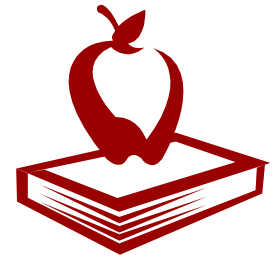


# Monkton Country Day Care Newsletter



## WELCOME BACK MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

September 2013

Dear Parents,

I hope your summer has been wonderful. I am looking forward to an exciting school year. As many of you are aware, I will be the new director for the upcoming school year of 2013-2014. Along with our returning teachers; Miss Marla, Miss Danielle and Miss Christina, please help me welcome Miss Stefanie to our staff as our new 4 year old teacher. (We also have Miss Cheryl filling in for our 3 year old teacher until we find a "perfect" fit for that classroom.)

I am so happy to see all of the smiling faces returning this year along with a number of new faces. We have a lot of exciting things planned for this year for the children and families and can't wait to kick things off. Thank you for entrusting your children to our care and I intend to make every child's experience at Monkton a positive one! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to stop by my office at any time.

Lisa Rufo

### Happy Birthday

- ✓ Cole S 9/12
- ✓ Jack M 9/21



### Important Contacts

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### September Events To Remember

Aug 29-30 School Closed/In-service Days

Sept 2 School Closed/Labor Day

Sept 3 School Starts

Sept 9 Grandparents Day Breakfast 8-9:15 am

### Our Staff

Ms. Danielle	2's
Ms. Barb	Sub
Ms. Christina	3's
Ms. Marla	4's
Ms. Stefanie	4's
Ms. Susan	Floater
Ms. Lisa	Office
Ms. Karen	Office
Ms. Cheryl	Art

I would love to tell you to check out our website, but it is temporarily down. We hope to have it up and running as soon as possible. Once the website is live again it will provide a description of our program, directions to

our location, pictures of the school and activities, information on the staff, forms parents can download, and most importantly, it will be a location where we can announce important notices such as school closings.

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Tell us what you think!

## Program Option Overview/Alpha Cares Sign In & Out

In order to ease the traffic flow during the first week of back to school, we wanted to remind everyone of the program options available and where children should be dropped off and picked up daily.

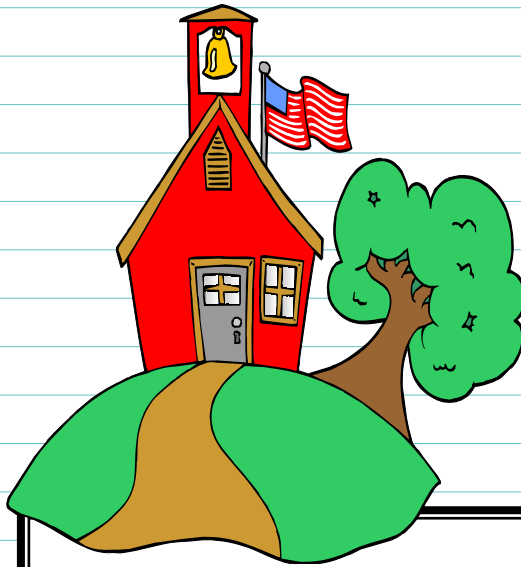
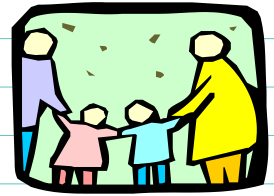
**Day Care** hours are from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. If you are dropping off between 7-8:30 a.m. you will find the opening rooms for the younger children (2's & 3's) on the lower level and the 4's on the upper level. Please remember to sign your child in by scanning his/her personal ID card on the computer before you leave.

**Preschool** hours are from 9 a.m-12 noon. Parents arriving at 9 can bring their children directly to their classroom and then sign him/her in on the computer using the personal ID card.

We have **Extended Care** hours available for preschool families from 8-8:50 a.m. and in the afternoons until 1 or 3 p.m. There is an additional charge of **\$10/hour** for the extended care service. If your child will be staying until 1 please pack a nutritious lunch. If your child will be staying until 3 please let us know in advance to ensure we have enough cots for nap time. Bring a fitted

crib sheet and blanket inside a pillow case (label with name). Please let the office know if you are interested.

Preschool pick up will be in the lobby area in front of the Sanctuary. **To ensure the safety of the children, please enter and exit through the ramp entrance.** Please remember to sign your child out.



## Parent Night

Mark your calendar and join us for our annual Parent Night on Wednesday, **September 25th at 7:00 p.m.** We will be gathering in the Sanctuary for a brief welcome and to introduce the Monkton staff members before dispersing to your child's individual classrooms.

This is a great time for you to meet with your child's teacher and learn about what the year will hold academically. We will be serving light refreshments. If you are interested in assisting with donations please see the sign up sheet in your child's classroom. We look forward to seeing you all at Parent Night!

## Homework Assignment

All new and returning parents were provided with the necessary paperwork to complete their child's file.

Thank you to all of you who have returned those forms already. If you haven't done so, please bring the forms in today. The forms are required by licensing to be on file



if your child is attending our facility.

Updated shot records and physical are mandatory. If you are having difficulty getting an appointment with your physician please let the office know when it is scheduled so we can note this in your child's file.

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and completed (front and back) of Emergency forms are mandatory.

As always, we appreciate your cooperation in returning all of this paperwork in a timely fashion. Please see the office if you need additional forms.

# Back to School & Separation Anxiety

Returning to or starting a new school can be an exciting and sometimes stressful event for children. Talking with your child before the “big day”, visiting their new school if possible and reading books about going to school are great ways to help your child know what’s going to happen and head off any anxiety they may have about going to school. A great book to read to your child is “*The Kissing Hand*” by Audrey Penn. The book talks about how difficult it can be for a child to leave their loved ones behind when they go off to school. Chester, the little raccoon in the book, has to leave his mother to go to school and his mother gives him a kissing hand so he will always have her love with him. With that reassurance, Chester doesn’t find going to school so tough.



It is natural for children to have an adjustment period at school. Typically, two weeks is the time frame children need to make a full adjustment to a new setting. Of course, each child will adjust differently based on their personality, temperament, program schedule, and prior experience with school. Be consistent with your child’s routines. Refer to their daily notes to discuss the events of the day with them. Speak to your child’s teacher about any concerns you may have regarding their adjustment. Most of all, be patient. The adjustment is temporary.



Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Special thanks to the **Gempp** family for the playground houses and to **Taylor and Tucker** for the construction diggers. The children are having a blast on the playground playing with it all!

Special thanks to **Virginia Jordan** for giving us food coloring. We certainly used the dye for lots of science experiments this summer.

