

DSECC 2026-2027 School Year Calendar

August							September							October							Key			
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	■	First Day of Program		
2	3	4	5	6	7	8				1	2	3	4	5	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	■	Special Event	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	■	EASD Early Dismissal		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	■	No School PKC		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	■	CLOSED		
30	31						27	28	29	30											■	Last Day of Program		
November							December							January							Important Dates			
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	■	August 14		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7				1	2	3	4	5						1	2	■	Last Day of Summer Camp	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	■	August 27		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	■	Last Day of Summer Care		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	■	August 24-June 10		
29	30						27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30	■	2026-27 School Year		
February							March							April							August 31			
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	■	First day of Before/After Care		
(31)	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6						1	2	3	■	November 27-28		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	■	Thanksgiving Break		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	■	December 24-January 2		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	■	Christmas Break		
28							28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29	30	■	June 14			
May							June							July							First day of Summer Program			
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	■	Assessment Check Points		
2	3	4	5	6	7	8				1	2	3	4	5						1	2	3	■	November 13 [^]
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	■	February 12 [^]		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	■	May 28 [^]		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	■	PKC snow make-up days*		
30	31						27	28	29	30				25	26	27	28	29	30	31	■	See Flexible Instruction Plan		

Special Events**

8/28 Back to School Open House	12/1-6 Book Fair	3/8-12 Book Fair
9/11 Grandparent Day	12/6 Children's Choir	3/10 Friendship Concert
9/17 Parent Meeting	12/7-11 Clothing Exchange	3/16-17 Leprechaun Trap
9/24 Ephrata Fair Day	12/10 Christmas Caroling	4/1 Parent Meeting
10/10 Playground Work Day	12/14-18 Toy Exchange	4/15 Kindergarten Night
10/14 Fire Safety	1/14 Virtual Parent Workshop	4/22 Earth Day/ Plant Distribution
10/30 Harvest Celebration	2/11 Valentines Dance	5/2-7 Teacher Appreciation
11/12 Family Night	2/18 Virtual Parent Workshop	6/9 Graduation
11/19 Thanksgiving lunch	3/8-12 Peace Week	7/28 PKC Registration 2027-2028

EASD early dismissal - 12:40pm

□ indicates professional development day or staff meeting

*Emergency closures and delays will be announced on WGAL, Procure and Facebook

**See reverse for Event Descriptions

[^]Parent Teacher Conferences Scheduled Following Assessment Check Points

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Special Event Descriptions:

Please check classroom and parent newsletters for event details and times.

Back to School Open House:	Afternoon	Event for all incoming and returning families to get to know their new classrooms and teachers. The Center is CLOSED for the day.
Grandparent Day:	Morning	Event for Grandparents and Grandparent figures to join their students for a snack and activities.
Playground Work Day:	Morning	Families, Staff and AMC members come together to help create our outdoor learning environment.
Ephrata Fair Day:	All Day	Visit the Ephrata Fair for a PKC attendance credit. Bring in a photo of you visiting Tent City to be marked present for the day.
Fire Safety:	Morning	Event for students to learn about what to do if there is a fire from the local fire department.
Parent Meeting:	Evening	Bi-Annual virtual meeting with the Executive Director.
Harvest Celebration:	Morning	Event for students to wear their costumes and celebrate fall.
Family Night / Parent Workshop:	Evening	Event for families to come together for food, fellowship and learning. Some Sessions will be virtual.
Thanksgiving Lunch:	Morning	Event for students to eat lunch all together in the Big Room.
Book Fair:	All Week	The Scholastic Book Fair arrives at DSECC for a week long opportunity for families to purchase books.
Children's Choir:	Morning	During the Christmas season, the Akron Mennonite Church invites DSECC children to sing songs they have learned during a special children's Sunday service.
Clothing & Toy Exchanges:	All Week	During these weeks, families are invited to bring in gently used clothes or toys and to pick from what is brought in by others. Leftovers are donated to the Reuzit on State Street.
Christmas Caroling:	Morning	Event for all to join our students in singing carols for the neighbors on Dawn Ave and East End Ave.
Valentine's Dance:	Morning	Event for students to celebrate the love we have for friends and family.
Peace Week:	All Week	Week long event full of center wide and classroom activities that emphasize friendship, sharing and conflict resolution.
Kindergarten Night	Evening	An evening for families to learn more about kindergarten options in our area. Meet with school representatives and learn how to sign up.
Friendship Concert:	Evening	Event where student perform songs they have been learning for their families and friends. We also present our award for Teacher of the Year and Kids Choice.
Leprechaun Trap:	All Day	Classroom event where students design and build traps out of recyclables materials to catch a Leprechaun and share his treasure with their friends.
Earth Day:	Morning	An event to learn more about our world and how to keep it safe and healthy.
Teacher Appreciation:	All Week	Event to show our teachers and support staff how much we appreciate them.
Graduation:	Afternoon	Event to acknowledge graduating preschoolers who will be attending Kindergarten in the fall.