caterpillar to butterfly in our butterfly house. We will also be going on a field trip to the Butterfly House at Hershey! The last weeks will be spent with special guests from around the world sharing their experiences in new cultures. The Multicultural theme will also include feedback from families of the places they have gone throughout the country. Ms. Michelle, our student teacher, will be hatching several different kinds of eggs this month, so listen for the peeps!

July will be a little different with Water Play days. Our class will only have water play days every other week. On those days, please bring your

child dressed in their swimming suit so they are ready for splashing and playing outside. Please also bring a change of clothes for them to get dressed in afterwards.

Ms. Dede, Ms. Amanda, & Ms. Michelle

Eagles

Summer is off to a great start in the Eagle room. We welcome **Emily** and **Brynn** to our room.

The Eagles had a day in the Science Lab and made "lava lamps". During Slime & Grime they ate "dirt" pudding.

In July we will be playing various sports during "Sportstacular Fun" and exploring other countries in "Around the World in 10 Days".

Important dates:

July 7 **Pool Day**

July 21 **Pool Day**

July 23 **Field Trip to Hershey Gardens**

Ms. Brianna

The Butterfly House
Is Open
May 28 – September 12
9 AM to 5 PM

Their splendor and amazing lifecycle make butterflies everyone's favorite insect. The Butterfly House at Hershey Gardens is home to more than 300 of these marvelous creatures. Representing nearly 25 butterfly varieties, the Butterfly House has nectar plants for food and host plants for egg-laying and caterpillar feeding. The entire lifecycle of the butterfly can be viewed within the house.

Butterfly House staff and volunteer "Flight Attendants" will guide you through all stages of their remarkable transformation.

Please note: due to space restrictions, strollers are not permitted in The Butterfly House.