

TRUCKSVILLE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 7— Mum Orders
Due

Sept. 20—PEG Meeting
@ 9:35

Sept. 21 & 22- Red
Days Your child should
wear something red this day
We will also have a red
snack.

Sept. 23—Mums
Delivered
(Helpers Needed)

Oct. 3 — Playgroup
Begins

Welcome to School 2017- 2018!

We are excited to welcome you to a fun filled year of learning. We are thankful that you have become part of our "school family." The relationship between your family and our school is essential to provide your children with the best education that can help them develop a true "love of learning." Communication is the key to this success. You will receive a monthly newsletter and calendar which are also online at www.trucksvilleceec.com . Don't forget your teacher's bulletin board outside the classroom for daily information and updates.

FAMILY BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

THE DATE FOR THIS EVENT IS
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9th

For those of you new to the school,
this is an Open House night for you to come to school
with your child.

We will have a "Kids Room" available for siblings to make
this a special night for you and your preschooler,
and to cut down on congestion in our classrooms.

More info will be in our October Newsletter

We need Volunteers to help with
Mum Distribution on
Saturday, September 23rd from
8:00 - 9:30 and 9:30 to 11:30
(These mums get heavy after a while)
Please let the office know if you can help!



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

SCHOLASTIC FIREFLY BOOKORDERS

Each year we promote Scholastic Firefly Book sales. We feel the company offers very good books at reasonable prices. September is always a great issue, but we have to return the forms promptly in order to participate. Forms (with payment) are handed into the office. However you can also order online at:

www.scholastic.com/bookclubs

Our class activation code is:
GZG8M

Our school earns one bonus point for each dollar spent. We then use our bonus points for books and educational materials. Thank you in advance for supporting our sales.

Checks must be made out to **Scholastic Book Clubs**.

Make sure your child's name is on the order form and return the form to the School Office by September 15th.

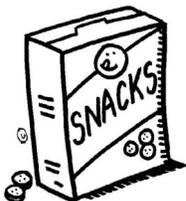


SNACK PANTRY

Please consider making a donation to our "Snack Pantry"! We can always use snacks that do not contain peanuts and were not made in a bakery that uses peanuts or tree nuts. Please bring donations to the office.

Monetary donations also accepted!

We love fresh fruits & veggies too!!



PEG VOLUNTEERS

On Thursday, September 20th at 9:35, the Parent Enrichment Group (PEG) will reorganize for this school year.

We will meet in the Adult Sunday School Room 5. The group provides parents with an opportunity to be involved in their child's school at whatever level their schedule will allow. Childcare will be provided at a cost of \$3 per child. (The additional cost is paid from the PEG account.) Registration is required for childcare.

Please sign up in the Office. We hope to see you there!

If you are unable to attend, watch your child's backpack for a volunteer form.

Playground hours during school

Please feel free to use our playground from 11:45am to 12:30pm until the Kindergarten class arrives. You are again welcome after 2:45pm. Please close the gate when you are done in the playground area. Enjoy!

EXTENDED PROGRAMS FOR 2017

Beginning in October we will offer Art Class and "PlayPals" for children in our 4/5 Year Old Classes.

Art Class will offer hands-on activities designed to help the children explore the styles and techniques of the world's greatest artists. This class will meet twice a week for 6 weeks on a first come, first serve basis. (Class meets 12:00-2:30, children bring their lunch)

"PlayPals" will be offered one day per week from 12:00noon to 2:30. The children will eat lunch together before they continue their time playing with each other indoors and outdoors.

Registration for both programs can be made for the entire 6 weeks ; first come, first served.

Additional information will be made available as soon as possible.



DAILY EXTENSIONS

We will again offer **Daily Extensions** throughout the school year for our 4/5 year old classes. You may enroll your child to stay for lunch and program enrichment for any number of days for the entire school year at the very low price of \$10 per day or less! This price does require your commitment for the year and will be added to your tuition invoice. Your child will automatically be enrolled in our other extended hours programs on the days they are here; or you may add these programs on to your regular schedule. Stop by the office for more information!

Please remember, we are a nut free school when sending lunches to school.



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SAFETY NOTE

It is extremely important to use caution when driving in and out of our Parking Lot. Our parking lot can be very busy at arrival and dismissal times. **Please follow the directional arrows and limit your speed to 5 mph.**

Park **only** between the painted lines in our parking lot. The island parking area (parallel to our entrance driveway) is for Church business only. Please **do not** leave children unattended in your vehicle. Children need supervision at all times. Please use our new crosswalks to **move out** of the parking lot and to **our** sidewalk or new walkway.

To ensure safety, students will not be dismissed to anyone except parents without written notification. Parents and anyone picking up a child **must** have a copy of their driver's license on file with the school. In an emergency situation, the office can be notified by telephone. Parents in conflict need to give copies of any pertinent legal papers regarding childcare, custody, etc. (These papers will be kept confidential.)

When visiting the school at times other than arrival or dismissal, please check in at the Office **before** you go to your child's classroom.



TUITION PAYMENTS

Tuition payments are due the first of each month, August through April. The year's tuition consists of 9 equal payments, beginning in August. You should have received a tuition invoice to assist you in keeping track of when payments are to be made. You will **not** receive a monthly bill. Tuition statements will be issued 3 times during the school year. In order to deter late payments, the following policy was adopted:

*A late charge of \$20 per month will be added to the tuition balance after a 15 day grace period. Also, we charge \$35 for a check returned for insufficient funds. Tuition must be paid in full by April 15, 2018 in order for your child to participate in end of the year activities. **These policies will be enforced.***

Please deposit your checks in the School Office (or mail them to the school) and avoid sending in payments with your child. ***Please write your child's name on the check. This is especially important if the child's last name differs from the person paying tuition. We also have children with the same last name or similar names.**

If you pay your tuition with cash, please hand it to the secretary in the School Office so she may issue a receipt. If you have any questions about your account or difficulties in making payments, do not hesitate in contacting the Office.

PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEOTAPING POLICY

Families, for the safety of all of our children, please observe the following policy regarding pictures taken at TECEC or any TECEC activities: *Photo taking and videotaping is permitted at school and school events. Posting pictures of children other than your own on any social networking media (facebook, twitter, etc.) is not permitted. If you choose to post pictures of your own children, it is our policy that you do not disclose the name or location of our school.*

COCO'S CORNER

(also known as Learning Lab)



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Children learn best when they are **active** participants, both mentally and physically, in their environment... where they can touch, feel, experiment and create.

The concept of Learning Centers has proven to be a highly effective tool in teaching preschoolers because centers encourage the children's participation and they maximize learning. These two ideals are blended in our special classroom known as "Learning Lab" - where the learning centers are designed to foster in children the ability to become more independent as well as helping them work cooperatively.

Each week we focus on a set of themes—a letter in the alphabet, a color, a shape, a skill (such as cutting, left/right), and an "opposite" (such as over/below, full/empty). These are posted outside the Learning Lab door, Room 8

This year the children will again meet "Coco the Clown", who welcomes them each week. It is our hope that in this environment, our 4 and 5 year olds can build their confidence and begin to believe they are capable learners.

Please consider being a Learning Lab Helper. Your "Helping Hands" would be greatly appreciated! A Sign up sheet is posted on the Learning Lab Bulletin Board.

Monday—Ms. Nelson

Wednesday—Mrs. Williams

Tuesday—Mrs. Rost

Thursday—Mrs. Carpenter

INTRODUCING THE STAFF
FOR 2017-2018
We have some changes this year.

Our Playgroup Teachers:

Tue/Thu Jessa Williams & Kathy Kulick

Our Three Year Old Teachers:

Tue/Thu Cindy Higgins & Caity Banks
Mon, Wed, Fri Cindy Higgins & Tracy Pisano
 Lisa Blazure & Molly Mulligan

Our Young Four Year Old Teachers:

Tue, Thu, Fri Desiree Edwards & Kelly Magdalinski

Our Four/Five Year Old Teachers:

Mon, Wed, Fri Jessa Williams & Kathy Kulick
Mon thru Thu Mel Nelson & MaryBeth Mattson
Mon thru Fri Rachel Rost & Liz Bucholtz
Tues thru Fri Tanya Carpenter & Erica Teixeira

4/5 Extention Jessa Williams (Monday)
 Desiree Edwards (T thru Fri)

Full Day Kindergarten Teacher: Sue Collins
Kindergarten Assistant Teacher Ann Sweeney
Writer's Workshop: Mel Nelson
Kindergarten Extension Teacher: Rachel Rost (MWF), Jen Rinehimer (T,TH)
Floating Teacher Assistant AM: Carol Lee
Floating Teacher Assistant PM: Liz Bucholtz
Learning Lab Facilitator: Carol Lee

Office & Financial Administrator: Marissa Linder
Director: Brenda Strutko

Thank you to the Teachers & Church members who volunteered their time at the Lizerne County Fair to represent our school.

Kindergarten

Our Kindergarten class has begun with Mrs. Collins & her Assistant, Mrs. Sweeney enjoying the beginning of the new school year. The students are busy learning their daily classroom routine, making friends & learning together. They are observing a caterpillar and chrysalis currently. They will be enjoying Writer's Workshop on Tues. & Thurs. afternoons with Ms. Nelson. We cannot wait to see their creativity emerge! Look outside at the bulletin board outside Learning Lab to see their fantastic work. The Kindergarten class uses our playground daily from 12:30 to 1:15 we ask that other students leave the playground when Kindergarten arrives.



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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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4	5 LABOR DAY	6 PreSchool Begins <i>Slow Start/Small Class: Higgins, Blazure</i> <i>Small Class Size: Williams</i>	7 <i>Slow Start/Small Class: Blazure, Edwards</i> MUM ORDERS DUE	8 <i>Slow Start/Small Class: Higgins, Blazure, Edwards</i> <i>Small Class Size: Williams</i>
11 <i>Slow Start/Small Class: Higgins, Blazure</i>	12 Slow Start/Small Class: Higgins	13	14 Slow Start/Small Class: Higgins PEG Meeting 9:35 am	15
18	19	20	21	22
			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>RED DAYS Wear something red today</p> </div>	
				<p>Sat. 9/23 Mum Pickup 9:00-11:30</p>
25	26	27	28	29