




SUMMER FEES

Just a few reminders to all parents:

- o Fees are due no later than the 10th of each month, or a **late fee of \$25 will be charged!** Please make arrangements to mail your payment or drop it off early if you are going to be on vacation.
- o All payments may be dropped in the **gold fee box on the wall to the left of our front door.** 
- o Please **do not put checks in envelopes.**
- o Always remember to **write your child's first and last name and classroom on your check** to ensure it is posted to the correct account.
- o If we have **not received** your updated **emergency information**, signed 2010-2011 **permission form, fee agreement** and **transportation form** (for school age), your child is **not** yet enrolled for September.

SPECIAL SUMMER EVENTS

We have several Center-wide special events planned for this summer thanks to all of your efforts in Parent Fundraising. **Families are always welcome** to join us for these special events. Check with your child's individual classroom for specific times.

- ◆ **Thursday, July 22nd at 10:00 am Stretch the Silly Man** was here to make some magic and entertain us.
- ◆ **Wednesday, August 4th Bounce Around** will be here with bouncy activities and slides along with a rock climbing wall.
- ◆ **Monday, August 16th Happy Tales Petting Zoo and Pony Rides** will be here from 9:00 – 12:00 on the
- ◆ **Wednesday, August 25th Artie the Magician** will perform his magic at 10:00.

FRESH FOOD FOR SUMMER

During the summer the menu at Kirby changes a bit to accommodate the warmer weather. That means fewer hot lunches and more fresh fruit and vegetables for the children. We serve wheat bread and wheat rolls wherever possible. Cooked vegetables are replaced with raw, fresh vegetables (carrots, broccoli, for example) and there is always fresh fruit throughout the year. Every Friday is a cook out. Our kitchen staff grill hamburgers and/or chicken.



ICE CREAM MAN



Every Wednesday and Friday the Kirby Center gets a visit from the Ice Cream Man! On **Wednesdays** he will be here at **1:00p.m.** for **Toddler and Preschool** ages. On **Friday** the truck will be here at **4:00p.m.** for the **School Age Camp** groups. Please make sure that you send money with your child on that day. We will **NOT** be able to lend money to children that do not have it.



SUMMER STUFF

Just a few reminders:

- **Every child must be signed in and out daily!** This also applies to our Campers. We use these lists to keep track of who has been picked up, in the event of a fire drill.
- **No open-toed sandals please!** All classrooms do go outside daily and will be running, jumping, and climbing on our playground equipment. For your child's safety, **sneakers or shoes only** should be worn to Kirby. Children may bring water shoes for outdoor water play. *Please note that crocs are slippery and provide no traction or support.*
- All children should have a **bathing suit and towel daily.** With the hot weather, we will be doing a lot of water play in the sprinklers and pools.
 - During the summer many of our groups have scheduled field trips. **Please note the posted departure times of all field trips and swimming.** If you arrive after your child's group has left the building, your child **CANNOT** stay at the Center. Children cannot be left with another group.
- Younger children, and any children going on hiking trips, should **wear a hat to protect them from the sun (as well as ticks!).**
- Please make sure that you check your child for ticks everyday...
- **Please bring in a bottle of sunscreen SPF 30 or more for your child's classroom.**



SUMMER THOUGHTS

A little boy was overheard talking to himself as he strode through his backyard, baseball cap in place and toting ball and bat. "I am the greatest baseball player in the world," he said proudly. Then he tossed the ball in the air, swung and missed.

Undaunted, he picked up the ball, threw it into the air and said to himself, "I am the greatest player ever!" He swung at the ball again, and again he missed. He paused a moment to examine the bat and ball carefully. Then once again he threw the ball into the air and said, "I am the greatest baseball player who ever lived." He swung the bat hard and again missed the ball.

"Wow!" he exclaimed. "What a pitcher!"

-- Source Unknown

By encouraging children, we help them to develop positive self-esteem. So, when we are not with them, they have the ability to encourage themselves.



COMING IN SEPTEMBER



CENTER CLOSED

The Kirby Children's Center will be **CLOSED** on **Friday, September 3rd** for a Staff Development Day, **AND Monday, September 6th** in observance of Labor Day. See you on **September 7th**! Due to the holidays our LBK programs will begin on Monday, September 13th.

BOX TOPS UPDATE

Thank you everyone for participating in our Box Top Campaign for school year 2009 - 2010. We collected \$695.50 for the year which included \$636.50 (6,365 actual box tops) in box tops, \$47.00 in marketplace earnings and \$12.00 in bonus box top earnings.

And now for the 2009-2010 school year winner - drum roll please – collecting 1,220 box tops, the largest amount ever collected by one class, is Preschool 3. Great Job!!!! Congrats PS3 and enjoy your pizza and ice cream party this month.

Please continue to collect box tops throughout the summer. Any box top collected during the summer will be counted in the school year 2010 – 2011 campaign. If anyone has any ideas on ways of collecting more box tops please get involved and let me know.

If you would like to find out exactly how many box tops your child's class submitted please send me an email for the details at KathyJ@speakeasy.net.

Keep clipping for classroom parties and other fun events!
Kathy Jenkinson (PS3)

CLASSROOM PARENT REPS

WANTED: At least two **Parent Representatives** for each classroom, Infant through Kirby Kindergarten and two for each grade, Kindergarten and School Age.

Parent reps are parents who are willing to assist teachers and administrators in communication with the other parents in their child's classroom. This would include **making phone calls during snow closings**, and for other special events. Parent reps are also asked to be **telephone references for prospective Kirby families**.

If you would like to be a parent rep for your classroom, please speak to Susan in the front office or your child's Lead Teacher. Thanks!



WATCH FOR DETAILS...

YMCA SPECIAL CLASSES

The following is a list of **projected YMCA and special classes** we will offer to Kirby Kids in the fall. **Registration for these classes will be in August with the regular YMCA class sign-ups. All families will be able to utilize the on-line registration.** Classes begin the week of September 8th.



Preschool

Computer Tots, Dance Kids, Gymnastics, Sports & Games, and Swimming

(Computertots will be holding **free mini-classes** to acquaint preschool children with their program on **Tues, Sept 14th**.

School Age (including but not limited to)

Computer Explorers, Flag Football, Fitness Training, Gymnastics, Karate, Little Scientists, Soccer, Sports Plus, Swimming and Adventures



The information on how to register will be mailed out at the beginning of August!

SAVE THE DATES



The Kirby Center Council will host two events coming up in September. On Tuesday, September 14 the Parent Council will host a New Family Orientation meeting from 5:15 to 6:15 location to be determined.

The Kirby Council will also host a Meet the Council Reception on Tuesday, September 28 from 5:15 to 6:15 in out courtyard. Plan to stop by and meet the Kirby Center administrative staff and the current Council members. Find out what the Council is all about, meet and speak to the Kirby senior staff.

DON'T BE AFRAID TO FAIL

You've failed many times, although you may not remember. You fell down the first time you tried to walk. You almost drowned the first time you tried to swim ...didn't you? Did you hit the ball the first time you swung a bat? Heavy hitters, the ones who hit the most home runs, also strike out a lot. R.H. Macy failed seven times before his store in New York caught on. English novelist John Creasey got 753 rejection slips before he published 564 books. Babe Ruth struck out 1,330 times, but he also hit 714 home runs.

Don't worry about failure. Worry about the chances you miss when you don't even try.

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