



# TRUCKSVILLE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**May 11 & 12-** Frances Slocum Park 9:30-11:30  
**Wed. 5/11:** Higgins 3 day, Strutko, Woytowich  
**Thurs. 5/12:** Kaufer, Higgins 2 day, Leo, Carpenter  
 \*Parent Drop Off & Pick Up

**May 18**—Kindergarten goes to Frances Slocum Park 9:15-2:00

**May 24-** Hillside Farms Field Trip for all 3's & Y4's only 10:00-11:45  
 \*Parent drop off & pick up at the dairy

### NEW DATE FOR BOWLING

**May 24-** Bowling Trip for all 4/5 Year Olds Classes 9:30-11:30  
 \*Parent drop off & pick up at Back Mtn Bowl. **PM Ext will resume at 12:00.**

**May 25 & 26**— Closing Program & Family Picnic 10:15-12:00noon  
 No Preschool PM Ext. classes. Last day of class for Mrs Kaufer, Mrs. Higgins, Mrs. Woytowich and Mrs. Carpenter

**PG Last Days**  
 T/Th— May 12th  
 M/W— May 18

**May 27**—Last day of class for Mrs. Strutko and Mrs. Leo

## CLOSING PROGRAM AND FAMILY PICNIC



**Wednesday, May 25 for:** Mrs. Higgins (MWF class), Mrs. Strutko, Mrs. Woytowich

**Thursday, May 26 for:** Mrs. Higgins (T TH class), Mrs. Leo, Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Kaufer

**Time: 10:15 to 12:00noon**

Upon arrival (No earlier than 10:00. Doors will not be open; you may not save seats!), take your child to his/her classroom. You may then proceed to the playroom. (Please note: The playroom will be closed until 10:00am!)

At 10:15, the children will present a musical program for all to enjoy. Our playroom will be set up with chairs. We ask you to bring your food donation to the pavilion before the program or, if possible, leave in your car until after the program. (Each class will be assigned something to bring. Sign up sheets will be posted outside classroom doors.)

At the conclusion of the program, the children will be dismissed to you and you may proceed to the pavilion for our family picnic. Feel free to bring a picnic blanket and sit on the grass if you wish. Please supervise your children on the playground to insure their safety.

In case of inclement weather, we will set up the food in our foyer and picnic in the classrooms. In this event, in order to comfortably accommodate each family, only 2 adults will be able to accompany each child to the classroom.

**Thank you for your cooperation and we hope you enjoy the program!**

\*Mrs. Strutko's and Mrs. Leo's classes will have their regularly scheduled classes on Friday, May 27.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### **GOODBYES** are never easy...

... and even more difficult when saying goodbye to valuable staff members and friends.

**Tina Kravits** has been a member of our staff for 10 years. During this time, she became a leader in our 4/5 year old program, and pioneered both our Creative Kids Kindergarten Extension program and our full day Kindergarten Class. Both of these programs have flourished under her leadership. She also served as our Teacher Representative to our Board of Directors for the past 7 years. Tina's influence can be seen and felt throughout the school, and her passion for teaching and love of children will be greatly missed here at TECEC.

**Donna Schuler** has been a member of our staff for a total of about 12 years. She left us for a few years and returned to work here in 2009. Since then she has been a staple in our Playgroup program, working as a Teacher's Aide, and this year teaching her own class. Her care and compassion for these little learners is evident in all she does. If your child has been fortunate enough to go through Playgroup with Mrs. Schuler, you know what I mean!

Neither of these Teachers can be replaced in our hearts. We wish them both well, and will honor their work here by maintaining the high standards they have set for themselves and the rest of the staff.



Thank you to all for another wonderful year. We've thoroughly enjoyed sharing and growing together. If you are leaving the Education Center to attend another school, we will miss you. Please stop by or give us a call and let us know how you are doing.

If you are returning—HURRAY! We are looking forward to more great adventures in the coming school year. A placement letter will be mailed to you this month. In August you will receive your Orientation packet which will have the date for your Parent/Teacher Orientation. (Playgroup will receive a packet in September for an October start.)

A Big Thank You to Carol Kohl for coordinating our **Barnes & Noble Book Fair**.

Thank you to Cara Long for chairing the **Ice Cream Social** and to all who contributed toppings and their time to the Social to make it a big success! Thank you to volunteers Jamie Iannicari, Meg & Mike Cramton, Adam Eckels, Bob Long, Tracy & John Calomino, Matt Rogers, Janis Seeley, Jess Adams, Ann Bressler, Brenda & Maddie Strutko, Tina Kravits and Audrey Halbach

Thank you to those who set up and took down the **Art Show**: Erin Hannon, Terry Weidner, Amber Comstock, Jackie Eckels, Jennifer Sell, Alaina Keown, Cara Long, Meg Cramton, Judi Withrow, Jessica Cawley, Jamie Iannicari, and Terri Gavlick

**Snack Pantry Donations** for April were received from the family of Sophia and Michaela Greco and snacks for Mrs Strutko's class were received from Riley Withrow, Ryan Sinex and Clara Kemmerer.

Thank you to the Sowcik Family for donating an arts and crafts box and we wish them well with their move to Florida.

## BEFORE AND AFTER CARE

If you are in need of a little extra time in the AM and/or PM, we can extend your child's day. We currently plan to start this program at 8:30am and extend until 4:00pm.

Please come to the office to make these arrangements.

## A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Another year has flown by, and at TECEC it has been filled with growing, fun and learning. It has truly been a joy to see the smiles on the children every day as they bounce through our doors and down the hall to their classrooms; and to hear their voices and laughter echo through the building. On behalf of everyone here at the Education Center, I thank you for allowing us to be part of your child's introduction to what we hope will be a lifetime of love for learning.

Our amazing staff are experts at teaching your children using developmentally appropriate practices and learning centers, PA standards and integration of skills, and learning through exploration and in the context of their every day experiences. I would like them to know how much I appreciate them and the love they have for their work and your children. I am convinced they are the best at what they do!

Our Parent Enrichment Group has been busy this year implementing ideas that were successful and well received by the staff and parents. The Fund Run was a hoot for the children. The Silent Auction took in an amazing profit, our Gertrude Hawk Candy Sale was a hit, and our Barnes & Noble Book Fair was fun for all.

All funds raised will be used for field trips and buses, holiday goodies and gifts for the children, and our latest projects—additional playground benches and a new school sign.

A special thank you to our TECEC Board of Directors, and Cara Long who serves as our parent representative to the board. They support us in all we do and we could not be successful without them!

And finally, thank you to Reverend Dick Williams and the TUMC church family for their support of the school. It is a blessing to be associated with such a wonderful group of people.

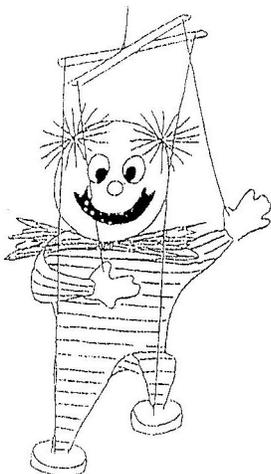
Enrollment for 2016-17 is going strong. Final placement letters will go out to you soon. Thank you for your patience as we work toward placing all the children in your first choice of class and coordinating sibling schedules. It is no small task! Finally, I would like to thank you for choosing TECEC to be your preschool. To those moving on, it has been a pleasure and we wish you well. To those coming back, see you at Summer Camp, or in September!

Fondly,  
Marjorie Adams

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## COCO'S CORNER (Also known as Learning Lab)

Coco says "Have a Great Summer!"



It's hard to believe another year has passed so quickly! Summer is not so very far away. Coco hopes you will enjoy the season murals we painted for our end of the year program.

Last month the children in Learning Lab learned about Coco's trip to the zoo (**Zz**) with his mother, Mama Lorenzo, who took a day off work.

We also learned a little bit about **money** by playing money bingo and stamping coins; and learning about the concept of **above/below** by flying an airplane above or below the clouds (with cards).

As usual we are grateful to all our volunteers in Learning Lab over the past 9 months. The assistance and guidance you helped provide the children has been invaluable.

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## FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN 2016-17

Our Full Day Kindergarten class has 4 openings!  
If you are interested in this class, please contact us.  
If your child is already registered and your plans have changed, please let us know as soon as possible. If you have not already done so, let the Office know if you are opting for the 12 month or 9 month tuition payment plan.



## CREATIVE KIDS — 2016-17

### KINDERGARTEN EXTENSION

We currently have openings in our 2016-17 Kindergarten Extension. This program enriches the Dallas AM Kindergarten program providing hands-on Art, Science and Math activities that the children are learning at Dallas. It also includes a Writer's Workshop where children illustrate and write their own stories.

If you are interested, please see us in the office.

## ONCE AGAIN OUR 4/5 YEAR OLD PROGRAM WILL OFFER DAILY EXTENSIONS!

### DAILY EXTENSION- 4/5 YEAR OLD CLASS

9:30-2:30

Children will have their regular preschool class in the mornings. The second half of their day would consist of lunch (brought from home), recess, and enrichment of their class themes and Kindergarten readiness skills. In addition, when our extension classes in Art, Math & Language, FitKids, and PlayPals are in session, they would automatically participate in these classes on corresponding days. The additional tuition will be calculated into your monthly tuition payment.

Your child may stay for any number of days.

The cost of this program is an additional monthly payment (added to your regular monthly tuition)

1 Day \$41, 2 Day \$74, 3 Day \$99, 4 Day \$113

If you are interested in this program, we have a form available in the office. Please let us know as soon as possible so we can plan accordingly.

(For those not interested in daily extension, our regular extension programs (Art, Math & Language, etc.) will continue to be offered in 6 week segments throughout the school year. You can register for these programs at the times they are offered.)

## MUM SALE



This sale is back by popular demand! Our school will once again sponsor a Mum Sale in the new school year—date TBD. An order form will be mailed to you during the summer, so watch for it in your mailbox! The plants are full (approx. 18 in. in diameter) and absolutely beautiful. They will make a great addition to your fall displays! Your help with distribution will be greatly appreciated—we will solicit for volunteers in September.





# MAY 2016



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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9 Book Orders Due	10	11 <b>Frances Slocum Field Trip 9:30-11:30</b> Higgins (M/W), Strutko, Woytowich *Parent Drop Off & Pick Up at Park	12 <b>Frances Slocum Field Trip 9:30-11:30</b> Kaufer, Higgins (T/TH), Leo, Carpenter *Parent Drop Off & Pick Up at Park  Last Day for T/Th Playgroup	13
16	17	18 <b>Kindergarten Trip to Frances Slocum 9:15-2:00</b> *Parent Drop Off & Pick up  Last Day for M/W Playgroup	19	20
23	24 <b><u>4/5's Year Old Classes' Field Trip to Back Mtn Bowl</u></b> <b>9:30-11:30</b> *Parent Drop Off & Pick Up. <b>PM Ext resumes at 12:00.</b> <b><u>Hillside Farms Field Trip for 3's &amp; Y4's</u></b> <b>10:00-11:45</b> *Parent Drop Off & Pick Up at Dairy	25 <b>Closing Program &amp; Picnic 10:15-12:00</b> Mrs. Higgins (MWF class), Mrs. Strutko, Mrs. Woytowich classes <b>No Preschool Extension</b>  Last Day of Preschool for Mrs Higgins' and Mrs Woytowich's classes  <b>Last Day Kdg Ext</b>	26 <b>Closing Program &amp; Picnic 10:15-12:00</b> Mrs. Higgins (T TH class), Mrs. Leo, Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Kaufer classes <b>No Preschool Extension</b>  Last Day of Preschool for Mrs Carpenter's and Mrs Kaufer's classes	27 No School for Kdg  Last Day of Preschool for Mrs. Leo's and Mrs. Strutko's classes

NO PreSchool PM Extensions on Wed. 5/25, Thu. 5/26 and Fri. 5/27