

# Chit Chat

A Newsletter for Families  
of NDNCC



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# Special Announcement

## A NOTE FROM THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Hello Families,

We are rolling into another beautiful school year filled with laughter, smiles, and lots of learning!

This past spring, many ECE families completed the parent satisfaction surveys and results indicated families were interested in more technology based communications. We heard you and have started using 'Class Dojo' as another way to communicate with families in the Infant through Pre-K classes. If you are unsure about what 'Class Dojo' is, please talk to me or one of your child's teachers about becoming part of the online communication tool. Class Dojo will be utilized this school year and we hope that it brings brighter communications between school and home.

Our National Association of Educating Young Children (NAEYC) Accreditation is coming up this year. Teachers have been working diligently gathering and collecting data to complete their classroom portfolio boxes. We will have a NAEYC site visit between February 2017- July 2017. To help us prepare for this important accreditation, we will be asking all ECE families to complete a NAEYC Family Survey in the middle of October. More details will follow as October approaches.

The ECE students will be learning about community helpers this school year. If you or someone you know has a talent or profession that could be easily shared with our young learners please contact LeAnna Gibason, and we will set up a time for you to visit! Call 731-4925 or email [lgibason@newarkdaynursery.org](mailto:lgibason@newarkdaynursery.org) (Doctors, musicians, vets, police officers, firefighters, chefs, or any community helper) If you have any questions, suggestions, concerns, or just want to stop by and say hi, please feel free! If I'm not in the office, I'm probably in a classroom playing with your wonderful children :-)

Have the best day!

Sincerely,

LeAnna Gibason  
Program Director

## Upcoming Events

# Painting with a Purpose

**Date:** Sunday, Sept. 25th

**Time:** 1pm - 3pm

**Purchase Tickets Here!**

**Password:** NEWARK

50% of ticket sales proceeds will be used to support our extra-curricular activities, such as Music, Ballet, and Chinese Culture!

Painting  
with a Purpose



## Upcoming Events

**NDNCC** *presents*

**FALL  
FUND  
FEST  
10.15.16**

Join us for  
food, brews, lawn  
games, fun for kids,  
and fun for adults



Newark Day Nursery and Children's Center  
921 Barksdale Rd, Newark, DE 19711

11:00am- 3:00pm

[www.newarkdaynursery.org](http://www.newarkdaynursery.org)

302.731.4925

Thank You!

Thank  
you!

JOE CORBI'S

Thanks to your support with our  
Joe Corbi's fundraiser, we were able  
to raise over \$500!

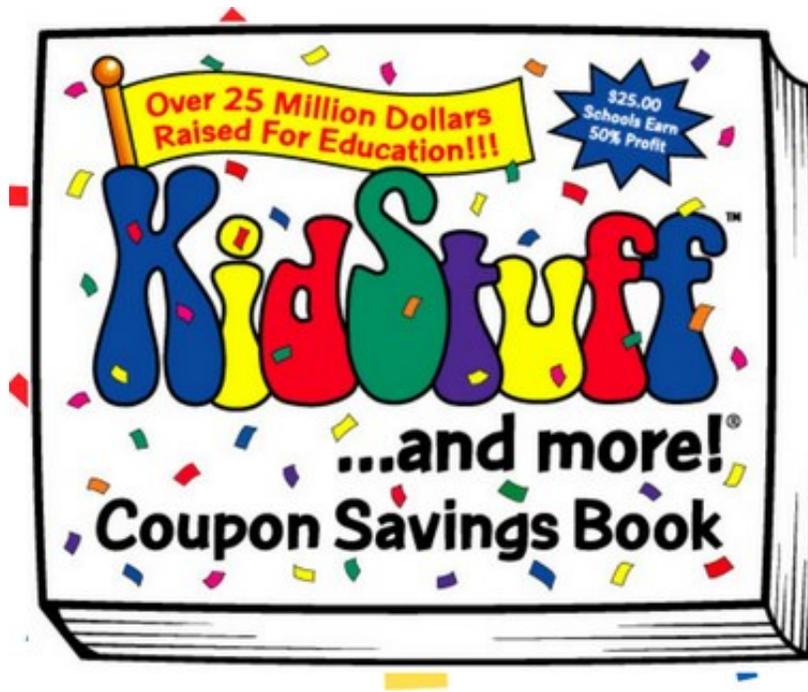


# Parents in Action

## TRANSITIONING TO SCHOOL

Here is a link to an article about transitioning from home to preschool. There are great tips in the article that might help transitions go smoother for dropping your child off at school. Please take a minute to check out [this brief article!](#)

Do you have an older child and need tips for transitioning from summertime? Check out [this article.](#)



## KidStuff Coupon Books

Get Yours Now!

Stop by the [Front Desk](#) for your copy!

Money Collection Envelopes are due  
**Monday, September 19th**

## New Activities



JUMP-N-FUN

On Friday, August 12, 2016, Ms. Christy and Ms. Rachel from Jump-N-Fun came in to exercise with the Toddler, Preschool, and Pre-K classes. The children danced, balanced, practiced yoga moves, stretched, played with bean bags, practiced 'skating' using paper plates, and moved in a variety of different ways in the Gross Motor Room. They will be coming once a month for the 2016-2017 school year to play and exercise with the Toddler, Preschool, and Pre-K children.



NDNCC'S FUN FAIR

On August, 17, 2016, the ECE classrooms enjoyed taking turns jumping on a moon bounce as an end of the year treat. The children had a great time! Thank you for a great 2015-2016 school year!





## CREAMY TOMATO & SPINACH PASTA

**Total Time:** 25 min.

**Prep Time:** 5 min.

**Yield:** 4 servings

Courtesy of [BudgetByte\\$](#)

## Ingredients

- \* 1/2 lb. Penne Pasta
- \* 1 small Onion
- \* 2 cloves Garlic
- \* 1 Tbsp. Olive Oil
- \* 1/2 (9 oz.) bag of fresh Spinach
- \* 1 (15 oz.) can diced Tomatoes
- \* 2 Tbsp. Tomato Paste
- \* 2 oz. Cream Cheese
- \* 1/4 cup grated Parmesan
- \* 1/2 tsp. dried Oregano
- \* 1/2 tsp. dried Basil
- \* 1/2 tsp. Salt
- \* Freshly cracked Pepper, to taste
- \* Sliced Mushrooms, to taste (optional)
- \* A pinch of Red Pepper Flakes (optional)
- \* **Substitutes:** Half & Half for Cream Cheese ; Whole Wheat or Veggie Pasta for Regular Pasta

## Directions

1. Bring a large pot of water to a boil over high heat.
2. While waiting, dice the onion and mince the garlic (and mushrooms).
3. Add the pasta to boiling water and cook until tender (7-10 minutes).
4. Drain the pasta in a colander.
5. Cook the onions and garlic in a large skillet with the olive oil over medium-low heat until softened and transparent (about 5 mins.)
6. Add the diced tomatoes (with juices), oregano, basil, red pepper, salt and pepper to the skillet with the onions and garlic. Stir to combine.
7. Add the tomato paste and a 1/2 cup of water to the skillet and stir until the tomato paste is dissolved into the sauce.
8. Turn the heat down to low. Cut the cream cheese into a few pieces and then add them to the skillet with the tomato sauce. Use a whisk to stir the sauce until the cream cheese has fully melted in and the sauce is creamy.
9. Add half of the Parmesan to the skillet and whisk until it is melted in. Add the remainder of the parmesan and whisk until melted in again.
10. Add the fresh spinach and gently stir it into the sauce until it has wilted (3-5 minutes).
11. Add the pasta and stir until it is well coated in the creamy tomato sauce.
12. Taste and adjust the salt and pepper as needed. Serve warm.



# Reminders



## CALENDAR OF NDNCC CLOSINGS

The NDNCC Calendar of Closings  
is now online!

View It [HERE](#)

Download It [HERE](#)



## FROM THE INFANT CLASSROOM

If you have a Jumperoo that your child no longer uses and it's in great shape, the Infant room would be happy to accept your donation! If you have questions, please speak with LeAnna Gibason.

Thank you!



# Calendar

## September 2016

Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Th	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

## October 2016

Su	Mo	Tue	We	Th	Fri	Sat
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

### September:

- 2 NCS & CSD Closed
- 5 NDNCC Closed
- 13 CSD Closed
- 22 Jump-N-Fun (Todd, Pre-S, Pre-K)
- 23 CSD Closed
- 25 **Painting with a Twist Fundraiser**
- 28 Lion's Club Eye Screening (ECE)

### October:

- 3 NCS & CSD Closed
- 5 ECE Picture Day
- 7 CSD Closed
- 12 NCS & CSD Closed
- 15 **Fall Fund Fest**



# Helpful Links

- ◇ [NDNCC on the Web](#)
- ◇ [NDNCC on Facebook](#)
- ◇ [Delaware Office of Early Learning Newsletters](#)



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