



DSECC News



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DIAMOND STREET EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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A message from the Office:

May is Sun Safety month at DSECC. The staff recently learned about the importance of protecting our skin from the sun even before summer has arrived. The UV index helps us to know how intense the sun's rays will be on any given day. The UV index can be found online at: www.epa.gov/sunwise/uvindex.html.

For ways to protect yourself from the sun remember the words, Slip, Slop, Slap and Wrap! **Slip** on a shirt, **slop** on sunscreen, **slap** on a hat, and **wrap** on sunglasses whenever you go outside. For more ideas for sun safety, check out the hall bulletin board throughout the month.

Because Memorial Day is often the "unofficial" beginning of many summer activities, we will be celebrating "Don't Fry Day" on Friday, May 28th. The most common form of cancer in the US is skin cancer. Protect yourself and your loved ones!

Pam Fox

Information taken from www.epa.gov/sunwise

May Calendar

May 7	Bookmobile
May 28	"Don't Fry Day"
May 31	Memorial Day – DSECC Closed

Warbler Room (Infants)

Warm spring greetings from the Warbler room. It seems like warmer days are here again. We have been able to go outside on walks and to the playground almost every day. As we spend more time outside, it is important to think about sun safety. During a recent staff training, sun safety and the need for sunscreen from 10 AM until 4 PM was emphasized. So please send sunscreen for your child for when we go outside. Also, a brimmed hat is an added way to protect them from the sun.

Enjoy the sunshine and please keep us updated on any changing needs of your child.

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

Bluebird Room (Older Infant)

The Bluebirds would like to welcome **Ellis** and **Jayden** to the class.

During the month of May the theme in the Bluebird room will be Flowers. We will be decorating our room with flowers and taking walks to find flowers growing outside.

Some of the art activities planned for this month are flower collages, painting flower pots, and painting with flowers.

As the weather is warming up, please take time to check your child's box for a seasonal change of clothing. Thank you!

Happy Mother's Day to all the Bluebird mommies!

Ms. Amy, Ms. Chelle & Ms. Michelle

Robin Room (Toddlers)

Welcome May and some nice warm, sunny days (we hope)! Outside play time can be so wonderful this time of year, although we still need jackets for the mornings that are cooler. Please keep sending them.

We are thinking about Sun Safety and want to protect your child from the harmful rays. Please bring sunblock and also consider a hat and sunglasses for your child. Our play yard is shaded but the protection is necessary for walking back and forth to the playground and also on water play days that will begin in June.

Thanks for your support at the Friendship Concert. Your children are so adorable! The book fair was a great success. Thanks for that also!

The month of May will find the Robins getting ready for Mother's Day, Gardening, and talking about Friends and Sharing!

Please be sure to check your child's hall box for an extra set of seasonable clothes. Also, let us know of any indications your child may be showing about readiness for potty training. We want to work with you on that! Thanks so much!

Happy Mother's Day!

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

Hummingbird Room

April showers bring May flowers! We'll be looking to see if that is true. The Hummingbirds will add our tomatoes to the outdoor garden sometime this month. We are all excited to see them grow!

The children were very excited about Earth Day and taking care of our earth. They expressed that it took teamwork to do it and that they were like "Superheroes"—saving the Earth! So the first week of May will be our Going Green theme. Your little superheroes can learn ways to help our Earth!

After that, we will spend two weeks looking at Famous Artists. Watch for lots of artwork copying the styles of the great artists.

The last week of May will be our Pond theme. Hopefully during that week we will be able to take a walk to Roland Park to see the pond.

We would like to welcome **Sean** and **Miguel** to our room. It is nice having you!

Bike Days: (bring your bike and helmet)

May 6 & May 19

Show and Tell Days:

May 12 & May 27

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

Cardinal Room

The month of May will surely bring changes to the Cardinal Room! Keep your eye out for our flowers to start blooming inside AND outside as we work on how plants and trees grow!

We welcome **Katrina** and **Ashley** to the Cardinal Room!

We are looking for old sunglasses and many fake flowers for our Dramatic Play area. If you have any lying around, we sure can put them to good use!

Thank you for all your support with the Book Fair and Friendship Concert. We received a lot of new books for our room — the children LOVE them.

Please remember that we go outside every day. We will be applying sunscreen to everyone who brings it in. It would also be great if you could provide a brimmed hat and sunglasses. It is not too early to teach our children about the importance of sun safety!

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

Orioles

Great job, Orioles, at the Friendship Concert! Can you believe it is May? We will begin May by celebrating a very important person, MOM! Next, we will be blasting off to space. We hope to visit many of the planets and learn a couple of interesting facts about them. Lastly, the Orioles will be doing a cooking week full of projects that are fun AND edible!

We will be finishing our study of the alphabet and doing an intense review the last few weeks of May into June. Our focus in Math this month will

be measuring and estimating. We will measure just about anything we can get our hands on.

As I write this, the chicks have not hatched, so we are anxiously awaiting their arrival!!

Have a very Happy Mother's Day to all our Moms!!

Ms. Dede

Preschool

We are in our last month and a half of school. Time has gone by so quickly! Last month we celebrated Easter with an indoor Easter egg hunt. We also looked at farms and how they work. Our classes even got to watch some eggs in the Oriole room start to hatch. The Four's AM class and Four's and Three's PM class examined the chickens more carefully and looked at their life cycle. We were so excited to see the eggs moving and the small cracks becoming larger. These classes also looked at spiders and butterflies this month. We looked at the symmetry in butterfly wings and documented which insects we have in our playground. The Three's class got into farms all month. The class looked at the animals and products made from a farm. We checked out how to milk a cow and what machines farmers use today.

In the upcoming month our classes will be looking at famous artists of the past. We will be looking at painters and sculptors. Maybe a 21st century Monet will be unveiled from our exploration of new techniques. The end of the month will conclude with a Pet Week. This is a week that families can bring in their pets

for our class to see. Please let the teachers know of any allergies to pets before we begin this week. Let Ms. Amanda or Ms. Lynn know about your interest in bringing in your pet to clarify details.

In May the teachers are asking the parents to apply sun block on your child before they are brought to school. Because sun block should be applied at least 30 minutes before exposure this will ensure that each child will have sufficient protection from the sun's harmful rays. The class will not go out if there are any UV index warnings. We also encourage you to bring brimmed hats and sunglasses as added protection for our outside excursions.

Ms. Amanda & Ms. Lynn

Eagles

In May we will be focusing on Sun Safety. We will be doing several activities that will help us to better understand the sun's benefits and ways the sun can harm us.

Have you registered your child for summer care? Please return the registration form ASAP.

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

Important dates:

May 19 **Brownstown** – early dismissal

May 28 **“Don't Fry Day”**

Ms. Cathy & Ms. Pam

