



# DSECC News



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DIAMOND STREET EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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## From the Director,

We welcome March with open arms hoping for signs of spring!

Thank you:

- to families who donated clothing for Haiti. I am sure it will be appreciated by those who have lost so much.
- to parents who came to our Peace Week Soup Supper and discussion evening last week. We had a good time sharing ideas on how to help children resolve conflicts peacefully.
- to all of you who entrust your children into our care each day. They are very special and we love each one of them.

I always welcome communication between the center, classrooms, and families. Together we are providing a safe, nurturing, and educational environment for each child at DSECC.

*June Hershtberger*

## March Calendar

March 1	<b>Wolfgang orders due!</b>
March 5	<b>Bookmobile</b>
March 8	<b>Move Ups</b>
March 12	<b>Akron Early Dismissal</b>
March 15	<b>No Preschool – parent-teacher conferences</b>
March 24	<b>Spring fundraiser delivered</b>

## Warbler Room (Infants)

The month of February has come and gone so quickly! It just means that Spring is all the closer! (I am writing this as I watch the snow fall!)

Each day in our room brings new accomplishments and discoveries for the little ones. We will be saying goodbye to Madison as she moves to the Bluebird room. Also, we welcome **Grayson** back to our room. Also, Ms. Sharon will be taking a leave. We will miss her and Madison. As always, please feel free to come to us with any questions or concerns you may have. Welcome Spring!

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

## Bluebird Room (Older Infant)

Spring, where are you? Ms. Amy is ready for Spring. I hope we see warmer weather this month. We will be getting outside for walks as the weather warms and once the playground thaws we might even get to have some large motor play and exploration in the play yard.

The theme in the Bluebird room this month will be Things That Hop. Maybe we will see some bunnies hopping around outside. For our art activities, we will continue to do lots of coloring, painting and collages.

Ms. Amy & Ms. Chelle

## Robin Room (Toddlers)

Happy March from the Robin room! We are hoping Spring is right around the snow pile! The children and teachers are ready for outside play time!

This first week of March we will be reading and talking about Dr. Seuss, whose birthday is the 2<sup>nd</sup>. All through the month we will talk about weather and try to understand

the concept of “Lion” and “Lamb” days as we chart the weather each day. During the last week of the month, we will hopefully celebrate the arrival of Spring!

We are going to be planting seeds to eventually plant outside in our garden. Ask your child about what we are growing in our classroom.

We welcome **Caden** and **Gavin** to the Robin room this month!

Ms. Debbie’s transition to the Hummingbird room to student teach seems to be working well for everybody. Any concerns pertaining to this or anything else? Please let us know!

Ms. Debbie, Ms. Joanne, & Ms. Barb

## Hummingbird Room

In like a lion and out like a lamb: March is here!

The first two weeks of March will be spent on the farm. Ms. Debbie and I will take turns planning some fun farm activities. Then it’s on to learning about our body and the five senses. Maybe we’ll have some Spring flowers to smell by then! The last week of March will be our Easter week. I can’t believe it’s just around the corner already!

In March we will have a move up. We will welcome **Emily** and **Cade** to our room and send **Eleonora** and **Trent** on to a new adventure in the Cardinal room.

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### Show 'n share days:

March 10 – a farm item

March 26 – an item for using  
one of the 5 senses

**Bike Day** – **March 31** (weather permitting) bring your child's bike or trike and a helmet. Park bikes near the dumpster.

Ms. Kelly, Ms. Suzy & Ms. Sumathi

### Cardinal Room

Despite the big snow storm everyone is talking about, Spring is just around the corner! We are excited to welcome two students to our room, **Eleanora** and **Trent**. They will join us as we discover our Five Senses—Taste, touch, smell, sight, and hearing. Also, Mr. Leprechaun will make a special appearance to our room. Maybe if we are “lucky” we will get a chance to catch him and share his gold! If not, that's OK, because we will be making our own “gold” eggs as Easter approaches. We will spend two weeks talking about Easter fun and the true meaning of Easter.

DSECC is also going to be planting and taking care of a garden. The Cardinal garden will be out by the entrance where the key pad is located. Please keep your eyes open for our beautiful plants and beans to grow in the next several months. We are really excited about watching them grow!

Ms. Jessie, Ms. Alyssa, & Ms. Pat

### Orioles

**Leapin' Leprechauns . . .** we are anxious for Spring to arrive! Even under all that snow we found some daffodils starting to sprout. March is one of my favorite times of the year because I love St. Patrick's Day. We will be on the lookout

for a pesky little leprechaun to visit our classroom. We are already talking about how we are going to trap him and what we would do with all that gold!

Blow, pinch, wipe. . . the 3 most spoken words lately. Orioles are battling germs, sniffles and sneezes. This is a great time to reinforce proper hygiene and how to keep germs from spreading, not only at school, but at home as well.

Ask your child about what they learned about kind words and the apples. I did a mini lesson on how unkind words hurt and kind words make us feel like a star inside. We have really been working on listening to classroom rules but also how to talk nicely to each other.

Check your March calendar for all the information on what themes, letters and special days we will have. Don't forget about our classroom blog: <http://dedezimmerman.blogspot.com>

Ms. Dede

### Preschool

We've finally made it to the month of Spring! We hope to see some signs this month of the sun and warmer temperatures. This past month has been one of snow and ice so we got a little behind on some units, but we appreciate all of your accommodations to our schedules.

In the upcoming month we have a lot of new things planned for us to explore. The month will start off with Dr. Seuss's birthday, which will kick off our unit on books and Green Eggs and Ham. There will be sign ups for parents to read books during story time this month. We will also be choosing a favorite book to talk

about the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of March. The last part of the month will be dedicated to Easter! Throughout the month we will be charting the weather each day. Hopefully we will see a difference between the beginning of the month and the end.

This is also the month of parent-teacher conferences. There will be sign ups for parents outside the preschool doors. This time the conferences will be limited to 15 minutes on March 15, 2010. If that day does not work for your schedule please let us know and we can arrange another time.

Ms. Amanda & Ms. Lynn

### Eagles

Please be sure to check the dates for no school or full day Eagles. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the office.

### Important dates:

Mar. 12 **Akron Only** – *early dismissal*

Mar. 24 **Brownstown Only** – *early dismissal*

Ms. Cathy & Ms. Pam

### ATTENTION PARENTS!!

March is parent-teacher conference month at DSECC. Be on the lookout for sign up sheets in your child's classroom or call the office to schedule a conference with your child's teacher.

