



DSECC News



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DIAMOND STREET EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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Dear Parents,

For the past two years, DSECC has had yearly center-wide themes. "Going Green at DSECC" was followed by "Color Me Healthy". This year's theme is "Community". Look for activities about the community here at Diamond Street, our local geographic community, and our role in the larger Early Childhood community. If you haven't had a chance to check out one of the first activities, please visit the display outside the "Big Room".

Mark your calendars for October 14th. Diamond Street on 11th will holding an open house with many of the fun activities from previous Fall Festivals. More information will be coming soon!

Cathy Stephens

Site Director

October Calendar

October 7	Bookmobile
October 10	Full Day Eagles No Preschool No Orioles
October 10-14	Fire Safety Week
October 14	Open House/Fall Festival – DSECC on 11th

Warbler Room (Infants)

It is crazy to think that summer is over and fall is officially here! It seems we will finally be seeing cooler temperatures. Please be sure to send a lightweight jacket for your child as we will still try to go outside as long as the weather allows.

During October we will be talking and learning about pumpkins. We will have the opportunity to handle some real pumpkins as well as make a few art projects that look like pumpkins.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the Fall Open House at DSECC on 11th on Friday, October 14.

Happy Fall!

Ms. Kelly M, Ms. Mindy & Ms. Ruthie

Bluebird Room (Older Infant)

The air is crisp, the leaves are dropping and pumpkins are popping up all around the neighborhood. It must be fall! What a great time of year this is! We will be taking it all in by exploring the Fall Season as our theme this month.

The Bluebirds will be scooping up and playing with the colorful leaves on the playground, painting pumpkins, and getting a hands on feel of the insides of a pumpkin.

Ms. Amy, Ms. Michelle, Ms. Angi & Ms. Joanne S.

Robin Room (Toddlers)

Welcome Fall and hopefully some crisp, cool, sunny days for the Robins to enjoy outside! We will be raking and sweeping (which the children love), and overall, just observing and discussion the changes the Fall season brings. Also, we will be walking around the neighborhood enjoying the scenery and also going to the farm stand down the road. The Robins love picking out pumpkins, gourds and apples to bring back to our classroom!

Squirrels, owls, bats and spiders will be another focus as the month goes on. Also, we are looking forward to a visit from the Akron Fire Company sometime during Fire Safety Week. Picture taking days also occur this month. We will keep you posted on the date of that event. Last, but not least, our classroom will have a small Fall Festival Party on Halloween Day (October 31) in

our classroom. Look for a sign up I the hallway around mid-month.

Please let us know of potty training that you may be working on at home so we can continue the process here. Also, do not forget a warm jacket for cool mornings on the playground and an extra set of seasonal clothes in your child's hall box.

Thanks from the Robin room staff!

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

Hummingbird Room

The weather is cooling, geese are flying, and pumpkins are popping up everywhere! Fall is here!

September was a time of transition and getting to know our class. The children have really been doing well following rules, practicing their manners and getting along. We also began learning about shapes and colors. You can help your child by practicing these concepts at home.

In October we will continue with shapes for one more week. Then we will spend a week on fire safety. Hopefully, we will even get to see a fire truck!

The last two weeks will be our time to learn all about fall – pumpkins, apples, animal behavior and more!

We are having so much fun teaching your children. Thank you for sharing them with us! As always, if you have a concern, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Ms. Kelly.

Special Days:

Bike Days – Oct. 6 & 18

Show and Tell – Oct. 12 & 28

Ms. Kelly & Ms. Suzy

Cardinal Room

September has been a busy month in the Cardinal Room! We learned a lot about Community Helpers and even had some special guests visit our room to tell us about their jobs. We also took a walk around town to look at the different jobs in the Akron community.

We welcome **Ashia** to our room!

We are getting ready for Fall in the Cardinal room! The first week in October we will be learning a lot about Fire Safety and the following week we will have an Apple theme. The last two weeks of the month we will be focusing on Fall. We will have a cooking project on October 14 and a fall themed show and tell on the 26th. We will also take a nature walk on October 20th to take a look at all the changes that happen around this time of year. We will also be having a bike day on Tuesday, October 11, before the weather gets too cold to be outside!

Ms. Amanda, Ms. Nicole & Ms. Pat

Orioles

The Orioles had a great month of learning! We continue to work on writing our names and learning about the letters within our name. Most children can read and identify their own name and can recognize many friends' names as well.

October 7 will be our very first field trip to Brook Lawn Farms! We are so excited. We will begin to discuss and learn about pumpkins and apples during the month. We will embark on our very first cooking project and I will be looking for some parent volunteers to help us. Look for the sign-up sheet outside the classroom.

Thank you for your donations and for contributing to our "wish list". Your gifts really allow us to extend the curriculum for each

child in ways I might not be able to otherwise.

Finally, a reminder that doors open at 8:25 AM and school ends at 2:30 PM.

Have a wonderful month and look for the rescheduling of the September parent meeting.

Ms. Lori & Ms. Sumathi

Preschool

Welcome Fall! This month we will be exploring all the wonderful signs of Fall. Both classes will be traveling to Brook Lawn Farm Market. We will get to ride in a wagon to the pumpkin patch and learn about how they grow. Each child will get to pick their own pumpkin. If it rains, we will be inside learning about corn and popcorn! Our literacy curriculum this month focuses on Living Together. Our author study will continue with Mo Willems. The children LOVE his "Don't let the pigeon ..." books!!!

Refer to our classroom calendar for snack info and special days. Thank you for the wonderful variety of healthy snacks you have been providing!

Ms. Dede & Ms. Joanne S.

Kindergarten

Hello, and welcome to the Kindergarten program at Diamond Street! What a fulfilling and rewarding experience your children get by being able to attend Kindergarten all day! This month we will focus on the themes of Manners, All About Me, Apples, and Fall.

We will have many opportunities to expand our learning in math focusing this month on sorting/classifying and patterns. In writing we will be focusing on writing our capital and lowercase letters as well as sight words.

Be sure to look in the hallway for art work and writing your child has completed—they love

compliments and positive feedback!

I look forward to working with your children and having a fun-filled and successful Kindergarten year!

Miss Molly

Eagles

Our afternoon program is going very smoothly. Celebrating birthdays among the children and staff was a highlight for the month of September. The children are interacting well. Each day we have physical games, quiet games, art projects, center time and time to do homework for the older children. Because of weather and darkness, we have not been going outside very much in the afternoons. When we have Full Day Eagles, we do go outside when possible.

Remember to dress your child properly for morning weather and each child should have their own umbrella for rainy day walking to and from school. We do try to use the van whenever possible in rainy weather. Also, with packed lunches, please include a spoon with your child's lunch if needed. We cannot always provide utensils.

Parking at 11th Street is available in the spaces at the back of the church and in the two spaces on the side of the church. There is no other parking permitted on the side of the building.

Mark your calendars for October 14th. This will be the Fall Festival/Open House for the 11th street site. Games, food, face painting, magic shows, and door prizes will be offered that evening. Join us from 6 – 7:30 pm. Shuttle parking will be provided from the main campus of Diamond Street to 11th Street. We hope to see everyone at the Open House/Fall Festival. Invite your family, friends and neighbors to come along for the fun.

The Eagle children are the joy of my life. Thanks for sharing them with me.

Ms. Sandi