



Director's Corner:

August is here, and that means school will soon be back in full force! Our summer has been filled with fun and excitement from the Spray Park activities, to fun activities throughout the classrooms.

As we transition into another school year, several changes will take place in our Day School. We will see new families and new teachers! For the month of August we will continue to enroll new families and move children to their new classrooms for this school year. With this in mind, our official school year at Good Shepherd will start September 1<sup>st</sup>. This gives us enough time to train new staff and let children visit their new rooms before moving up.



**Thank You**

I would like to thank all the parents that donated to our Fun Run for Charities event. We have a grand total of \$1665.24 that will be used for scholarships in the Day School!



**Reminders**

Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup> we will have our parent workday from 8:30 am – 10:30 am. We need parents to volunteer help in all areas. A sign-up sheet will be posted listing ways you can help on this day.

Our last staff development day for this year is scheduled for Friday, September 3, 2010. This will give you one month's notice to help make other arrangements for your child(ren) on this day.



### **Food Program Forms**

It's again time to fill out the Income Eligibility form for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). To meet the guidelines, we must have new forms completed and on file in the office each year. Please take a few minutes to fill out your Eligibility forms, along with a new application (check your child's cubby), and return it to the office no later than August 9<sup>th</sup>. If you have any further questions, please see me.



### **Staff Update**

**New Infant Teacher:** We welcomed our new infant II teacher, Ms. Gayle Smith, to our new baby room. She has been training with Ms. Ann and Ms. Dietrich for the past week.

**Floater Transition Into Another Position:** Ms. Marilyn, one of our floaters, will be taking a lead teacher position in our Toddler class (Grasshoppers). She has been a floater in the Day School for almost 2 years and is very excited about her new position. She is looking forward to her new classroom. Ms. Marilyn will transition during the month of August.

**New Floater:** Toccara Bryant will work as a floater in our Day School Her scheduled hours will be Monday-Friday from 10am to 5:30pm. Our floaters will mostly cover breaks, lunches, and substitute when needed.

As part of protocol, all new hires will received the proper training before they are left alone in the classrooms without our lead teachers.

If you see or pass our new teachers in the classrooms or hallways, please join me in welcoming them to our team.

I will continue putting forth the effort to make Good Shepherd the best it can be! Thank you for your continued support.



August Birthdays:

August 2-Anderson Bock (2)

August 4-Shawanda Jordan

*Jackie Wilkins*

***Infant Room:***

August is the month that we get a fresh new start again. We are looking forward to the rest of the summer. The outside time has been great when it wasn't too hot! We even enjoyed watching little caterpillars crawling along with the cocoon on its back. It was quite interesting! We are having so much fun growing and developing day by day. Oscar is walking! Mckenna and Jaynah are moving around the room a lot. Grace is sitting up on her own and waving bye-bye. They all love the book corner. They expect story time every day. Please remember to volunteer each month. We would love to have just have you come and or read, or help out for 30 minutes. We welcome Gayle Smith to our infant room.



Ms. Ann-Caterpillars

***Young Toddlers***

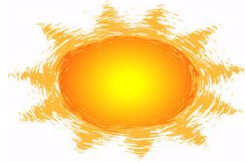
Time for school everybody! In the month of August we will register for different classes involving "all about school". Our morning classes are My School, Transportation to School, and What I Like to Do at School. After that is lunch time from 10:50-11:20am. We are encouraging our spoons to eat, but we like using our fingers the best! Finally, our afternoon classes are Art and Library. We will use crayons, paint, markers, colorful paper, and books to read and make beautiful creations about SCHOOL. Please remember to sign in and out daily, wash hands, remove shoes before entering into classroom and your parent volunteer time (1 hour each month). To our parents, we love you! "We have to go now, we're late for school!"



Ms. Vanessa-Butterflies

### ***Toddlers***

The unit for August is “Back to School”. We will have fun counting and recognizing our colors and shapes. We will also focus on fine motor skills such as tearing paper, gluing, and buttoning and unbuttoning. If you have old telephones (without cords), magazines, or books that you could donate it would be greatly appreciated. We welcome Hannah Battle to our class and her mother Michelle and father, Paul. Thank you for all your support.



Ms. Mary-Dragonflies

### ***Toddler II***

August is here already? The months are flying by fast in the firefly room. The fireflies are growing fast, learning new vocabulary all about choices and themselves as individuals. This month’s theme is “Back to School”. To help us explore our theme we will talk a lot about The Big Yellow School Bus and how our senses work! We will also enjoy enhancing our developing gross and fine motor skills this month by manipulating new puzzles, learning to button and zip, cutting and pasting, and jumping while on the playground.

We would like to wish Anderson Bock, 3, (8/2) and Ms. Shawanda (8/4) a very special birthday!

Firefly Reminders: Please remember to bring cot sheets on Monday, sign in and out, and parent volunteer hours.

Thank you parents for your dedication, consideration, support, and sincerity!

Ms. Shawanda-Fireflies

### ***Young Preschool***

Wow! The summer sure is flying by! We are ready for some cooler weather. Our theme for August is “Back to School”. Along with transportation, we will discuss different kinds of transportation and become aware of the occupations associated with different vehicles. We will also discuss school signs and buses. If you have anything you would like to share on our topics please let me know. I would like to thank our parents for your volunteer time this summer.

We would like to welcome John Widener and his parents, Randy and Colleen, to our class!

Ms. Yvonne-  
Bumblebees



August is here and we are preparing for a new school year. We are saying good-bye to the last of our class that is taking on a new adventure and welcoming new friends to our class.

This month, as we prepare for back to school, we will start with recognizing ways we are transported to Big school. These will include taking a school bus, walking with a big sister or brother, riding with a parent or car pooling with a friend. While we are taking this adventure we will focus on recognizing our traffic signs such as stop signs, school crossing, yield signs, traffic lights, railroad crossing, and much more!

As we prepare for our transition to Kindergarten we will be introducing:

- Literature that contains lots of letters, pictures, sight words, and numbers
- Different classroom settings
- Expectations from their Kindergarten teachers
- Begin formation of letters and phonics (letter sounds)
- Classroom safety
- Telephone numbers and addresses
- Parents' names

It is very important to us that our Pre-K class is prepared mentally, physically, and emotionally for the journey that is approaching in the next year. Various activities, field trips, role playing, and classroom interaction will do just that. We are honored to bridge the gap to the road that leads to higher learning . Parents your support will be greatly appreciated!

We are looking forward to having your child in our Pre-K classroom.

Ms. Shawanda

