

THE CHALLENGER

AUGUST 2018



SUMMER SPLASH

A look back at summer...

With summer slowly coming to an end, everyone here at Early Challenges gives out a shout of hooray for a summer well spent! From outdoor water play to visits from community helpers to amazing field trips to shark attacks, our hot and sticky days of summer have held many new adventures for both the children and the staff! Our Supernovas and Sunburst children experienced many field trips such as weekly visits to the pool and movies, along with learning about physics at the Blacksburg Children's Museum, eating lunch at El Rodeo, tumbling at Virginia Techniques, and learning about musical instruments at Kaldro's Music.

Many thanks to everyone who has made these summer adventures possible, including the children who have received numerous compliments on their conduct from both visitors and field trip personnel.



FAREWELL TO FRIENDS...

As summer comes to an end, we will be saying goodbye to many of our friends, both children and staff, as they continue their education. Good luck to our preschoolers as they begin Kindergarten!



JOINING THE EARLY CHALLENGES FAMILY...

Due to Mrs. Cathy's continued health concerns and family dynamics and in order to ensure the continuation of high quality care, Ms. Lorna Myers has joined our administration team as co-director. Mrs. Cathy will continue as part-time co-director with limited hours but the same amount of affection for and dedication to our children, families, and staff.

Ms. Lorna joins us in her 20th year in education. She has a background in elementary and middle school education with experience in administration as an assistant principal. We are thrilled to welcome Ms. Lorna to our Early Challenges' team.

MORE NEW BEGINNINGS

As we begin a new school year, Early Challenges looks forward to classroom move-ups and staffing changes/additions. Parents will be receiving both move-up letters, classroom welcome letters, and classroom staff introduction letters during the upcoming weeks. New classroom structures will begin on Monday, August 20th. Everyone at Early Challenges is excited about the upcoming new school year! Please feel free to stop by the office with any questions, concerns, or suggestions. Thanks for sharing your child with us!!

FABULOUS FALL

A look forward to fall...

Welcome to our new staff here at Early Challenges and watch out for new upcoming projects!!!

RESOURCE ROOM

Our Supernova room will be repurposed into a resource room. Throughout the year, our children will be able to use this room to participate in activities such as music, art, library, grocery shopping, food preparation, dance, etc. Special programs will be held here as well.

SUPERNOVAS

Our Supernovas will be moving upstairs to the first room on the left. Morning drop-off this fall for TL-SN will occur in this classroom.



**COME ALONG AND "FALL" INTO FUN
WITH US AT EARLY CHALLENGES!**

AUGUST CURRICULUM

Week of 1-3	Adventures on the High Seas
Week of 6-10	Celebrating Books
Week of 13-17	Getting Wet
Week of 20-24	Let's Go to the Zoo
Week of 27-31	All About Me

MEET THE ADMINISTRATION TEAM

Stop by and meet your new administration team on Tuesday, August 14 from 3:00 - 6:00. Cathy and Lorna would love to chat with you, share a cookie, and learn about your concerns and hopes for your children.



PLEASE REMEMBER...

1. Registration fees of \$100 will be applied to accounts in August and are due by September 30, 2018. New enrollees since April 15, 2018 will not be charged this additional registration fee.
2. New tuition fees effective August 13, 2018:
Babyland - Comets \$185.00 a week
Twilights - Preschool \$175.00 a week
New tuition agreement forms must be signed and remitted to the office by August 13, 2018.
3. An administrative fee of \$5 will be applied to accounts any time a child is NOT CLOCKED IN OR OUT OF THE SYSTEM, making it necessary for the administrative staff to do so. **USING THE PROCARE CLOCK IN/OUT SYSTEM IS VITAL FOR ADMINISTRATION TO ENSURE PROPER STAFFING RATIOS!**

Thanks for your assistance in helping Early Challenges administration with our financial aspects of the business. Please feel free to see administration with any questions or concerns.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

In order to get the word out quicker and more effectively, Early Challenges will be implementing several methods for parents to receive the monthly newsletters starting in September. Administration will continue to post the newsletters on the Early Challenges' website at www.earlychallenges.com, newsletters will be mailed to parent emails, and hard copies will be placed on the front desk for pick up.