

parent newsletter

June 29th 2011

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UPCOMING DATES

Monday, July 4th
Center closed for Fourth of July Holiday

Friday, September 2nd
Center closed for annual staff development day

Monday, September 5th
Center closed for Labor Day Holiday

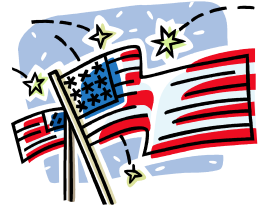
Wednesday, September 7th
4:00-6:00 pm
St Anthony
Parent Meet & Greet of new classrooms and staff

Thursday, September 8th
4:00-6:00 pm
Blaine
Parent Meet & Greet of new classrooms and staff

Saturday, September 10th
9:00-1:00 am
BLAINE WELLNESS DAY
Free events for the whole family!

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

Happy Independence Day! Just a reminder that Jack and Jill & JJ's Jam is closed Monday, July 4th for the holiday weekend. If you are planning an extra long weekend, please be sure to let us know so that we can plan our staff's vacations accordingly. We hope that you have a safe and fun weekend with your families! Please remember that this is a paid holiday for our families. Please contact Carol via email with billing questions. carol@jackandjilledu.com



Registration for JJ's Jam Before and After School Care

Registration for before and after school care for JJ's Jam is underway. We have had several inquiries for fall bussing and we want to make sure that all families have the opportunity to register. 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 also remember that bussing is based upon enrollment. It is important to us that all of our bussing options are cost effective for families and quality educational options for each of the children. **Our first registration deadline is July 15th!** Please email us your current before and after school bussing interest to annam@jackandjilledu.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

2011-2012 School Year Calendars & Holidays

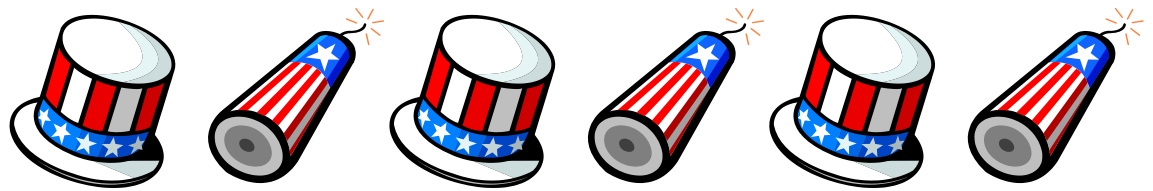
School year calendars are available at www.jackandjilledu.com. Please note the special dates that we are closed during 2011 & 2012. Because of how The New Year's holidays lands this year, we have slightly changed our holiday schedule. In 2012, we will be **OPEN** on January 2nd when we would normally 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:**
Monday, July 4th: 4th of July 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 your children finish their AM snacks in the car before entering the center.



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Check out what our staff members are up to!

AT OUR ST ANTHONY CENTER:

MS CATHERINE BOWMAN will be joining our infant team on Tuesday, July 5th and will be initially subbing through the holiday weeks. Catherine has an Early Childhood Education degree from Bemidji State and has her birth through third grade teaching license. Catherine comes to us with five years of teaching experience with infants and toddlers

MS ABIGAIL BUCK joined our infant team in St Anthony part time in June. Abigail comes to us with a background in the medical field and has spent significant time volunteering at Children's Hospital in the past two years. Abigail will continue her schooling in the fall in community development.

MS KANDICE BOETTCHER will be joining our preschool program in St Anthony in mid July. Kandice has an Early Childhood degree from The University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point and has been teaching four year olds for the past nine years.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR ANDREW who's wife will be having a baby in early August!

AT OUR BLAINE CENTER:

MS NICOLE RITTER joined our toddler team in early June. Nicole has five years of experience as a toddler teacher and is currently taking early childhood classes at Anoka Hennepin Community College. Nicole will continue to work between the penguin and ladybug room daily.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MS SARAH who gave birth to her baby boy, Ethan Joseph Dhein on June 26th, 2011! Ms Sarah will remain on maternity leave through mid August.

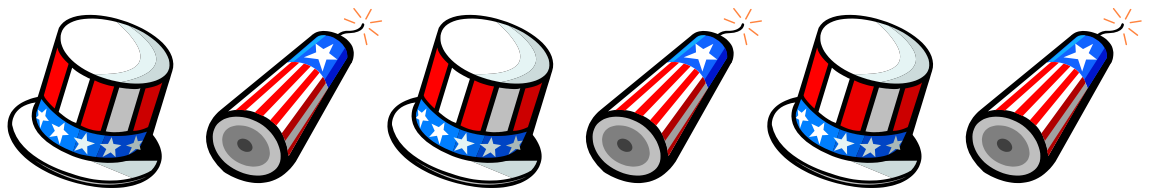
Blaine Wellness Day is Saturday, September 10th from 9:00-1:00!

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. Check out www.blainewellnessday.org for more information, or you can like us on facebook for a chance to win great prizes!

Summer Reminders: Listed below are a few summer reminders for all of our families. Please be sure to read through them all and let us know if you have any questions.

- Please remember to sign your child in and out every morning and afternoon. This is a very important part of our record keeping and is also crucial in case of an emergency. Thank you for taking the time to do this each day.
- As you know, security is a very important thing for all of us at Jack and Jill. As you come and go each day, please be careful to make sure that the door closes behind you. We want to make sure that all visitors in the program, even if it is grandma and grandpa, are required to check in at the office.
- We understand that several families may take long weekends or may have late days over the summer. If your child will be absent for the day, or arriving late, please let us know via email or by calling the office. As is our policy, if your child has not arrived by 10:00am without notification, they will be considered absent from the program for the day.
- Be sure to check your child's locker for extra clothes. As several children in the program are potty training, we want to make sure that everyone has adequate extra clothing available. Remember that your child may have outgrown what is currently on hand so please check with your child's teacher. All clothes should be labeled with your child's name or initials.
- Please take time to read through our sunscreen policy on the following page. It is important that everyone stays safe from the sun this summer!





SUNSCREEN POLICY

The following is Jack and Jill & JJ's Jam's Seasonal Plan to Reduce the Risk of Injury from Sun Exposure. Please be sure that as a family you are familiar with Jack and Jill & JJ's Jam's policies when it comes to sunscreen. Most importantly, please remember the following policies as explained in section 1 & 2:

- 1. Each child will have their own non-aerosol sunscreen product labeled with first and last name with an SPF of 30 or greater.**
***Remember that all children in the program must have their own sunscreen labeled with their name. We cannot share sunscreen between children or siblings. As this is our policy, if a child does not have sunscreen at Jack and Jill, that child will not be allowed to participate in outdoor activities or field trips that require sunscreen. Please remember that this also includes children in our after school program and they will not be able to go outside.
- 2. Parents will be instructed, and reminded throughout the season, to apply sunscreen to their child prior to dropping off their child for the day, and to assure that the sunscreen has been on their child for at least 30 minutes before the child will go outside.**
***It is Jack and Jill & JJ's Jam's policy that parents apply the first coat of sunscreen daily before dropping off their children. As sunscreen must be applied at least 30 minutes before sun exposure, it is vital that this policy be followed by all families. We will continue to ask parents and children each morning if sunscreen has been applied. If it has not, we will ask parents to apply sunscreen to their children, regardless of age, before parents leave the building for the day.

In the near future all families will be receiving a new family handbook to sign off on including procedures such as this policy. Please take a minute to look over the following protocol from Jack and Jill & JJ's Jam Child Care Center Risk Reduction Plan.

Seasonal plan to reduce the risk of injury from sun exposure. Sunburns are caused by exposure to too much ultraviolet (UV) light. Sunburn can occur on hazy or cloudy days. As much as 90 percent of UV rays pass through clouds. UV Rays can also reflect off snow, ice, sand, water and other reflective surfaces, burning the skin as severely as direct sunlight.
Mayo Clinic Article -126637

Training to reduce the likelihood of Sunburns:

- 1. Each child will have their own non-aerosol sunscreen product labeled with first and last name with an SPF of 30 or greater.*
- 2. Parents will be instructed, and reminded throughout the season, to apply sunscreen to their child prior to dropping off their child for the day, and to assure that the sunscreen has been on their child for at least 30 minutes before the child will go outside.*
- 3. Sunscreen will be reapplied liberally to all children at least 30 minutes before the child may go outside at different times of the day.*
- 4. Infants and young children will wear "sunhats" to help provide more protection, and parents will be instructed to send their infant and young child to school daily with a "sunhat" that is properly labeled with the child's first and last name.*
- 5. Children engaging in seasonal outdoor water play will follow the same procedure listed above for applying sunscreen products.*
- 6. School age children will be reminded to re-apply their sunscreen throughout the day, especially on outings and field trips, and especially when engaging in water play and swimming.*
- 7. Staff and Parents will check the expiration date on the sunscreen products to assure that it is not expired.*

Please let us know if you have any questions regarding this policy.

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