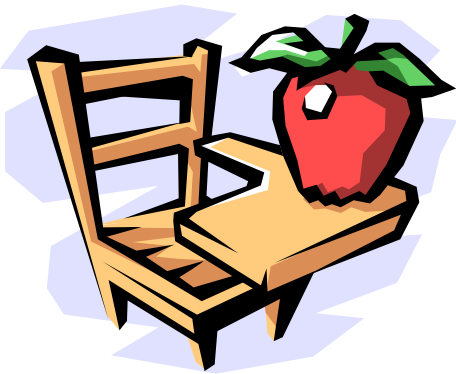


August 2007

Family Newsletter

Beginning of the school year is just around the corner!



Are you wondering why you are receiving an August bill for Extended Child Care services, and your child does not have care until fall? It's because we bill at the beginning of the month for the upcoming month. This year, each of the districts we serve is starting school in August.

If you have any schedule changes for fall or have any questions regarding your bill, please call the Main Office at 545-2402.

Also, if your child is enrolled with Extended Child Care for fall care and you no longer need care, **we do require a two-week drop notice**. This drop notice enables us to call other families from our waiting lists and enroll them. Below are the first day of school start dates for each District.

Windsor District: Thursday, August 16, 2007

Mark West District: Monday, August 20, 2007

Wright District: Wednesday, August 22, 2007

New Childcare Rates for Fall 2007

Our Board of Directors is always reluctant to increase child care rates, but we need to make sure our staff are paid adequately and keep up with ever rising costs. As a result, Extended Child Care will have a fee increase effective the first day of school in August. The full day non school day rate, 4 hours or more a day, will increase by \$1.00 to \$25.75 per day or \$128.75 for a 5 day week. The part day non school day rate, less than 4 hours a day, will be \$12.75 per day. After school rates will increase around \$.50 per day and K-time and before school rates will increase around \$.25 per day. The minimum number of days a week a family must use the program remains at 3 days per week. Overall fees will go up around 4%.

ELECTRONICS POLICY

Any type of electronic device that has the capability of text messaging needs to be left at home. Ipods and Gameboys may be allowed in the center upon the discretion of the Center Director. ECC will not be responsible for electronic items brought to the centers and all of these items must be labeled with the child's name. The Center Director will decide upon a specified time of day that these items can be used under the supervision of the staff. Ipods can only be used by the child who brought it and may not share it with others. Students with gameboys can only play games with an "E" rating at the center.

Our Cell Phone Policy is the same as the school's – cell phones are not to be used on the school campus. Children are welcome to use the center phone to call parents with permission from the center staff.



REMINDER FOR FAMILIES

- **Please call your center anytime your child will be absent from childcare on a day they are scheduled to attend.** Center staff considers a child scheduled to be in childcare as "missing" when they do not come to the center and a parent has not called the center to say they will be absent. Your call saves staff a lot of time and worry. We would prefer that our staff spend their time working with the children instead of making calls to find a child who is not really "missing".
- Sick days and other days your child is absent only need to be called into the center. It's not necessary to call the main office.
- All schedule changes must be called into the main office at 545-2402. Informing someone at the center is not enough.
- We require a two-week notice for vacation credits. The dates of your vacation need to be called into the ECC office at 545-2402 to assure that the credit is posted to your account accurately.
- Please write your family ID# or your child's name on your checks when sending them to the Office. This really helps us when posting your payment.
- **Please remember to drive slowly** in the school parking lots and the side streets around the school. Safety should always come first. Also, keep an eye on your child in the parking lot. It can't hurt and could be a lifesaver.
- If you have a new address, cell phone, pager, or want to add a person to your emergency card or any other changes, please call the ECC office at 545-2402 with this information.

