



# May 2011 at Churchbridge Daycare

## Important Dates:

\* May Scholastic is due back on the 15th—each \$10.00 spent goes towards one parent volunteer hour

\* We still need a volunteer to attend the Rec Board Meetings the 3rd of each month.

\* Next Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday May 11th

\* Daycare will be closed Monday May



## May is Early Learning and Child Care Month!

Some of you may remember from past years but for those of you who are unfamiliar with it, May is Early Learning and Child Care Month and May 18th 2011 is Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day.

As we have done each year for EL&CC Month there will be blank posters hung in the hallway for all of the teachers and our nutrition coordinator. Please take the time with your child to write a little some-

thing to your family's ECEs.

### Did you know:

\* all of our full time teachers have taken post secondary education and received level one, two or three in Early Childhood Education

\* all of our teachers continue to educate themselves on new Early Childhood Education practices, theories and gain new ideas and activities by participating in workshops, conferences

and by visiting other high quality centers

\* all of our full time teachers give up a lot of their own time to plan and prepare activities or change the room environments after daycare hours and on weekends.

Your child's teachers put in 110% each and everyday please show your appreciation and do something special for them.

## Happy Birthday!!

Serena S. 1st

Breanne B. 4th

Kori G. 8th

Luke W. 8th

Kayley W. 8th

Hayley C. 11th

Nixon M. 16th

Liam B. 27th



## Thank-you, Thank-you, Thank-you!!

A great big thank-you goes out to all the families that participated in the "Old Dutch" Fundraiser. We made just over \$400.00. The money raised will go towards

a new change table in the Dolphin Room as well as outdoor play area toys and bikes. **Another Fundraiser??** Fundraisers are used as a way to bring in money for much

needed supplies, equipment, furniture and toys that are directly used to by the children, staff and families at our center while still keeping our parent fees as low as possible.



## Dolphin Room News (Infants)

April has raced by, and yes it is finally Spring! With the amazing weather we have been getting lots of fresh air. You may have seen us walking around town with our two new three seat strollers. We also have been playing out in the playground. The babies are loving the cool sand in between their fingers and the fresh air hitting their faces as they go down the slide.

We are hoping the sun continues to shine throughout May so we can spend as much time as possible outside. Please be sure to

send weather appropriate clothing with your child **EVERY** day. Also be sure to send a change of clothes, your babies love to get mucky!

The baby room would like to welcome our new full time staff member Vicky. Vicky has worked at our daycare as a casual staff member for just about two years and our babies already love her!

As most of you already know I (Nicole) am expecting my second child. I will be starting my Maternity Leave on May 27th. I will miss

all the babies and families while I am gone over the next year and hope to come and visit daycare often with my own new addition! Management is in the process of hiring my replacement and as soon as everything is final we will let all of our parents know who will be the new Dolphin Room teacher and begin the training process.

Nicole & the Baby Room Staff

**" Thank-you to the Churchbridge Co-op for their contribution towards one 3 seat stroller. We truly appreciate it and so do the infants!!!"**

**A very special good-bye to Sophie and Maia!!! We will miss you two very much!**

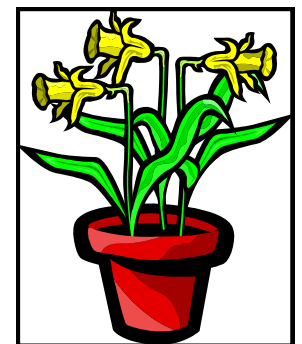
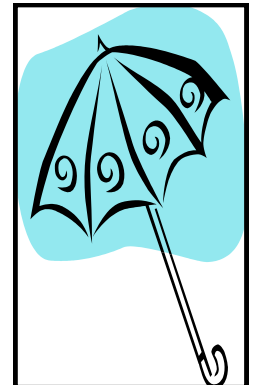
## Turtle Room News (Toddlers)

It's spring time! The kids have been very eager to get outside, especially for a ride in the buggy! We'd like to welcome our new classroom pet "Peanut" the rabbit. He's a very energetic bunny, and the kids really enjoy this new-found company. In May we are looking forward to spending lots of time outside. We plan on getting messy and having fun. This year the outside committee has starting getting their plans together to further develop the area. We have started some seedlings inside to plant outside.

The kids have had a

huge interest in birds lately. They love watching them outside and get quite excited when one is spotted on our walks! We also have a few new kids coming into the room in May! We are very excited to gain these new friends.

Happy May!  
-Terissa and the Toddlers



## Crane Room News (3 year olds)



The snow is gone!

April has disappeared along with it, and we're all excited about the warmer weather. We have been spending a lot more time outside, enjoying the bugs, mud, water, dirt, running and the occasional buggy ride! During the month of April we welcomed several new Cranes and with them came a new Crane teacher, Kami. We've all grown to love her and I really appreciate her patience, creativity and her love for children! She is a great addition to the daycare.

One of the highlights of this past month has been cooking classes with Erin. The Kids love donning their aprons and leaving the normal routine for "class". Big thanks to Erin for taking this on-there are some crazy days but she always manages to keep calm and produce delicious treats! Music class is

patiently waiting (...not) for the instruments to arrive. Hopefully they turn up soon.

We have done a lot of planting and learning about our sprouts. The kids planted beans and a dozen or so are growing very well. There was a great excitement when we moved them from the paper towel to real dirt and were able to examine the roots growing from the seed. I heard the kids reciting their poem "The Seed" daily as they were playing so spring has really taken root.

Easter brought egg dying, egg hunts and of course watching for the Easter Bunny! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday.

In May we will continue to follow a programming "calendar" like we did in April. I will give them to you AFTER Mother's Day...as those activi-

ties will be STRICTLY secret. Other than our dear Mothers, we will be learning more about the miracle of growth. The kids are already probing the garden outside to encourage the leftover plants, so I think they will enjoy it.

A few reminders—Please send 2 extra sets of clothes with your children. Make sure all clothing, shoes, jackets, splash pants etc. are labeled with your child's names so we don't have mix ups. We go outside twice a day now that the weather is nice. Be sure to check the white board as well as the kids lockers for information or notes about our day or future events.

If you have any questions or comments about anything, feel free to ask Kami or myself. We are more than happy to have your input. Have an awesome May and Happy Mother's Day to all the Moms out there!

## Starfish Room News (4 & 5 year olds)

April has been such a fun filled and busy month it's slipped away from us without us noticing!

In April we really took advantage of the changes in the world around us and focused on learning about the weather, planting and Easter.

Each day we charted the weather on our weather calendar. Each child has a turn to draw a picture of the weather in the square provided for that day, it will be displayed in the hallway by our bulletin board at the end of each month for parents to see. We also made tie dyed raindrops, sunshine paintings and shaving cream clouds.

In mid April we explored with seeds. We made seed collages and discussed what we thought each seed would grow to be. We planted a variety of seeds (peas, pumpkins, sunflowers, carrots)

in clear cups to see if they would grow and what they would look like. We are very happy to announce that each one of our seeds has started to grow.

The kids are very excited to check on their plants each day to see how they have changed above the soil and beneath it as they watch the plants grow bigger each day and the roots grow and curve through their cups.

At the end of April we did a little bit of Easter. We dyed eggs, made Easter baskets and baby chicks out of pompoms. We were all very surprised to find that the Easter Bunny had left treat filled eggs for us all over the play yard on Thursday the 21st. We had a lot of fun collecting them and sharing them with our friends!

In May we will be putting together a science center complete with a plant-

ing table, cactus garden and bug terrarium that we will be

building from scratch, books about nature and science, magnifying glasses, and hopefully by the end of may a hermit crab and beta fish. We are very excited to begin this project! We will also be doing some special projects focused on some special ladies we know and will hopefully get to plant a few things in the garden by the end of the month! I'd like to wish all the moms a Happy Mother's Day!

Enjoy the beautiful spring weather,  
Erin & the Starfish

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# Organization

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It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

## Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you

can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

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