

# THE CHALLENGER



## WITH THE CHANGING SEASONS, COMES NEW BEGINNINGS

Changing leaves...cooler weather...back to school...changing schedules. Along with the changes of a new season comes changes in staffing. As many of our staff continue their educations or pursue their career goals, we say a sad goodbye and send them off with warm wishes. But as with any change, new doors of opportunity and possibilities are opening. **We welcome ALL of our new staff, and encourage each of you to take time to meet and get to know them!**

As the seasons change, so does the weather. Everyone is encouraged to **check the extra clothing in your child's cubby and to exchange summer wear for warmer clothing as cooler days begin to approach!**

## RECYCLING TREASURES NEEDED

As we continue arts and craft, science, and other learning activities here at Early Challenges, we are trying to use recycled items in order to improve our world around us! Your donations of recycled everyday items is greatly appreciated. We can use anything from toilet paper and paper towel rolls, small water and soda bottles, Voss water bottles, tin cans of all sizes, soda bottles, old cds, and other items you are probably tossing! Donations will be accepted at the front desk. Thanks for your help!!

## OFFICE REMINDERS

1. **Registration fee** of \$100 was applied to accounts in August and is due by September 30<sup>th</sup>.

2. The time has come for each family to renew **USDA and Annual Enrollment paperwork**. The new forms will be handed out starting September 4<sup>th</sup> and must be returned to the office within a week. Although it seems like this paperwork was just completed, please understand that this is a state requirement.

3. Absences are inevitable! However, in order to assist with staffing and meal preparations, Early Challenges is requesting parental assistance! **Please call (540-381-2208) or email the center ([parents@earlychallenges.com](mailto:parents@earlychallenges.com)) as soon as you are aware that your child will be absent.**

For our schoolers/Supernovas' parents, if your child will not be in attendance at Early Challenges, please call us at 540-381-2208. If your child is schedule to attend and is absent from Early Challenges without us receiving a phone call from a parent, you will be billed \$5 per occurrence after the first occurrence.

Thanks for your assistance in helping the Early Challenges administration team. Please feel free to see Lorna, Cathy and/or Lisa with any questions or concerns.



## CLIX PICTURES

Looking ahead ... Clix pictures will be taken on October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.



The schedule for picture taking will be:

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>: Babyland, Tummy Tumblers, Twilights, Rainbows, Sunbursts

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>: Tenderhearts, Raindrops, Starlights, and Comets

Sibling pictures will be taken on Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. If you wish for siblings to be taken together, please inform the office by Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.

The backdrop picture will be posted at the front desk and on the parent announcement board soon!

## SEPTEMBER CURRICULUM

- 4-7 Falling into Fall
- 10-14 Aren't They "Grand"parents
- 17-21 Down on the Farm
- 24-28 Apples All Around

## CENTER CLOSED

Just a reminder that Early Challenges will be closed on Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> in observance of Labor Day. Hope everyone has a great holiday!!



## CARING ABOUT OUR FAMILIES

### REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS

In order to assist our families in protecting themselves, Early Challenges provides information on registered sex offenders in the New River Valley area. Please feel free to ask administration to view our Sex Offender Binder.

### PARKING LOT SAFETY

We would like to warn our families about smash and grab car break-ins that often occur outside day care centers during drop-off and pick-up. Although a car may be locked, valuables should not be left visible. We are encouraging parents to keep their valuables out of sight or in the trunk.

### RECALL NOTICES

Notices of recalled children's products including but not limited to cribs, toddler beds, care seats, high chairs, booster chairs, bath seats, gates, carriers, strollers, infant swings, etc. are posted in the front entry on the parent board to the left. Please take time to look at these posting!

### JUST A FEW REQUESTS

To prevent the spread of illness and the risk of accidents, we are requesting **Babyland and Tummy Tumblers' parents to please not take siblings in these classrooms during pick-up and drop-off.** Siblings can be taken to classrooms first, picked up last, or sit quietly on the benches outside these classrooms.

To assist with the flow of pick-up and drop-off, we are requesting that Supernovas' parents who are waiting for the bus to arrive to please park in the lot instead of at the front of the building.

Thanks for your understanding and assistance in making these policies work for our families!