

News Today the FCCC Way!



Winter 2011

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* From the Executive Director

Winter is upon us once again, ready or not! This year Inclement Weather Care will be held at M.M. Pierce Elementary School in Remington and Bradley Elementary School in Warrenton. Inclement Weather Care is open from 8:00AM-5:00PM, morning snack is not provided. Please remember to pack a lunch and non-caffeinated drink for your child(ren). Safety is always the first concern in deciding to open Inclement Weather Care. When Fauquier County Public Schools allows FCCC to operate on snow days the information is posted on our website, www.fauquiercommunitychildcare.org, WTOP radio station, WTOP website, and on the voice mail at the FCCC centers and FCCC main office. This information is posted as early as possible.

We would like to take a moment to thank everyone who came out to support FCCC at our first Chik-Fil-A Spirit Night. It was wonderful pulling into the parking lot and seeing the long line at the drive thru. Once inside it was amazing to see the number of families who were there to have dinner, enjoy the company of other FCCC families and of course all the children playing. The event was a huge success and we are grateful for your support!

We also want to thank Applebee's for supporting the FCCC staff and making our holiday luncheon a special event.

From the Board of Directors, and the FCCC staff, we wish you and your family a happy and safe holiday season.

Melissa German, MEd.
Executive Director



Harvest Feast
H.M. Pearson
October 2011

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BRADLEY

This school year is flying by! We hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. We are so thankful for the donations we received from the following families: Hoover, Howser, Kaase, Stanford and Weiher. Thank you so much, we appreciate everything that comes our way and will gladly accept all donations.

Please remember that as the weather continues to get colder children need to dress appropriately, we will still go outside, even if its just briefly.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to ask us, we're here to help. Wishing you a safe and cheery holiday season!

Ms. Becky, Ms. Angie & Ms. Jamie



BRUMFIELD

A HUGE THANK YOU to those of you that helped collect Thanksgiving

Day food for the Community Action Food Bank. This is a tough economic time for many local families and your donations will make such a difference for those we are able to help. It also creates awareness for the children of the need that is just outside our doors...and maybe inside, too.

There is an overwhelming agreement with our students that we should continue the collection throughout the school year, maybe once a month. Please let Jessica or I know what your feelings are concerning this effort.

More thanks go out to Caroline and Elizabeth for the camp chair they donated, to Lillie for the folding table, and to Audrey and Clayton for the games, including the silly frog tennis!!

Wishing you the happiest of holidays that you and your family and friends celebrate!

Ms. Anna, Ms. Jessica, Ms. Kelley & Ms. Sara



Feeding the Community

C. HUNTER RITCHIE

The children are so enjoying art and the awesome freehand drawings we have displayed on our office wall. We hope you enjoyed the stain glass fall and Halloween tissue paper art, along with the whimsical Scarecrow your child created. Thank you parents for joining in with your child, they worked so diligently to complete the activity.

We continue to play board games to add minutes to the Million Minute Challenge. Whenever you play non-electronic games at home, please track the minutes and send the total in to us. We now have 18,977 minutes, which equals over 790 (24 hour days). We would like to exceed our goal of 20,000 before the end of December.

As the winter weather rapidly approaches, we should take this time to check our emergency supplies. You can go to the FEMA website www.ready.gov/winter for all the information you should need. We will have conversations with the children during group time as to how they can



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Tax ID#:
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Permanent records for your tax information include:

- ◆ Cancelled Checks
- ◆ Cash Receipts
- ◆ Payment Book



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assist you. The suggestion is to do this early before the holidays begin to consume our every thought and all our free time.

Thank you for taking the time to talk with us as you travel through and know that we are available to assist you as needed.

Ms. Susan & Ms. Erica

COLEMAN

Is it winter or is it not winter...that is the question. We have been having some amazingly warm fall/winter days for the past few weeks. Please send your child in with sweaters or jackets just in case it gets cold when we go outside.

We are very excited about the Million Minute Challenge. Our goal is to exceed 50,000 minutes and to reach



60,000 minutes by the end of this year. Drum roll please!! So far we have 49,575 minutes and it's only the beginning of December! We are also thrilled

about C. Hunter Ritchie joining us this year in gaining minutes for the state of Virginia. It's not too late, the challenge deadline is December 31, 2011, so join us. We are trying to make the state of Virginia number one in total number of minutes and you can help by registering your group or your family on www.millionminutechallenge.com. Right now Texas and Georgia have Virginia in third place nationwide. **FCCC Coleman, as a group, is in second place in the nation!**

Right now the children are involved in a project that is really soaring. They are creating their own book and it seems to be a real hit. We expect to have the children present their books to the group in the near future. Keep a look out for further details on the date.

Our Junior Counselors-in-training and our Junior, Junior Counselors-in-training are really on the move. Some of them have really stepped up to the plate with helping the Kindergartners. The official badging ceremony has been postponed until January; the date will be forthcoming.

We are so proud of our kindergartners who have come a long way in adapting to the FCCC program. The art table remains our most popular center and we have seen some amazing masterpieces which are on display on our

"Rainbow Creations" wall. Take a peek this month at our "Make a Wish, Make a Wish" wall. You will see some very interesting things listed there. We also are continuing to work on our year long crocheted quilt project. If you have a talent that you are willing to share with the children please let us know so we can set up a time. Come on in and sit down with us and let's talk about what you would like to see at our center. FCCC Coleman rocks!!!!

Ms. Ferneil, Ms. Teresa & Ms. Sara

GRACE MILLER

Old man winter is not going to get us down! We have seeds growing in our terrarium; popcorn, pumpkin and apple seeds are sprouting. The children take turns watering and tending to them.

Next for us is a weather station we are building. We like to refer to it as the Grace Miller Almanac. The children are learning about temperature change and how animals adapt to it.

Please take a quick peep in the lost and found; there are winter coats piling up already. Also, weather permitting, we will still go outside for a short amount of time so make sure your child is dressed for the cold weather. Please



keep us in mind when making room for new holiday toys. We gladly accept donations of gently used or unwanted toys and games.

Ms. Shae & Ms. Helen

GREENVILLE

Autumn is almost over but we at Greenville have really been enjoying the seasonal changes. Between playing football, kickball, watching the leaves changing and seeing many different kinds of wildlife (deer, squirrels, birds and a few stray cats), we have been enjoying our outdoor time. Soon we will be dealing with snow and all the fun it brings. Please take some time to read your Parent Handbook or go to our website to familiarize yourself with Delayed Opening, Early Dismissal and Inclement Weather Care procedures. Also, remember our Holiday Care/Teacher Work Day Care and Inclement Weather Care will be held at Bradley and M.M. Pierce all school year.

As the winter sets in, watch for our space to explode with colorful art work. With our days getting shorter and weather getting colder we will be staying indoors more and doing many art projects. Cutting, gluing and painting—Oh My! The FCCC bulletin board will be

offering the children challenging brain testing games and word problems to solve. As always, we'll be doing a find and seek with



everyone's name in it. We are enjoying working with you and your children; let us know if you have any questions or concerns. On a final note, we would like to bid a fond farewell to Mr. Kyle, he will be leaving us in December.

Ms. Mary, Mr. Kyle, Ms. Theresa & Mr. Morgan

H.M. PEARSON

We are back in the gym, YEAH! As one child said, "This is the best day of my life!" "Why?" his Mom asked. "Because we are back in the gym, we can have open gym." Everyone has been happy to be back in our space.

Thanks to everyone for donating breakfast food items for the food bank. The children were really happy to work on this project. We talked about why it is important to eat a healthy breakfast and what is a healthy breakfast.



Our Thanksgiving Feast was a huge success. This has become a tradition at HMP; both the children and parents asked if we are doing this again. Thanks to all the parents who helped to organize, set up and cook for us.

We are looking forward to celebrating the winter holidays, winter weather and snow games. Remember, we still go outside when it is cold. Be sure to send warm coats, hats and gloves for your children. Happy Winter!

Ms. Ella, Ms. Beverly & Ms. Katrina

M.M. PIERCE

In December the children will be creating snowflakes, snowmen, mittens and other wintry crafts. We'll be making a chart showing our predictions for this year's snowfall amounts. We also have some great Fun Friday Snacks

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that we'll be making.

Please make sure children are dressed for the colder weather, we will still go outside and get a little fresh air. Thanks to all the parents, grandparents and teachers who have donated items to our center.

Don't forget to sign up for upcoming Holiday Cares. Let us know if you need another copy of the sign-up schedule; it is also available on our web site under the Parent Resources tab. Remember that we open from 8:00am-5:00pm for Inclement Weather Care. As soon as we know whether or not care will be provided on these days we



change all of our phone messages and post it to our web site so you can plan accordingly. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Ms. Brenda & Ms. Emily

MARY WALTER

This year seems to be flying by! The cold weather is moving in and we need to make sure we are all dressed properly (jacket, hat and proper shoes) so we can still get in some outdoor play.



We have a lot planned for the next few months, so parents make sure you are checking the board for all upcoming information. Every Friday we post the Fun Friday snack, Craft, and Theme for that day.

We have received a lot of donations so far this year and I would like to thank everyone who has donated to our center! The children love the new games and toys and we greatly appreciate it!

Ms. Rebecca & Ms. Shirley

P.B. SMITH

Greetings from your friendly FCCC staff. Wow! It is hard to believe that the school year is almost half way over. It has been a tough year with an earthquake and then a tornado, but we survived. Now the holidays are upon us once again, and we have some special holiday decorations planned.

Please dress your children accordingly to the weather. Parents, as stated in the handbook, if your children will not be attending FCCC, especially in the afternoon, please call our office 540-341-7785 and leave a message. As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.



Ms. Sherry, Ms. Linda & Ms. Brittany

January 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Schools & FCCC Closed	3 Tuition Due, Jan. 23rd & 24th TWD Care sign-up begins	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Schools & FCCC Closed	17 Sign-up ends for Jan. 23rd & 24th TWD Care	18	19 1/2 Day of School	20 1/2 Day of School	21
22	23 Schools Closed, TWD Care Offered	24 Schools Closed, TWD Care Offered	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

February 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Tuition Due	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 March 6 TWD Care sign-up begins	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Schools & FCCC Closed	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Sign-up ends for March 6 TWD Care	29			