

Children's University of Chapel Hill's Monthly Newsletter

Monthly Feature: Fall Fun

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Fall brings many changes; leaves on trees, clocks go back an hour and kids head off to school. We had a whopping **21** graduates at the August 24th Preschool Graduation held at the American Legion Hall. It was a wonderful event with singing by the children, poems from the teachers and tear-filled eyes of parents and Children's University staff. This was our first graduating class, and we're proud to say they are SO ready for Kindergarten their new teachers will be amazed! Thanks to so many that helped in the ceremony and our Celebration and Open House that followed. A special thanks to Ms. Pat for helping us obtain the space to hold the graduation, for the American Legion was most hospitable and we look forward to many, many graduations at their location in the future! Also, Ms. Dorian and Ms. Anne did a lovely job, with the assistance of Mr. Aristide and Ms. Coretta, to help push our little birds out of the nest. Our staff was incredible at the Open House. I am so proud of all of them welcoming so many families and hosting games and activities for the kids to enjoy. Fun was had by all and we are looking forward to next year's festivities!



As our seasons change, so does the weather. We need to remind parents to bring layers of clothes for your children to wear as the mornings get cooler. All weather updates and closings will be posted both on our website's main page at www.cuchapelhill.com and WRAL. Hurricane season is fully upon us, and tornado warnings have been projected for as soon as Friday, September 5th. We have 125 families to accommodate and will do our best to call each parent if we do need to close for emergency purposes. Please make sure your emergency information is up-to-date with your teachers. You may also check the website periodically throughout the day for up-to-the-minute status reports on delays or closings for our Center.

We have begun our "age up" process, so you may have noticed your child either visiting or changing classrooms by now. We

strive to only do this once per year, to minimize stress on the kids. We hope this year's transition went smoothly for your child if he/she did a move up. If you have any questions or concerns for your new teacher, please feel free to voice them to your teachers or to Claudette or myself. We are always here to help in any way, big or small.



The first meeting of our Parent Committee will be held Monday, September 29th at 6:30 PM. All parents interested in sharing ideas, fundraising, or just getting to know one another are strongly encouraged to join. Although a Parent Committee Lead will be chosen that night, I will be attending the meeting to help get things started. As parents, you have a huge interest in the well-being and environment your child inhabits for approximately 40 hours a week. Please join us and be a part of future improvements to Children's University of Chapel Hill. A Parent/Teacher Liaison will also be chosen, so if you are interested in a leadership position let us know.

We have a link to Creative Curriculum's website on our

homepage. So far only 3 families have taken advantage of this program's online capabilities to inform you on the developmental status of your child. Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held next month. Your teacher will post sign-up sheets in each classroom on a first come, first serve basis for accommodating days and times. In the meantime, you can access your same information your teacher will share at this conference on your child's Creative Curriculum webpage. Please let us know if you would like to get an electronic invitation to sign up for this service.

Our ADT Fire/Burglar/Security System is finally set up. The only part we are still waiting for is more cards for the pop lock door system (ADT only sent half of our needed amount). Once the cards have arrived and been programmed, each family member will receive one card. This card will give you access to both the Main Building door and the Baby House door. If you have a friend or family member picking your child up, please do not give out your card. Simply ask your designated driver to ring the front doorbell and a staff member will gladly allow them access with the proper identification. This system's sole purpose is the protection of YOUR children. Please enjoy the comfort in knowing your children are both happy AND safe here each day.