



# What's Buzzing?

January 2015

## CREATIVE ARTS PROGRAMMING COMING SOON!!!

**O**ECC is participating in an arts program funded by the Nord Family Foundation. Children will receive 38 weeks of arts programming in each classroom. Over this time, specialists in the areas of dance, music, theater and visual arts will visit each classroom for 30 minutes a week for a period of 7-11 weeks each. Children will take part in hands-on experiences where they are taught skills in all areas of development and social skills as a means of enhancing each experience in the classroom. This program will be provided by the Beck Center for the Arts in Lakewood, Ohio who has been providing arts enrichment through its Creative Arts Therapies Program to early childhood centers throughout Northeast Ohio since 1994. The program is also designed to provide professional development opportunities for our teachers in addition to materials for the classrooms.

## A HUGE THANK YOU

**O**berlin Community Services wishes to thank you for the wonderful gifts provided by our families to local children during the holidays. We have such thoughtful and giving families at OECC. We know the parents appreciated the gifts.

## SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF



Lucia Kalinosky is on our spotlight this month. Lucia is originally from Connecticut where her parents, brother and sister live. She currently lives here in Oberlin with her boyfriend, and Nugget, her cat. Lucia has worked in the kitchen as Food Program Manager for one and a half years at OECC and has about five years' experience at other venues.

Lucia has a B.A. in History from Oberlin College and has certificates from taking several food safety programs. She enjoys writing recipes and then tweaking them to be the best product possible. Hobbies include biking, making fermented foods such as sauerkraut and reading science fiction.

## SUPPLIES NEEDED

Does your office or workplace have any scrap paper or other materials teachers or children could use? OECC is willing to make use of your clean-on-one-side recyclable paper. There will be a box in the office to drop off the supplies. We are also in need of clear tennis ball containers!

### 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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## REMINDERS

Children go outdoors even in the winter months. Teachers refer to a temperature chart that takes into consideration temperature and wind chill to determine if it is safe to play outdoors. Please remember to bring winter gear (snow pants, boots, hats, gloves or mittens, scarf) for the children to get an optimum enjoyment of their time outside.

## FREE \$ 20 GAS CARD!



### **Refer a friend to Oberlin Kids and we will give you a \$20 gas card!**

We don't want any family in Oberlin to miss out on learning snapshots, hearing/vision screenings, family events, play groups, family dinner nights, parent education sessions, and more. If you know of someone with a child who lives in the Oberlin City School District and is birth-5 years old (not yet enrolled in kindergarten) ask them to sign up. They can learn more and register online at [www.OberlinKids.org](http://www.OberlinKids.org). Have them write your name in the "**How Did You Hear About Us**" section. Once we verify they are eligible and have not previously signed up you will receive the \$20 gas card. When your eligible friend completes a Developmental Snapshot they will get a \$20 gas card as well as a home literacy kit valued at over \$40!

### *Join Oberlin Kids today!*

Oberlin Kids mission is to ensure all children in Oberlin enter kindergarten healthy and ready to learn. The work we do is lead by Oberlin Early Childhood Center but our fourteen partners make it possible.

Oberlin Kids is seeking opportunities within the community to meet with groups to introduce Oberlin Kids, talk about kindergarten readiness, or even to facilitate a play group. If you are a member of a religious, children's, book study group we would love the opportunity to meet your members and introduce Oberlin Kids. Please email [jkeathley@oberlinearlychildhood.org](mailto:jkeathley@oberlinearlychildhood.org) or stop in to talk with her.

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#### WAYS TO SUPPORT OECC

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