



What's Buzzing?

Oberlin Early
Childhood Center



October 2014

FALLING FOR NUTRITIOUS FOOD!

OECC is right in the middle of the switch to our fall menu rotation. We've said so long to melons, red potato salad, baked beans and other summer staples and are beginning to try some new fall foods. The menus features more soups and casseroles and lots of hearty warm foods. For vegetables, we're starting to see sweet potatoes, butternut squash, carrots, and potatoes, all local from City Fresh! We'll have beef and barely soup made with local barley from AgAccess and we'll also use their local flours in our fall muffins: pumpkin spice, raisin, and apple. We'll also have shepherd's pie made with local grass-fed beef from J&R Farms.

Seasonal eating is great for enjoying fruits and vegetables when they are most delicious and helps us buy them locally as well. Plus, the children get to try new foods so it's a win-win all around! By introducing new foods in batches we can get some real progress on trying new nutritious foods!

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TEACHER PARENT CONNECTIONS

Did you know that our teachers and administrators keep current on trainings and classes to improve the quality of our center? They have collectively clocked at least 75 hours of training in the last two months alone. Some of the classes include: Guiding Behavior, Cognition and General Knowledge, and Social and Emotional Development.

All teachers are also current with the licensing requirements of CPR, First Aid, Communicable Disease and Child Abuse. These classes need to be updated regularly to help keep your child safe.

Oberlin Early Childhood Center appreciates the hard work and trainings our teachers do.

OUR VISION

All children thrive!

OUR MISSION

Nurturing the healthy growth of young children

OUR VALUES

Respect

We view respect as the foundation of every relationship.

Diversity

We see diversity as recognizing and valuing the richness of differences.

Collaboration

We collaborate to strengthen and optimize opportunities to achieve common goals.

Access

We are committed to enhancing access to opportunities for children, families, and staff.

Creativity

We believe that creativity empowers individuals and groups to reach their potential.

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SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEERS

This year marks another year of the center's collaboration with the Oberlin College Bonner Center for Service and Learning. We have two Work Study students who support the Food Program Manager weekly by chopping fruits and vegetables, washing dishes, extra cleaning, and whatever other support Lucia needs.

Our five America Reads students help teachers and children in classrooms by reading to them, playing with the children, or working on classroom projects. We welcome the students back!

KNOCKING OVER THE PINS!

Our center wide bowling field trip to Oberlin College Lanes was a great success! Fifty-six children, seventeen teachers, and ten United Way volunteers took part in the fun day for the children. Of course, the children were just as excited to get the ball the entire way down the alley to knock over a few pins as they were to walk to the site and look at the demolition of the Oberlin Inn.

Activities were also set up at the center. The children enjoyed the parachute, the tunnel, a small obstacle course, corn hole and bowling with two-liter bottles. One of the volunteers came equipped with face-painting and worked extra to make sure all the children had a chance to get painted if they chose. Pizza for lunch and a long nap were in order after the morning's tiring activities.

UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY APPRECIATION DAY AT JVS

October 4th from 10:00-3:00. A fun-filled event will include a variety of activities-something for everyone in the family to enjoy come rain or shine.

OBERLIN KIDS COMMUNITY FUN EVENT AT SPLASH ZONE

October 11TH from 2:00-5:00. For more info, check out the column to the right.

ANNUAL PIE FEST AT OECC

November 21 from 3:30-5:00. Mark your calendar! Get your taste buds ready! The teachers, children, and other local places will provide the pies. Just come and enjoy the comradery, activities and of course pie!

WAYS TO HELP

Support OECC by donating to the center through the Oberlin Community Campaign, United Way or individual donations; volunteer your time at the center; serve on the board; donate materials to the center.



WHAT IS OBERLIN KIDS?

Oberlin Kids is a community collaboration made up of fourteen community partners, with OECC serving as the Lead Partner. The collaborative is designed to develop solutions to ensure all children enter kindergarten ready to learn.

Oberlin Kids is sponsoring a FREE Community Family Fun Event! All are welcome to our Get Moving Family Fun Event. It will be held at the Field House at Splash Zone Saturday, October 11 from 2pm-5pm.

The goal is for ALL Children in Oberlin to Enter School Healthy and Ready to Learn. We will be providing many opportunities to get moving with your children and families while having fun. We will be providing games, bounce houses, obstacle courses, demonstrations, dancing and more.

Please wear athletic clothing and non-marking shoes. No food or glass is allowed in the field house. Water will be provided.

There will also be opportunities for registering to become an Oberlin Kids member if you have children under 5 and live within the Oberlin City School District, learning more about Oberlin Kids and scheduling Developmental Snapshots once you are a member. Contact Jenn at jkeathley@oberlinkids.org if you have any questions.