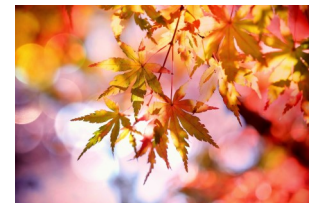




## Dickinson College Children's Center November 2022



### From the Director's Desk

November is a fast-paced month at DCCC! We have lots of fun days planned going forward so please be sure to check in on our weekly emails and classroom calendars! Fall Conferences went very well. It is always a great time to meet with your child's teacher and to learn about your child's day. We were especially pleased to be doing conferences in person once again.

We hope that all those that attended the DCCC Family event for Trick or Treating enjoyed seeing all the teachers dressed up and liked the little treats that were handed out. Our classroom parades for the Fall Harvest parties took place on the 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. Families gathered out front of the center to see the children ages pre-school and up parade in their dress up costumes.

The Advisory Committee has welcomed two new community members and two new college members: Ellen Hanna, Kristin Strock, Holley Friedlander, and Lauren Mishoe. Their bios were sent out through HiMama. They will have their first meeting for the school year in November. The Advisory members meet bi-monthly and take part in providing input for the center events, policies, and procedures.

Both Blue Bear and the Bunny classroom teachers continue to meet monthly with Kris Woody (M.Ed. PA Program-wide & School-wide Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports Facilitator), to discuss classroom challenges, routines, and daily schedules. The PBIS Core Team continues to also discuss implementing Positive Behavior Supports within the classrooms. Both Ms. Mandy and Ms. Jody are scheduled to attend the Implementor's Forum in Hershey at the end of the month. All teachers are required to obtain a minimum twelve hours of training by November including topics such as child development, health and safety and assessment. The center is once again inviting therapists and teacher supports into our classrooms to offer individual child services but to also help provide suggestions and share in collaboration with our teachers. Our goal is to help each child be successful in their day here at DCCC!

DCCC has a few big maintenance plans scheduled to occur over the next few months. We will be replacing the bathroom faucets and some of the very old cabinetry at the infant/toddler end of the building. We are also looking into finding a company to repair and seal the rubber surface on the playgrounds, doing some touch up painting on the climbers and painting within the center as well.

The following guideline will be placed in the DCCC Family Handbook in the spring of 2023 however, effective immediately, when a child is absent or leaves early due to illness, that they should not be permitted to attend extra Center activities (soccer, dance, family special events) until the child returns to care. In order to keep the children and families as healthy as possible, children who are absent due to illness should remain at home until it is determined that they can safely participate in the day at DCCC.

**-GINA VANKIRK, DIRECTOR**

### Dates to Remember:

November 3—  
November 16—  
FOOD DRIVE for  
Project SHARE

November 23-25—  
DCCC Closed for  
Thanksgiving

December 19-  
December 30,  
2021

DCCC CLOSED  
for Holiday Break

January 2, 2023—  
DCCC Re-opens



# Fundraising Updates!

Signature Sandwiches: \$262.80

Panera: \$140.06

Chipotle: \$215.97

Li'l Angels Photography: \$474.00

Kiss a Pig: \$562.00

PIG WINNERS: Mandy Gutshall (\$110.50) Barb Willow (\$105.00)

**\*\*Watch the kiss on DCCC's Facebook LIVE—Time/Day TBD!\*\***



**KISS THE PIG**

**Fundraising Total So Far: \$1654.83**

**Coming Soon: DCCC T-shirt/Sweatshirt Sales and Charleston Wrap  
(top individual seller at each end gets a \$50 tuition credit!)**



**Organization ID:**  
**21518**



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## 1# REGISTER

Register participant at  
[www.registercw.com](http://www.registercw.com)  
to access our handy invitation  
tools in the Participant  
Portal-Very important!



## 2# SHARE

Invite friends and family to  
support! SHARE a link to the sale  
via **TEXT & EMAIL** using our  
invitation tools. Don't forget to  
share with your followers on  
**SOCIAL MEDIA**, too!



## 3# SHOP

Go online to SHOP and help us  
reach our GOAL today! With  
over 2,500 gift ideas there is  
something for everyone!





## **DUCKLINGS**

October was a fun-filled month for the Ducklings. We welcomed fall into our classroom, exploring pumpkins, fall flowers and fallen leaves and celebrating the season in song and story. We experienced our very first Halloween! The older infants are beginning to enjoy table food which is an adventure for all of us! The younger infants are beginning to roll over, starting to grasp toys, and are watching their older friends with much interest.



In November, we will continue exploring our playground or have daily big room playtime. We enjoy watching birds fly in the sky, and looking at the leaves we find on the playground. We have been using this time for some small group play, as well. We will talk, sing and read board books all about the fall feast of Thanksgiving, everything from turkeys to Pilgrims! We will also baby sign "thank you".

Check out these articles that include some great play time ideas for you and your child at home!

<https://www.zerotothree.org/resources/312-stages-of-play-from-birth-to-6-months-a-full-body-experience>

<https://www.zerotothree.org/resources/313-stages-of-play-from-6-12-months-discovering-connections>

**LACI & STEPH**

### **Reminders:**

We're still in need of family pictures! You can bring them in, email them, or send them through HiMama Thank you!

Please make sure bottles and table food containers are labeled with your baby's name.







## **YELLOW PUPS**

October was a fun month in the puppy room! We explored pumpkins, gourds, and the changing fall leaves. Thank you to everyone who sent in pumpkins and gourds to share with the class! On the playground we noticed the leaves that have changed color and fallen off the trees. We had so much fun doing art projects! We made footballs, pumpkins, witch hats, owls, and candy corn footprints. All of us have grown to enjoy making things with our hand and footprints. Fingerpainting is becoming a new favorite! Our harvest celebration was a fun morning of dancing to spooky music, singing some fun songs, and painting.



November is going to be great month talking about all we are thankful for! We will read some special books, sing some songs, and make a special wearable art project. We will talk about friendships and color together, make a special collage, and practice pointing to our friends when we hear their names. We will wrap up our friend week with songs, and dancing. November is also the month of being grateful for our families and pets. Thank you to everyone for joining us for the parent teacher conferences. It was great to have some special time to talk about your beautiful children!

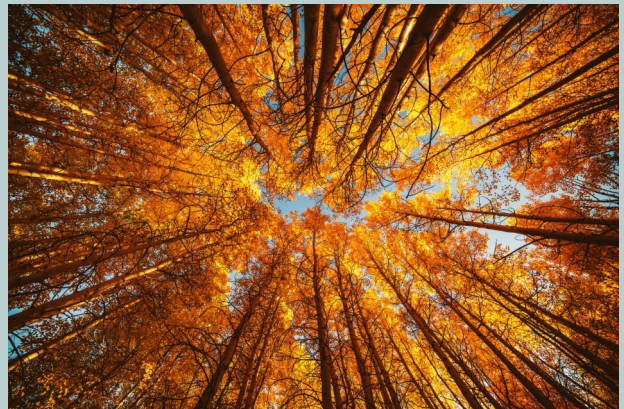
**ALISHA & MIMI**

### **Family Reminders:**

Please send in pet photos if you have any, as we will talk about our pets this month. You can bring photos in or email them through Himama. Thank you!

Feel free to keep a sweatshirt or sweater in our room for your child and be sure to send in some seasonal spare clothes for those unexpected times.

Check your child's mailbox daily.



## **BLUE PUPPIES**



The puppies had so much fun this past month with our Halloween themed crafts, painting ghost, paper plate pumpkins and bats. Coloring cats and making a bubbling cauldron. Our favorite song to dance to was "Spooky Scary Skeletons" and we read just about every Halloween book we had in the room. We all looked cute in our Halloween shirts on our festival day and enjoyed painting a real pumpkin and dancing to Halloween songs!

This month we are going to be exploring all the fun things that happen within the fall season like squirrels, leaves, and turkeys!

We have been seeing lots of squirrels running through our playground, we will paint a squirrel, color an acorn, and sing a funny song about them.

Leaves are falling. The puppies will have fun with leaves as we paint with them, count them, identify their colors and make a leaf collage on contact paper. We will have them in our sensory table as well and sing songs about leaves. We will also dance with fake leaves!

We are also talking about feelings and how our actions make our friends feel. The puppies will be coloring a friendship mural together and read books about families and friendship.

Gobble, Gobble! The puppies will paint with feathers, make a hand print turkey, and sing funny turkey songs.

We will be sending home a paper leaf for your family to write down what you are thankful for and bring back so we can hang them up!

### **REMINDERS:**

- ~make sure you are checking your child's mail box (folder) every day
- ~bring in seasonal extra clothes for your child.
- ~please have a warm coat/jacket for those cool mornings and cold days.
- ~**CATHRYN & MIMI**



## **YELLOW HONEY BEES**



Hello Yellow Bee Families!

We want to thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedules to attend a parent-teacher conference. It was wonderful to talk to all of you!

We had so much fun preparing our classroom for fall. We have had lovely weather, which has allowed us to enjoy all the beauty that the fall season brings. We have explored the textures of leaves and learned about their many colors. We sorted and counted apples. We carved a pumpkin. We painted with brown, red, and yellow. We talked about the weather and learned that the temperature is getting cooler. We also enjoyed making crafts related to Halloween. Practicing our colors, shapes, and counting has been a daily occurrence. The children are grasping these concepts nicely.

Several of our Yellow Bee's have been successfully using the potty. We have begun the process of rewarding these moments with stickers and prizes from the prize box. During the month of November, the children will learn about various forms of transportation, food, and what it means to be "thankful".

### **A few reminders..**

- Please make sure that your child has a change of clothes that is appropriate for cooler weather.
- The center will be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday starting on Wednesday, November 23rd thru Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for all that you do to help make the Yellow Bee's Room such a great place to be. ☐
- Barb and Michele



## **BLUE BUSY BEES**

During the month of October, we talked about apples how they grow on a tree and that they can be made into many yummy treats. The children had fun helping to make our apple snack by using their muscles to peel, core and slice up the apples. We also talked about pumpkins and gourds. We learned that both apples and pumpkins come from a very tiny seed planted into the ground. We also learned that while an apple grows up on a tree and pumpkin grows down on the ground upon a vine. The month was finished up with a spooky fun week. Reading books about trick-or-treating was fun and we had a Halloween costume party in our classroom. We are working on recognizing the letters in our names, counting from 1-10 and recognizing those numbers as well. We continue to work on following directions in the classroom as well as when we are outside and cleaning up our toys when it is time to move onto another activity. The blue bees are also learning to use their words to convey their wants and needs to their teachers and friends and learning to understand and respect their friend's feelings and words. Now that we have coat weather, the children will also be learning to put their own coats on with the coat flip, ask your little one to show you how it works, it is a great way for them to learn to put their coat on independently. (see bottom of page)

In November, we will talk about kindness and being thankful for the people and things that we have in our lives. Our focus weeks will be Leaves, Hibernation, Migration or Adaptation, Family & Friends, Turkey Time, and Music and Movement.

We would like to thank all the families for taking time to attend your child's conference and talk about what your child has been doing and to learn about things that we will be working on with your child.

### **Friendly Reminders:**

Please be sure to bring in weather appropriate clothing changes.

Be sure to label your child's coats, hats, and gloves so they do not get mixed up and end up on another child.

### **Coat Flip Steps:**



### **JODY & CASSIE**



# Preschool Pages...

## PBIS Spotlight: SOLUTION BOARD

The preschool classrooms have many strategies to help the children develop their social and emotional skills. One of the strategies they use is a Solution Board. The Solution Board is an area in each of the preschool classrooms that provides visual cues to assist in solving problems. The Solution Board helps with problems such as wanting something a friend has, taking turns, and sharing. When using the board, the teachers help the children identify their feelings at that time, and help them talk through the solution with their classmates that are involved with the problem.

### POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS (all represented with graphics in each classroom):

Get a Teacher  
Say Please  
Play Together  
Get a timer  
Ask nicely  
Trade  
Say "Please stop"  
Share





## **YELLOW BEARS**



We loved dressing and acting like firefighters during fire safety week! We had a lot of fun playing with and exploring the inside and outside of pumpkins the last week of October! We

will explore more fall concepts with an active eye on the trees during the month of November!

With the winter weather upon us please remember to start gathering up and preparing to send in hats, gloves/mittens, and seasonally appropriate coats. We will go outside as long as the temperature FEELS like 25 degrees or more!

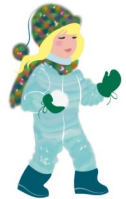


Please send boots, snow pants, and waterproof mittens in by the end of November, so we are ready for

winter weather! Also check the extra clothes bins for seasonally appropriate clothing! Be sure you are practicing the self-dressing skills at home; it will be very helpful when the time comes to get our snow clothes on and off!

Check out the flier on our classroom door, there are some very good and very age-appropriate parent workshops coming up! Take the time to educate yourself and help your child build their emotional skills!

~ MANDY



## **BLUE BEARS**



What a fun filled month of October! We had a great time learning about fire safety and what we should do if we see fire. We talked about Germs and how to keep our bodies healthy and safe. We had fun learning about apples. We even made homemade applesauce, it was so yummy. We also learned about pumpkins by weighing and measuring our pumpkins, carving them and roasting the seeds.

One of our favorite activities was dressing up in costumes and having fun games and activities in the Big room.



We will spend some time this month talking about exercise and eating healthy. We will also study trees this month. We will talk about how some trees change with the seasons and some stay the same all year and will discover all the ways people use trees.

We will talk about being thankful and how we can show gratitude and be helpful to our friends and family. As you can tell, it's going to be another busy month for the Blue Bears!

Please make sure you are sending your Blue Bear with a warm coat. It is going to be getting colder and the playground is not as much fun when we are cold. Feel free to send layers so if we have warmer afternoons, we can help your child dress for the appropriate temperature.

We will have a few days off for Thanksgiving. The center will be closed Nov. 23-25 and classes will resume Monday Nov. 28. Hoping everyone has a Wonderful Thanksgiving!

~KENDRA & CHRISTA





## **BUNNIES**

We had an outstanding October! We were all over the globe looking at trees from the rainforest in the Amazon (how can you forget the GREEN ANACONDA?) to the forests, apple groves, and pumpkin patches around our community! All the bunny ghouls and goblins celebrated autumn and all its splendor during the last week of October! The trick or treat family night, fall fun festival parade, and activities in the big room were enjoyed by all! A big thank you to those who participated and helped make it a fun time in October!

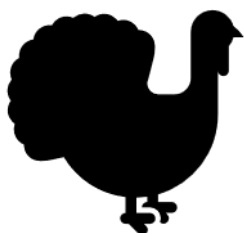


October was also a time we got to meet with bunny families during our conference times! We discussed the transitions that the bunnies had gone through and how everyone was doing socially and emotionally! It was a pleasure getting to meet with families and can exchange questions, thoughts, and concerns.

November is upon us and will be gone before we know it! We were really looking forward to what teacher will have to KISS THE PIG. We are going to be conducting an exercise study during the month of November. We will take a brief pause to talk about thankfulness in the middle of the month but return to an exercising theme by the end of



the month! A lot of fun things are planned for the Bunnies, including walking Wednesday field trips to the Kline and different exercise areas on campus! With the focus on exercise, please make sure your child is wearing the appropriate attire for exercising. Keep an eye on the lesson plan, so you don't miss anything.



### **A few notables as we head into November:**

-Feel free to come into the classroom to check your child's extra clothing to make sure it's seasonably appropriate. Along those lines, we do go outside most days weather permitting. Please make sure your child is clothed in the appropriate clothing with accordance to the daily weather.

-Toys from home stay at home. We allow the students a lovie/stuffed animal for their cot at nap time. To avoid losing these items or the items getting broken, as well as other social distractions, we ask that they stay at home, or in the car before coming into the classroom. We have allotted each child their own "show and tell" day that they can share their special belongings.

-The center will be closed Wednesday, November 23- Friday, November 25.

~CARLY & SARAH

# KINDERGARTEN DOLPHINS



October was a very busy and fun month! Color days, community helpers and career day, pumpkin discoveries, costume day and a fall harvest party and a trick or treat night!

We are loving having our student teacher Ms. Elizabeth and our Language teacher Ms. Julia who have continued to come in and work with us.

We learned the color words and had a lot of fun dressing up for our color days to help us practice them. In Literacy, we have been learning about the parts of a book as well as different parts of a story; like characters, setting, problem and solution and have been practicing retelling the stories we have been reading. During our writing time we have been enjoying writing in our kid writing journals! We have been practicing being the Illustrators where we have learned how to tell stories with pictures. We have learned how to add details and colors to our pictures, we learned how to share, and even to label our work! We discovered the “glue” of our writing time which is conferencing where a teacher meets with the student to discuss their writing. We are continuing to practice our handwriting and doing new lessons with Ms. Ashley to learn new letters.

In Math we have learned about making ten with ten frames and practicing using them without having to count all the dots. We have started pocket problems which is the early stages of addition and subtraction. Which they are very excited for!

This month is science we have been learning about trees, leaves, fall, and pumpkins. We have been discussing life cycles and making observations about pumpkins.

In November, we have more excitement in store! We will be learning about nocturnal and diurnal animals, being thankful and Thanksgiving. We will be continuing to work on story elements, retelling, learn 2 of our digraphs, segmenting, and blending. In math we will continue to practice pocket problems and start number stories. We will also be starting monthly visits from the Bosler Library which we are very excited about. We are also doing a food collection for and delivering to Project Share during the month

November so please consider sending in some items  
Keep checking ClassTag for information on special dates. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Special Dates: DCCC Closed November 23-25

- **Ms. BRITTNEY & Ms. ASHLEY**

