



Dear Families and Caregivers,

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE...

DICC is having our Annual Event and Open House on Thursday - September 13, 2018 from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM. Come join everyone for the event and participate in some exciting updates, news and activities taking place at our center. We will have the following:

- Refreshments and Celebrations
- New Playground Celebrations
- Family Activities
- Thanks to you all and our community partners
- What happened in 2018 and where we are moving forward
- Celebrations



AND speaking of celebrations, guess who was awarded the Ithaca Journal Readers' Choice 2018? Downtown Ithaca Children's Center is the winner for Best Child Care Center.

CONGRATULATIONS!

This award is a tribute and testimony to the wonderful children, families, staff and community that DICC has created. Thank you all!

Enjoy and hope to see you on September 13th.

Respectfully, Denise

Mark Your Calendar



» UPCOMING EVENTS

Thurs, August 30	DICC Staff Meeting 5:30-7pm
Mon, Sept 3	DICC CLOSED Labor Day
Tues, Sept 4	LAST DAY of Summer—Final full day for school age
Fri, Sept 7	Monthly Assembly @ 10am
Thurs, Sept 13	DICC Annual Event & Open House 5pm



SAVE THE DATE!

September 13, 2018
5:30pm - 7:00pm

Children and their families are invited to DICC's 2018 Annual Meeting and Open House

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for New Playground
Fun Family Activities
Refreshments Provided

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Welcome 2018-2019 School Year!

With a new school year comes new faces to DICC and new classrooms for some of our children - as they keep getting older. Also, watch for new teachers as some new faces will be joining our classrooms in the afternoons this fall.

Take a moment and WELCOME our new friends!

ATTENTION Effective September 3, 2018

Tuition rates increase. Notifications have been distributed to all effected. See the office if you have any questions.

2018-2019 School Closings

Calendars have been emailed and distributed to classrooms. Be sure to grab yours and mark your calendars!

What's Happening In The Classroom

Blueberry Muffin Room

"Smile's are the language that everyone understands". Come check out our new mural!

Our babies are growing up! Jack and Libertad are enjoying waving "hello" and "good-bye" to people coming in and out of the room. Keren has settled in and loves to show off her amazing smile. Orfeo and Libertad are on the move and will be crawling any day now. Jack, Aliyah and Aamir are ready to walk! We have such movers and shakers in the blue room.

We will start working on becoming better friends. This looks like sitting with each other instead of adults for company. Copying the sounds from each other, yes even crying.

We have a great group of kids!

Rainbow Room

The Rainbow room has been having so much fun this summer!! One of the children's favorite things is to take walks in/after the rain while jumping in puddles in their rain boots. During the month of August we have been talking and learning about our colors. We explore where we can find them on our walks, read different books about colors by Dr. Seuss and plan our art projects around them. In addition, we will continue practicing our numbers, ABCs and sharing during circle time.

Join us in welcoming Jackson, Jameson and even Ms. Kat to our room!

Butterfly Room

The Butterfly room is going through many transitions as we are saying goodbye to many of our old friends and start welcoming some new ones. With the gloomy weather we have been having lately, we have been keeping ourselves as busy as possible with indoor activities; arts and crafts, dancing with colorful lights, climbing blocks and tunnel play, sensory activities and even enjoying our use of the Sciencenter if it's not too wet out. We are working on each child's individual development whether it's starting to walk, push/pull or stacking and sorting exercises in addition to their development as a group, such as sharing and taking turns, helping each other and even cleaning up after themselves. They are becoming very aware of who they are and who their friends are.

What's Happening In The Classroom

Dragonfly Room

Hello everyone! We are still in the summer mood and we are enjoying the nice warm weather. Many mornings we walk to the park or around the neighborhood observing closely the beautiful flowers and the different colors of greeneries. On our walks, very often we can spot some animals like birds, ducks and squirrels and if we are lucky we can even see a snake or a fish.

We also continue taking care of our mini garden located just outside our classroom's window. We have been able to harvest cherry tomatoes, cucumbers and some carrots. There are very tasty treats for us.

In August, the Dragonflies are discovering life on the farm and harvest time. We will take a look at farmers, the animals they take care of and the goods they harvest. We are planning to read many interesting books and learn some songs related to this subject. Keep an eye out also for the art projects which will be displayed on our classroom walls.

We are looking forward to meeting new friends and their families!

Grasshopper Room

The grasshoppers have had a busy summer! We have officially welcome Jim into our classroom! We are thrilled to have him be a part of our team- and he certainly fits in well. The body has been our main theme, focusing on the different parts and how they work. Together, the class has investigated our five senses.

After rearranging our space we are ready for new vibes moving into the coming months. We look forward to studying our emotions, in hopes of understand better ways to communicate with friends.

Orange Ladybug Room

After starting off the summer with a bang (literally), the Ladybugs have learned about dinosaurs. They have also really enjoyed playing with Recycling at Conway Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week. Now that Roni is back and better by the day, the class is learning about the earth, the oceans, the seven wonders of the world, birds and bugs...wow, we are busy!!

As some of our preschoolers are not nappers, the Ladybug and Grasshopper classrooms are now collaborating between 12-3pm. Children who benefit from a rest time daily go to Grasshopper room for their nap and children who are non-nappers participate in activities in our room.

The Ladybugs will conclude their summer with a Camping/Pajama Day on Friday, August 31st. The kids are asked to wear their PJs to school and be ready for fun and exciting camping activities. (Children can also bring one stuffed animal with them to school of this day if

Firefly Room

The Fireflies have had so much fun playing together and learning about being a team this summer. What a fun bunch of children! They are learning rhymes, telling so many stories and playing games (like tag, hide-n-seek, three little pigs, farmer in the dell and many more).

Please check cubbies for dirty clothes. We try to wash dirty clothing to keep extras are kept on hand, unfortunately the washers are not always available. Thank you for your assistance in managing for our potty trainers especially.

TCPL Story Time Visits 10-11am

Infants/Waddlers— 3rd Wednesday

Toddlers—2nd Wednesday

Preschoolers—4th Wednesday

