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To EDUCATE, ENRICH, AND INSPIRE



- Early Childhood Education
- Full-Day Kindergarten with Certified Teacher
- Before- and After-School Care
- Summer Camp at NDNCC
- New Castle County Head Start-Newark Site
- Community-Based Outreach Services

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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.

**Enrolling Now!
Full- and Half-Day Kindergarten**

Volunteer Opportunities

Group and individual maintenance projects:

- Yard work
- Repairs
- Painting

Board committee governance help:

- Finance
- Health services
- Facility manager
- Legal
- Fund development

Call 731-4925 for more information on how you can help Newark Day Nursery and Children's Center.



**Support the
United Way
Community
Impact Fund**

NDNCC Receives NAEYC Nod!!!!!!!

We are especially proud to announce that Newark Day Nursery & Children's Center has received, for the fourth time, accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children. This achievement represents the conclusion of a 1+ year process for this stage. NAEYC's phrase "Promoting Excellence in Early Childhood Education" requires ongoing assessment and refinements, so receiving the accreditation itself is by no means a true conclusion. The process has



changed and the criteria have expanded in number and complexity since the last time we received this honor in 2002. NAEYC examines the entire program in 10 different areas from curriculum, to staff qualifications, to health & safety, to community involvement to the physical facility, to name a few. All of the staff members and Board are extraordinarily proud to be recognized for their efforts in this process and the everyday care and nurturing given to our children.

Newark Day Achieves 84% of Capital Goal

Children, parents, community volunteers, and teachers all share in the excitement of the extraordinary community support for the NDNCC Capital Campaign. The Campaign Co-Chairs, Cathy Wojewodzki and Charlene Benson announced that the campaign has raised \$635,000 – 84% of the \$757,300 campaign goal.

Reaching the campaign's goal will allow numerous projects for improved safety and quality for the children's care and education. Improvements include facility expansion to allow new private child assessment and reading rooms, improved facility security, modern kitchen equipment, higher energy efficiency, enhancement to the four playgrounds, meeting new federal and county requirements, and new classroom learning environments.

Even with this tremendous support thus far, campaign volunteers acknowledge the last 15% of the goal will be the most challenging to meet. Any one interested in volunteering to help with the



campaign, board committees or if you would like to make a campaign contribution you should contact the center at (302) 731-4925 or email cabarlow@newarkdaynursery.org.

PNC Supports "Time to Sign"

Staff members from several age groups attended an evening workshop entitled "Time to Sign." They learned the basics of American Sign Language and how to apply it in the classrooms. The Infants and Tweenies specifically have found this a great benefit to their classrooms by expanding the children's ability to communicate as they physically develop the ability to speak the English language. They sing and sign songs, label objects, colors, express needs/wants... It is great to watch. Thanks to PNC Bank for providing funding for this wonderful



curriculum enhancing opportunity. In this picture the children are signing "Airplane."

Donation Wish List

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

- Paper
- Office supplies
- Board books for younger children
- Vinyl beanbag chairs
- Computer games – Windows 98 or newer
- Gently used sports equipment for school-aged children
- Small doll houses
- Sturdy push toys and trucks for outdoor use
- Disposable diapers



JP Morgan Chase Grants Provide Scholarship and Literacy Curriculum

JP Morgan Chase generously provided NDNCC with a grant to support services and curriculum. NDNCC utilized the funds to support 39 children from low-moderate income households to allow them to participate in our quality early learning services.

The remaining funds were used to improve our Literacy Curriculum. Kindergarten, Pre-Kindergarten and Pre-school classes purchased and implemented Scholastic's Building Language for Literacy Curriculum Packages and Charters Kits. Our Pre-K class uses the curricula weekly by reading one book as a group and utilizing the puppet kits to reinforce letter recognition. Our full day Kindergarten teacher finds the material very useful because she can use both the Phase I and II materials to assign listening and book stories based on the children's literacy skill level. This allows children to be challenged positively without discouragement.

All classroom teachers (Infant through K) were able to add to literacy resources by replacing old, worn books in our small library or purchasing new books to enhance literacy development. Teachers were able to order 150 new library books which meet the developmental needs of our children. Thank you JP Morgan Chase!

Markell Unveils ECE Plan at NDNCC

Jack Markell, Delaware State treasurer and a former NDNCC board member, chose NDNCC as the site to announce his early childhood education plan as part of his gubernatorial campaign. Following the press conference, he enjoyed the challenge of reading the tongue twisting Dr. Seuss book "Fox in Sox" to the amused NDNCC Kindergarten students.



Camp at NDNCC



What happened to Winter? It may be hard to believe that it's almost time for summer camp. However, here at NDNCC we begin our planning for summer camp almost in early October. We begin by reviewing the surveys completed by parents, staff, and of course campers. We spend time looking at ways to improve our already strong summer programming. We heard that you enjoyed the local and educational trips, and we will continue that theme. Last year, we visited Fort Delaware at Pea Patch Island for a taste of local history. This year we are thrilled to have received the Red Apple Grant, which will allow us to take our campers to the Delaware Art Museum during our "The Finer Things" Week. A week dedicated to, well, the finer things in life. Some favorites will be returning to us, such as the ever-popular Stars on the Move, a portable and inflatable planetarium. We will be going back to the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia for our Fitness Week. Those tried-and-true favorites will be here too; Jungle Jim's and Hershey Park. Thank you again to the Red Apple Fund, as well as all the parents, community members, and organizations that continue to support School Age Summer Programming.

Christmas Shop Helps!

The Christmas Shop Foundation recently supported NDNCC's Scholarship Fund to help us enroll low income children into our program. We are proud to be one of 57 agencies they were able to support in 2008 to help meet the many needs in our Delaware community. We are grateful for their support!!

School Age Photography Club

Our special interests clubs represent one of the many things that make our School Age programs unique. Entirely chosen by the enrolled youth, they afford the students a chance to have a say in their lives, as well as helping them explore their interests and desire to learn. This session our clubs include



Cooking, Fitness, Art, Science and Ecology, and Photography. For the third consecutive time the students of our After School program decided to learn more about the

art of photography. The students who register for this class spend eight to ten weeks learning to use both digital and film media to express themselves through the lens. Our youth are shown a variety of ways to edit, improve, and alter their images using several types of software. Photography, however, is not a cheap art form. We could always use photo paper (for digital prints), framing and mounting supplies, and of course donations of new or gently used cameras and equipment. If you would like help with our ongoing projects, please contact Dane Hutchinson, our School Age Site Director.

NDNCC Hosts Newark Rotary

NDNCC had the honor of hosting the Newark Morning Rotary Club for a recent breakfast meeting at our Center. Following a gourmet breakfast catered by Caffé Gelato, the members heard about the early childhood and school age programs at our Center, and the plans for renovations as part of the Capital Campaign. Several members took the opportunity to tour the facility.

