

Family Connection

FAA/DOT Child Development Center

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From the Director

It is that time of year again! I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. We sadly say goodbye to our summer camp friends and those that are starting new chapters in their lives. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new and returning families!! We look forward to the upcoming school year as it will be filled with lots of learning and adventure.



From the Board of Directors

I would like to welcome everyone to the start of a new school year. The teachers have been hard at work getting the classrooms ready for everyone's return. There will be a family orientation and a Board Member meet and greet on September 25, 2019, I hope to see you there.

Warmly,
Layla Asplen
President, Board of Directors



First Day of School Blues

The first days can be an anxious time for some children (and some moms and dads, too)! They walk in a new room with new children, and new grownups, and new "stuff," and maybe they get a little teary-eyed too. Your baby is growing up so fast. Well, it's no wonder some children might suddenly cling to their parents and cry! Here are some tips for getting through the first few days:

Try to act confident yourself. If you seem anxious and unsure, your child will pick up on that and start worrying too.

Make sure to say goodbye when you leave. Trying to "sneak out" when your child is busy and not looking sometimes makes your child panic a few minutes later, and may make separation even more difficult the next day.

If your child is having an especially hard time, we will give you a call on your cell or work phone. (Let us know which number is best to reach you.)



Mark Your Calendars...

Labor Day

Monday, September 2, 2019
Center Closed

Tuition Due

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Annual Bowling Party

Saturday, September 21, 2019



Tuition Due

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Family Orientation

Board Member Meet and Greet

Wednesday, September 25, 2019



This Month's Birthdays

Robbie L. – September 5th

Cole L. – September 8th

Liam F. – September 12th

Ms. Rosezena – September 24th

Oria A. – September 26th



Refer a Friend

Do you have a friend who, like you places a high priority on their children's education? Then let them know about our center so their child can benefit from our great educational program too! When you help us spread the word to your friends, you both win!

- You get a week's free tuition for your child.
- Your friend gets free registration.

Tell your friends about our outstanding program and give them our contact information. There's no limit to the number of referrals you can make. Space is however limited in several classes. See a member of the administration team for details.



Curriculum Corner

A good learning environment allows children to achieve and practice developmental tasks of the early years.

FAA/DOT CDC provides your child with an environment offering a variety of choices to respond to their individual interests, with blocks of time for developing their ideas.

INFANTS – Welcome to all our infant families! We hope that you had an amazing summer and break, school is back in season. We are excited to introduce our new families to our FAADOT community, as we have so much that we will be doing the remainder of this year. Being that our room ranges from 3 months to 1 year each child is on their individual developmental journey so while some our learning to walk, stack blocks and so much more others will be working on tummy time, grasping, crawling and holding their bottles. Not only, will fine motor skills be practiced but gross motor, social, intellectual and emotional skills. We will have arts and crafts projects, buggy rides and special guests that come with educational entertainment for the children throughout the year so we will have a fun-tastic school year and we can't wait to experience this all with you!

- Ms. Ciara, Ms. Mary and Ms. Maya (The Infant Team)

TODDLER I – Welcome Back Toddlers! To kick off this new school year we are going to learn about “Our Wonderful World”. Each weekly theme will emphasize a specific area in their life. Week One will focus on “I Am Special” and what makes them stand out from their friends. Self-image is important on how our children view themselves. Week Two will focus on “My Family”. Parents please bring in photographs of your family to post around the classroom. Our children would love to see familiar faces while they are learning. During Week Three “My Friends” will be the main focus. We will teach them how to build lifelong friendships. In closing, Week Four will focus on “My Neighborhood”. The community we live in is very vital to the development of our children.

- Toddler I Team

TODDLER II – Welcome to the new school year! This month we will spend time working on learning our classroom rules and routine. The themes for this month in class will be Back to School and All about me. Toys are allowed in class only on Fridays no exceptions. We look forward to a wonderful school year full of fun learning in the toddler 2 classroom.

- The Toddler II Team

PRESCHOOL I – Greetings!! We welcome all our new and old friends in Preschool1. Threes are very interested in learning about their environment and the people around them so this first month we will explore their “Wonderful World!” Week one your children will learn how special and unique they are. In week two & three, we will focus on those special people that we see every day “My Friends & Family.” If you have any questions or concerns please let Ms. Kendra and Ms. Phyllis know.

- Preschool I Team

PRE-KINDERGARTEN – We are excited that you chose our program and look forward to a fun and successful year! The teachers will provide you with a welcome packet outlining the classroom routine and expectations. If you have any questions about the Pre-K welcome packet, please do not hesitate to ask us. We are here for you!!! In addition, our class will develop age appropriate goals for your child and partner with you to implement them.

- All the best,
- Pre-K Team 😊

Parent Association News



Welcome back!!

As the new school year begins, we look forward to the planned Parent Association activities primarily focused on increasing family involvement at the center. Keep your eyes out for more information.

If you would like to assist us, please let Ms. Sharleen know, and she will forward your contact information to us.

Reminder

September 21, 2019

FAA/DOT CDC BOWLING DAY PARTY

2nd ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT

Come join the fun at the First Annual FAA/DOT Bowling Party. Bring your entire family and friends to this annual fundraising event, which promises to be a great time. Tickets are on sale now. Family discounts are available.

**AMF BOWLING LANES, ANNADALE, VIRGINIA
6450 Edsell Road Alexandria, VA 22003**

10:00 a.m-12:00 p.m.

**\$20.00 per person bowling shoes
included**

Evacuation Locations

Primary Site

GSA Building (Russell Office Building)
7th & D Streets, SW Basement Safe Room (G212)
Washington, DC

Secondary Site

St. Dominic's Church
630 E Street, SW
Washington, DC

Command Center Phone Numbers

**202-267-8829
202-267-8830
202-267-8833
202-493-5333**

Parent wardens are needed to help the children exit the building during evacuation practice and building fire alarms. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Tyrie Hudson, FAA Safety Occupational Health Coordinator at tyrie.hudson@faa.gov. Your help would be much appreciated.

**If you have never been to our evacuation locations,
please see Ms. Sharleen about joining us for a drill.**

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