

Thank You Brookside Lions Club!

During Spring, Brookside Lions Club members came to perform vision screening for nearly 60 of our children ages 2-5. Black & white photos were taken of the children's eyes by a special camera. The images then are viewed by an optometrist, Day Muscelli, who is also a Lions Club member. Common disorders that can be observed include "lazy eye," "crossed eyes," near- or far-sightedness, or astigmatism. It is a wonderful service provided free of charge, and can very easily detect issues at



an unusually early age. Early detection enables earlier treatment removing obstacles to learning opportunities. We at NDNCC thank the Brookside Lions Club for assisting our young learners.

NDNCC Co-Sponsors Family
 Concerts with Newark



NDNCC partnered with the City of Newark as co-sponsor of two Family Fun Concerts as a part of the city's Spring Concert Series. Under a beautiful sky on the UD Academy Building lawn, John Hadfield on May 17 and Rick Waterhouse on May 31st provided families with two evenings of engaging and fun music. Children and parents enjoyed throwing Frisbees provided by NDNCC on the lawn as they listened to music. The children loved the free ice cream and water ice also provided by NDNCC.

For over 46 years, we have been seeking ways to better serve families in our community. The Family Concert Series has aided those successful efforts to reach out to the community and we had some fun in the process.

PNC Grow Up Great Supports Quality at NDNCC

PNC Grow Up Great, the financial services firm's \$100 million, 10-year investment in school readiness, partners with NDNCC in 2007 to provide the best possible educational experience for our children. PNC Grow Up Great combines generous corporate support with a commitment to better preparing young children for school and life.

With the help of Grow Up Great resources:

- UD Community Music School ECE instructors can provide special music and movement classes for our pre-school, Pre-Kindergarten, & Kindergarten children to stimulate not only musical development, but also mathematical development.
- Formal developmental assessments can be conducted throughout the school year for all children in our Early Childhood Learning Program—children from 6 weeks to 5 years old—to evaluate child progress and development as well as classroom curriculum effectiveness.
- Special community performers visit on-site to enrich our children's education by exposing them to diverse music, dance, and performing arts.

Thanks, PNC Grow Up Great, for helping us "Educate, enrich, and inspire" our children!



DE Bankers Present "Teach Children to Save Program"



This May, the students in NDNCC's After School Program had the opportunity to participate in the *Teach Children to Save Program*, sponsored by the Delaware Bankers Association Financial Education Alliance and the University of Delaware's Center for Economic Education and Entrepreneurship. Mark Lucey of Citizen's Bank taught the children valuable lessons about savings, interest, and banking. He centered the lessons around "Rock, Brock, and Savings Shock" by Sheila Barr, a children's book on saving money. The event was a wonderful opportunity for our children and community to connect. Thank you to the sponsoring organizations and to Mr. Lucey for a great day!

Donation Wish List

If you find that you have any of these items lying around, NDNCC would greatly appreciate a donation.

- Paper
- Office supplies
- Storage containers
- 4 or 5 drawer lateral files
- Computer games – Windows 98 or newer
- Construx (construction toys)
- Gently used children's books

- Multi-cultural / diverse music CDs
- Multi-cultural clothes to be used for dress-ups (dramatic play areas)
- Game table – air hockey, bumper pool, etc.
- New non-permanent markers
- Sturdy push toys
- Sturdy trucks for outdoor use
- Sturdy books – board, plastic
- Non-violent costumes
- Complete puzzles

DCF Youth Philanthropy Supports NDNCC

Performers and music from diverse cultures will be available to excite and teach our children as a result of the support from the Youth Philanthropy Board for New Castle County of the Delaware Community Foundation (DCF). NDNCC was awarded \$800 at the annual Youth Philanthropy Board Grant Presentation Meeting on May 17th to create more



opportunities for our children to experience and learn about diverse music. The youth board is made up of 15 students from New Castle County high school students who are given the opportunity to learn about community needs and make grants from the Youth Philanthropy Fund. The team of young philanthropists visited NDNCC to evaluate our proposal and see first hand work going on at our center.

DCF is a nonprofit, community organization created to provide a lasting source of charitable funding to benefit the people of Delaware. Our deep appreciation goes to the Youth Philanthropy Board for allowing us to expand the ways for our children to learn.

Ways We Ensure Safety and Quality at NDNCC

- Annual playground inspections by certified inspector to identify any possible safety issues.
- Health and Safety Consultant that conducts random observations of health practices in classrooms.
- Certified nutritionists to review kitchen menus and make recommendations.
- Emergency Response Plan that includes strategies for various possible emergency situations to ensure safety and care of our children.



- NAEYC accreditation ensuring program excellence.
- Semi-annual developmental assessments for children and conferences with parents.
- Theme-based, developmentally appropriate lesson plans.



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The Newark Day Nursery and Children's Center is dedicated to providing the highest quality early childhood and school age services to educate, enrich, and inspire children and youth from culturally and economically diverse families.

Did You Know . . . ?

- "85% of who you are – your intellect, your personality, your social skills – is developed by the age of five. Let's invest where it makes a difference." (Massachusetts Early Education for All)
- Children from low-income families have gained 5,000 word vocabularies by the time they are in first grade. In contrast, children from more affluent families enter school with vocabularies of 20,000 words. (Children's Defense Fund)
- "You have about 1,000 days to build a baby's brain . . . to create a reader, a communicator, a learner and a thinker" (UD Center for Disabilities Studies.)



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