

Children's University of Chapel Hill's Monthly Newsletter

Monthly Feature: Summer's End

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As summer draws to a close, we begin the major preparation of Fall Enrollment. You will begin to see changes in curriculum as the kids prepare the move to their next classroom. We will keep you posted as the month progresses as to what sort of changes you will experience. We also encourage you at this time, if you haven't already done so, to enroll in our Parent Portal for Creative Curriculum. It is an excellent tool to assess your child's development and you can also request copies of curriculum from your child's next teacher to see what to expect in the coming months. You will be receiving a copy of your child's assessment and Parent/Teacher Conference Schedules will be posted outside each classroom. Please feel free to sign up for a time slot if you feel it's needed.

We are proud to announce the birth of Children's University of Chapel Hill's online baby:

<http://www.cuChapelHill.com/>

Our resident computer genius, Corey McEntyre, worked his fingers to the bone; the website is

fully functioning and AMAZING! We are continuing to add content, such as Teacher Bio Pages. But, for the most part, it is complete. Please, go online and check the website out for yourself. You can access weekly menus, monthly newsletters and a monthly calendar with information such as closings and meetings. We have also updated the Parent Handbook, so do feel free to read it over for any changes in policy. Please let us know if you have any questions about the site, or just want to tell us how amazing you think it is!



Reminder: We are closed on Friday, August 22nd for a Teacher Workday. All closings are posted on the website; feel free to download and print them for your convenience.

Thanks to all the families that participated in the Class Photos. Claudette worked very hard on this project, and we are pleased with the results. We expect to receive the pictures back by the 2nd Friday of August. We hope you are pleased with the photos. Look for copies of the class photos on the website soon!



Our Preschool Graduation Ceremony will be held on August 24th at 2 pm. This is a very special event for us, as it will be Children's University of Chapel Hill's very first graduating class! We will be holding the ceremony at the American Legion Hall right down the street from our campus. Immediately following, we will be hosting an Open House at the Center. We will hold it in a carnival-style, opening our beautiful doors to the public. Please join us in honoring our graduates, and the hard work the entire staff of Children's University has put into its first year of operation. Many people are responsible for our success, and we intend to celebrate. We will be distributing flyers of events, so make sure you grab the information when you see it!

Following the completion of our fall enrollment, we will be forming a Parent Committee. We have had much interest in this, and I am looking forward to assisting parents in coming together and formulating meeting dates and times. We value your input and this Committee will be a great venue for you to be heard. Once the Committee is formed, you will be given information to communicate with them and we will post their contact information on the website; if your schedule doesn't accommodate our meetings, you can still voice concerns through your Parent Committee representatives. We will post meeting dates and times on the website calendar as well.

With new walls, floors and awnings, we will begin focusing our efforts on the exterior as fall approaches. We will not only landscape the front of the building, but will also be working on the planter boxes and playground spaces. We hope you have all enjoyed and appreciated the positive changes we've been making as much as we have enjoyed doing them. And we would like you to know how much we appreciate your patience through the transitions.

Preschool Teacher, Jaleesa Allison, welcomed her baby boy, Brian Lee on June 21st! Congratulations and welcome back Jaleesa!