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UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday, August 24th
3:00-6:00

ST ANTHONY LOCATION

Music In Motion &

Kids Company Dance Co

Open House 3:00-6:00

School Age Art Show 3-6

Wednesday, August 31st
3:00-6:00

BLAINE LOCATION

Music In Motion &

Kids Company Dance Co

Open House 3:00-6:00

School Age Art Show 3-6

Friday, September 2nd

Center closed for annual staff development day

Monday, September 5th

Center closed for Labor Day Holiday

Wednesday, Sept 7th

4:00-6:00 pm

ST ANTHONY LOCATION

Parent Meet & Greet

of new classrooms and staff

Thursday, Sept 8th

4:00-6:00 pm

BLAINE LOCATION

Parent Meet & Greet

of new classrooms and staff

Saturday, Sept 10th

9:00-1:00 am

BLAINE WELLNESS DAY

Free events for the whole family!

WE HAVE SEVERAL NEW AND EXCITING THINGS HAPPENING AT JACK AND JILL FOR FALL! Take a look at what is being added to our curriculum to enhance your child's learning day!



High Scope Teaching
Philosophy for all Infant, Toddler, and Preschool Classrooms

High Scope is a curriculum that focuses on the different learning styles of children in the classroom. We will be combining the talents of our teachers and our already great curriculum to add a new twist to the learning day. All departments will be receiving in-depth training on High Scope Philosophy on September 2nd at our staff training day. This training will continue each quarter for our teachers.



Advanced Sign Language Use in all Infant and Toddler Classrooms

All infant and toddler staff will participate in their second sign language training of the year on September 2nd. We will be adding new vocabulary signs for our teachers to share with their children and families each week depending on the curriculum theme. Parents will also be receiving a new and improved collection of signs that we use at Jack and Jill so that you can learn right along with us!



Additional Spanish Exposure for Toddlers & Preschoolers

All preschool and toddler staff will be attending training at the end of August on how to incorporate Spanish into daily routines. Amy Timm is a Preschool Spanish Educator who will be training our staff each quarter. She will use our curriculum themes to develop vocabulary just for our kids! Our goal is to combine our Spanish & Sign Language Curriculum for faster, more effective learning.



Music in Motion Dance & Music Curriculum for Preschoolers

We will be adding a song and dance curriculum to all preschool rooms called "Music In Motion" This is a FREE addition to the week for all preschoolers (Fish, Frogs & Turtles) This class will be taught by professional dancer Mary Jasicki of QC Dance in Blaine. Private lessons (Kid's Company) will be available as well. See page two for more information.

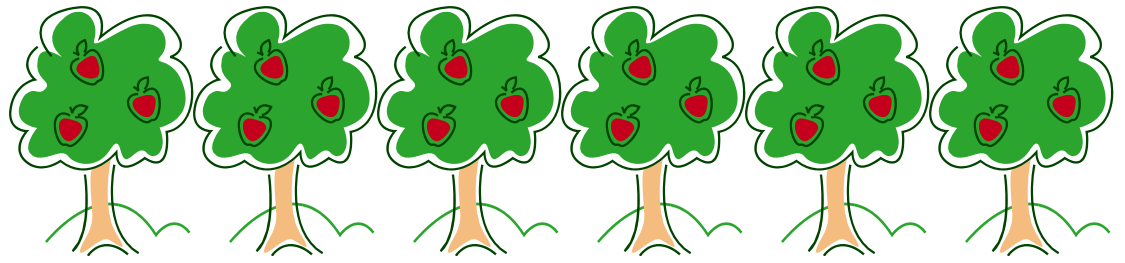
MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT, AND FALL TRANSITIONS

Each fall, several of our children move to new classrooms based on when they will go to Kindergarten. This transition takes place most significantly in all of our preschool classrooms, and several of our toddler classrooms. **These transitions to new classrooms will happen the week of September 5th.**

Before August 29th you will be receiving a letter describing your child's transition into a new classroom for fall. A newsletter will also introduce you to all of our staff and their classrooms for the 2011-2012 school year. Join us for our meet and greet night on

St Anthony: **Wednesday September 7th from 4:00-6:00**

Blaine: **Thursday, September 8th from 4:00-6:00**



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Jack and Jill Childcare is excited to present a new addition to our preschool curriculum. In the fall of 2011, Jack and Jill will be teaming up with **QC Dance** to provide our preschool children with a “music in motion” curriculum unlike any other program offered at area centers. **A preview of our new Music in Motion program will take place from 3:00-6:00 for all children on August 24th at the St Anthony location & August 31st at the Blaine location**

Music in Motion is:

A learning adventure of music and movement with songs and activities promoting fitness and creative expression. The class includes creative movement, fun with props, dance expression, and tumbling. Classes invite creativity and offer activities that support musical, cognitive, language, social, emotional, and large/small motor development.

Why Music in Motion Classes?

Music is an important aspect of learning. It helps children use various parts of the brain & stimulates areas that are important to language & motor development. Movement causes the brain to produce endorphins, increasing the child’s energy level & ability to learn. Combining music & movement prepares children’s minds for learning and develop an innate understanding of the arts.

Are there additional fees?

The new Music in Motion curriculum is included in your child’s preschool tuition and there is no additional fee to participate.

When will the classes take place?

Classes will take place weekly starting in September and running through May. Classes for each preschool class are staggered every 30 minutes between 9:30 & 11:30. **Tuesdays:** St Anthony Classes **Wednesdays:** Blaine Classes

What should my child wear?

Children should wear comfortable clothing and tennis shoes for easy body movement.

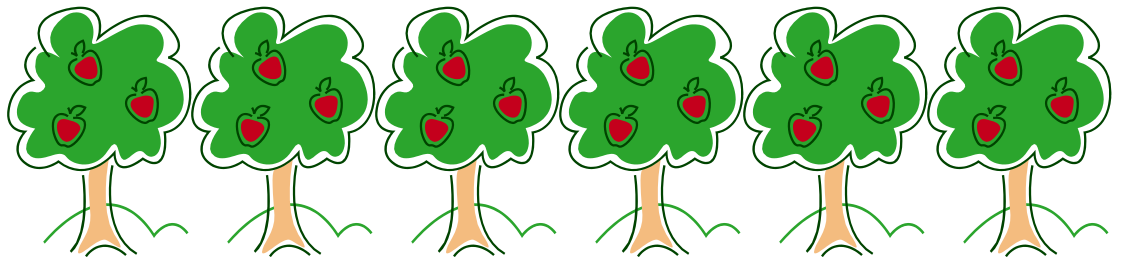
Does this replace private dance programs offered in the past? Are private dance lessons still offered?

This does not replace past dance programs. Our goal with this new addition is to allow all children in the program to participate in the Music in Movement classes. Private dance lessons are still an option for families who wish to pay an additional fee. KIDS COMPANY Dance Co will take place every Thursday with three eight week sessions will start in Oct. Kid’s Company info can be found below.



Private dance classes offering movement arts for health and hoopla. Encouraging dance expression & performance.

Kids Love to Move! Kids Company is our new private dance program that offers movement arts for health and hoopla including hopping, running, diving, leaping, jumping, kicking, spinning, strutting, swaying, swinging, stretching, twisting, twirling, tumbling, and more! Class is designed for both boys and girls encouraging dance expression and performance. Through music and movement, the use of fun props and tumbling, children gain flexibility, strength and endurance. Kids will improve their dance skills and sense of rhythm while building self esteem. Classes are designed to stimulate and develop and early love and comfort with moving to music. Classes are offered for preschool children ages 3-5 years old (Fish, Frogs, & Turtle aged children). Families may register for three 8 week sessions, or for the full season including a recital fee! For more details go to www.qcdance.com and click on the Jack and Jill Childcare logo! ***Similar to past dance programs, this is a private program for families to register and pay for privately in addition to the Music in Motion program which is a free service.



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Registration for JJ's Jam Before and After School Care



Registration for before and after school care for JJ's Jam is underway. Please remember that registration is first come first serve and our St Anthony bussing to and from Roseville schools is filling up very fast! Please email us your current before and after school bussing interest to annam@jackandjill.edu.com. Please include your child's name, school of interest, and projected schedule. Weekly schedules should be consistent and families will be billed for the days that their child is registered for. Any schedule changes must be received two weeks in advance if you wish to receive revisions on your bill. JJ's Jam currently busses to the following schools:

St Anthony Location:

Brimhall Elementary - Roseville
Parkview Elementary - Roseville
St Rose of Lima Elementary - Roseville
Falcon Heights Elementary - Roseville
St Anthony Park Elementary - St Paul
St Charles Borromeo Elementary - St Anthony
***Wilshire Park Elementary busses to J&J
***Please let us know if you would like for us to consider bussing to other local schools

Blaine Location:

Johnsville Elementary - Blaine
Jefferson Elementary - Blaine
DaVinci Academy - Blaine
***The following schools have possible before and after school bussing options but are based upon enrollment. Please let us know if you have interest
Madison Elementary - Blaine
University Elementary - Blaine
North Pointe Elementary - Spring Lake Park

Blaine Wellness Day is Saturday, September 10th from 9:00-1:00!

Mark your calendars now for the 4th Annual Blaine Wellness Day! Each year, Jack and Jill partners with the Blaine Medical Center for a FREE family friendly day focused around healthy living. Jack and Jill in Blaine will be hosting all of the family and child activities for the day including carnival games, bouncy castles, a dance party, BINGO, free prizes and more! Parents can also attend FREE seminars at the Blaine Medical Center. This year's featured parent/child seminar is about Asthma and kids. We will also be hosting free 30 minute CPR & First Aid Classes! Check out www.blainewellnessday.org for more information, or you can like us on facebook for a chance to win prizes!



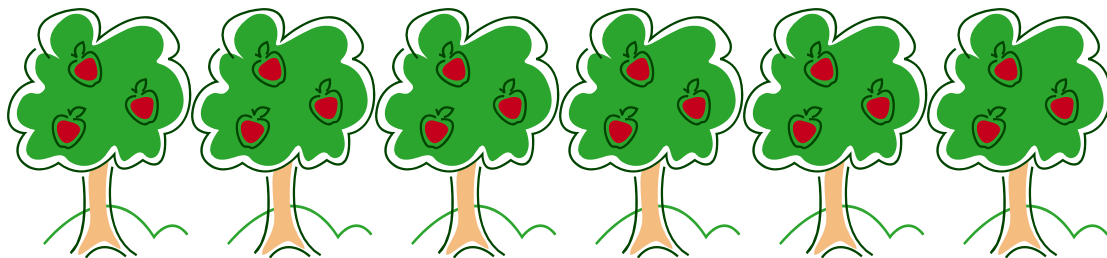
2011-2012 School Year Calendars & Holidays

School year calendars are available at www.jackandjill.edu.com. Because of how The New Year's holidays lands this year, we have slightly changed our holiday schedule. In 2012, we will be OPEN on January 2nd when we would normally observe New Years Day, but will be CLOSED on April 6th, the Friday before Easter. This will allow for the same number of paid holidays for our families and staff. **We are closed on the following dates during the summer months and these are paid holidays:** Friday, September 2nd: Staff Training Monday, September 5th: Labor Day

NUT FREE FACILITY

Please remember that Jack and Jill is a nut free facility. We have several children in the program with VERY SEVERE ALLERGIES. Because of this, outside food is not allowed in the classrooms. Please have children finish their AM snacks in the car. Children cannot have outside food in the classrooms or in lockers





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"PRAISING A CHILD"

Excerpt from "Is There a Right Way to Praise A Child?" The Talaris Institute 2009

Expert's opinions differ when it comes to using praise as a parenting method. Some consider it a positive method to help children know which behaviors are appropriate. Others view praise as manipulation, to shape children's behaviors.

Praise works best when used properly. A review of research shows that praise in response to a child's efforts and accomplishments helps to build confidence, while heaped-on praise actually becomes meaningless and may decrease motivation. To be worthwhile, praise needs to support children's innate excitement about their own developing accomplishments.

Some parent educators suggest praising only specific behavior and not using comments like "Good girl (or boy)," or "You are great!" If a child is praised for something specific they have accomplished, they can use that information to praise themselves. For example, saying, "You shared your special toy with your sister!" allows a child to say, "I'm good at sharing." Avoid using praise to turn a child into someone who wants to please adults too much, or who fears failure. Be sure that children know they are loved even when they fail or disobey. When children know they are loved, they are more likely to accept setbacks, suggestions, or limit setting.



JACK AND JILL IS NOW ON FACEBOOK!

We are looking for fun new ways to communicate with our parents about the fun and exciting things that are happening at Jack and Jill. Each week we will be posting new updates about what is happening in the classrooms as well as links to great resources and articles about early childhood education and development. Like us on Facebook for an opportunity to be involved in this fun community! We will also be posting random prize drawings and community opportunities for our fans as well!

PARKING LOT REMINDERS:

Remember that there are cars carrying small children and their families in our parking lots. Please remember to slow down when entering and leaving the parking lots each day. Please also remember to fully stop at the exit and to check for oncoming traffic before merging into the street. Several neighboring businesses at both locations have complained of cars exiting our parking lots not coming to a complete stop. Thank you for your help in keep in our children and families safe!

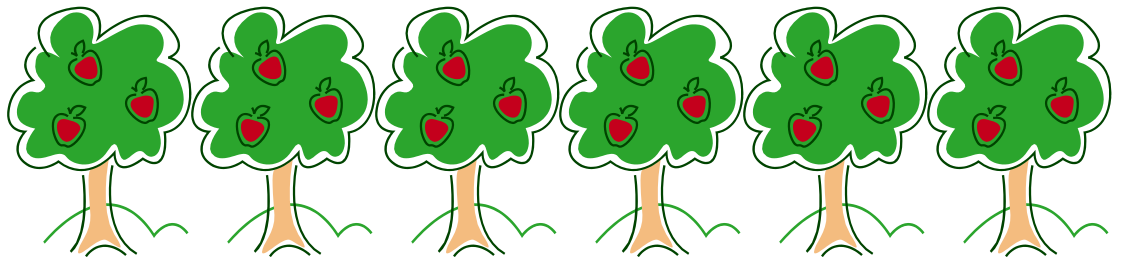
Please also remember that children should be with in arms reach of an adult at all times or holding their hand depending on their age. We understand that children are excited to come and go from school each day and may want to run ahead. For their safety, please remind them to stay close. Thank you!



LEAVES OF THANKS!



In each lobby you will soon find a basket of paper leaves. We want to hear from our families about what makes you love Jack and Jill! We would love for each family to complete a leaf indicating what your favorite thing is about Jack and Jill. We will then be hanging these up in our lobbies for everyone to see. Thank you for your help with this fun project!



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We are excited to introduce *Premier To Go* to our Jack and Jill families! *Premier To Go* is designed for busy families like yourselves who want to provide **fresh, fast, and flavorful food** for yourselves and your children each day.

Starting September 6th, families will be able to purchase GRAB AND GO breakfast or lunch packs to take to work each day. Families will also be able to log on to our *Premier To Go* website to order TO GO DINNER options for evening meals or large group gatherings.

Premier To Go will be having a "grand opening" of sorts on August 24th in St Anthony and August 31st in Blaine. As you pick up your children, you will be able to sample some of our delicious GRAB AND GO individual meals & TO GO DINNER family meals. Here is a sneak peak of some of the things we will be offering:

GRAB & GO MORNING MUNCH BOXES:

3 different boxes with combos of fruit & protein options that could include Yogurt & Granola; Cottage Cheese; Boiled Eggs; Mini Bagels with cream cheese or peanut butter; Artisan Cheese, & Fresh Fruit

TO GO DINNER FAMILY MEALS & SIDES

3 Salad Varieties Including
Classic Caesar Salad; Tortellini Pasta Salad; & Cobb Salad
3 Soup Varieties Including
Chicken Noodle; Roasted Red Pepper Gouda; & Chicken Wild Rice
3 Entrée Varieties Including
Kicked Up Mac & Cheese; Lasagna; & Mini Sliders and Coleslaw
4 Take and Bake Fresh Pizza Varieties Including
Just Cheese; Kids Tuscan; Big Kids Tuscan; & Margherita

FAMILY SOCCER BOX

Dinner for a Family of 4 including 2 child sandwiches and 2 adult gourmet sandwiches including bags of chips or chex mix, fruit, & crackers and cheese