



## Dear Families and Caregivers,

We approach a very exciting time of year, as Autumn begins. It represents a time of transitions and changes such as weather, new children and friendships, changes in teachers, schedules and more. DICC has also experienced changes in our Board of Directors. We have three members who have resigned - yet remain very strong advocates for us. We have 3 new members who are now taking the lead for our advocacy and oversight. I am really looking forward to our continued work. We are asking for additional membership. We want increased representation of parents, caregivers, community members and people interested in assisting DICC overall. Please let me know if you are interested in serving as a Board Member. Krista has a packet of information that explains the role and responsibilities as well as the application process. Some action items that we are working on include:

- New Board goal setting
- Fund raising
- Family leadership and ideas
- Communications among staff, families, organizations & community members
- Public relations
- DICC events
- Ideas for growth and sustainability within and outside of DICC

Do you have ideas? Please share them with us. We want to hear from you and create next steps for children and adults engaged with DICC. Please contact us at [info@dicc.org](mailto:info@dicc.org) or drop a message in the suggestion box outside Krista's Office. We look so forward to hearing from you. We also understand that life gets busy! So, we work very hard at making this type of a commitment manageable in terms of time and tasks. Check it all out if you have an interest. Thanks so much!

Respectfully, Denise



- Mon, Oct 9 CLOSED—Professional Development Day
- Mon, Oct 16 DICC Board Meeting
- Tues, Nov 7 School Picture Day
- Thur, Nov 9 Annual Harvest Dinner

## DICC School Pictures on November 7th

Pictures will be taken in the morning just after breakfast. Envelopes will be distributed to the classrooms for families interested in ordering their child's photo. All packages ordered will be delivered to families before the holidays.



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## Let's Review Some Business Items...

**Attendance** – Please call the center before 9:00 am if your child will be later than 9:00 am or will be absent. **Pick-up Procedures** - The Center closes at 5:30 pm. Please plan to pick up your child and leave the building by 5:30. There is a \$1 per minute per child fee for late pick-ups. **Weather Appropriate Attire** - The days are getting cooler, please dress your children (and provide spare clothing) that is appropriate for the cooler temperatures as they will be enjoying the outdoors until its too cold and snowy to explore.



## CLASSROOM NEWS

### Blue Room

The infants are working on independence. They are learning to become more self-sufficient in regards to holding their bottles, crawling, sitting up and general independent play. We are excited to be welcoming two new babies within the next couple weeks .

### Dragonfly Room.

We are bringing in fall with a calming approach. We've added nature sounds to 10 minutes of our circle time, burn lavender and sage, breathe and become more in touch with our minds and bodies. It's a great addition that the kids look forward to everyday. Quiet time has encouraged the kids to start their day feeling calm and allows them to continue feeling that energy throughout their day.

### Firefly Room

The Fireflies are out on the prowl, enjoying all the Halloween decorations around town and all the signs of fall. Remember, the weather is changing and a little unpredictable—send an extra change of clothing and a jacket or hoodie. Boo! Beware our classroom is looking a little scary. We welcome pumpkins for carving!

### Yellow Room (School-Age Summer Program)

School aged program helping parents and guardians out by ensuring that School-assigned homework is getting done. Also incorporated into our daily 30 minute homework time is quiet reading and skills practice for any students who do not have school-

### Butterfly Room

We have recently incorporated regular visits (now on Mondays & Wednesdays) to the Sciencenter as part of our curriculum. We have also started to keep art journals so parents can see their child's progression over time.

### Rainbow Room

We have been working hard on our colors. Our animal friends have been helping us in our art projects (orange fox, green turtle, etc.). We are excited about the trees changing colors and all that Autumn has to offer. We are headed into exploring more science, numbers, and letter recognition.

### Purple Room & Grasshopper Room

Now that school is back in session, the we are falling into a daily routine with a smaller group of kids. This has allowed for more one on one instruction. This fall the purple room will be working on many different activities/crafts. We will be talking about apples, pumpkins, and leaves plus all the other things that come with the fall season. We will be spending as much time outside as possible while the weather is still cooperating with us. It will be nice to take walks around the neighborhood and see the changing leaves.

**\* Thank you, parents, for your support as we merge classrooms. Watch for highlights of how our transition is progressing in the November newsletter.**

