

June 2011

# West Cobb Times

## Calling All Dads

Please join us Friday, June 17th for Donuts with Dad. We'll be serving Donuts w/ juice beginning at 8:30.

Due to limited parking, our staff will park in the Food Depot Parking Lot and I encourage dads to do the same.

While adult seating maybe limited, your child will be overjoyed to have you join them for a special morning snack and for them to give you their gift/card for Father's Day.

## Soccer

### Kid Goals "News Flash"

Prepare for the upcoming Fall Soccer Season by attending soccer training this summer at West Cobb Prep. Kid goals will be teaching the fundamentals (dribbling, passing, and shooting) of soccer over 7 weeks starting June 6th.

Class dates are: 6/6, 6/13, 6/20, 6/27, 7/11, 7/18, and 7/25.

The discounted summer program will cost only \$60 for the 7 weeks. Bi-weekly class updates will be sent out to each participant, along with an end of session evaluation and access to on-line Video Training.

We hope to see you on the field.

## CHESS

We also offer a summer Chess Program for children in Kindergarten and above. The class begins on Monday afternoon (June 6th). Please see a flyer in the Enrichment Hallway for further details.

### Summer is Here!

While our private school program has concluded for the year, our summer program has already begun! We now have two Sr. Pre-School classes and four Club Adventure classes which means our summer is jammed pack with field trips, cooking projects, art/crafts and water park days (which started 5/31 for Sr. Pre-School and above). Children in toddler and Jr. Pre-School classes stay tuned for further information on your child's water days.

The management team will be taking the time to edit this years Parent Handbook, write up a new policy on School Closing due to Inclement Weather, purchase equipment and curriculum, interview/hire/train new staff, continue to train staff about documentation boards for the young children's classrooms, create transition folders for children who move up to a new class throughout the year, and begin organizing/planning the fall program. We hope you and your family enjoy the summer program and any vacations your family may take. As always, if you have any questions or comments, feel free to see me any-time.

Ms. Marla

### NEW TUITION RATES

Effective 8/8/2011

We hope you have seen the many changes West Cobb has made throughout the last school year- mostly for the younger children's classrooms. We added plants, created documentation boards, and arranged more effective centers in the toddler and Jr. Pre-school classrooms.

For the fall program, we will be focusing on a new room arrangement for the Infant 2 classroom, the placement of all of the documentation boards in each classroom, possibly changing the curriculum to streamline the activities with developmental checklists, and arranging for the Foreign Language program to include a daily Mandarin class for children in Jr. Pre-School 1 and above.

Based on these changes, we will be increasing our rates by \$5-\$10 a week (an upcoming Monday Memo will have the exact amounts).

Thank you for your continued support of our growth at West Cobb Prep Academy.

#### INFANT 1

We've been focusing on holding our bottles this month. Most of our children are able to sit up without assistance ! Yeah!

The children love when we play Pat-a-Cake.

And we even participated in Spirit Week with our tie-dye shirts- although I think it was more fun for our teachers!

Now that our children are older- we are moving our entire class to Infant 2.

Mrs. Princess & Mrs. Louisitha



Congratulations to Madison and Hayden for becoming Big Sisters!

#### TODDLERS

We started the month off focusing on Dinosaurs. We enjoyed reading the books 'How Dinosaurs Play' and 'Ten Big Dinosaurs'. In the block area, we built a cove for our dinosaurs using our large blocks. We had fun making dinosaur footprints with playdough. During circle time, we used our dinosaur puppet to learn the finger-play '5 Dinosaurs Climbing a Tree'. We had fun using Cheerios to decorate a cut out of a dinosaur and sponge-painted a t-rex. During music and movement we had fun doing the Dino Dance.

The second part of the month we focused on the Ocean. We read the book 'Fish Kisses' and 'Rainbow Fish'. We looked at pictures of different types of sharks and talked about their features. In the sensory table we added several types of fish and pretended we were fishing in the ocean. We had fun making a starfish with oatmeal and making a colorful fish collage. The colors we focused on this month were blue and green. We learned the sign for water and really enjoyed eating muffins with mom for Mother's Day.

Ms. Arkeyshaw and Ms. Marie

#### INFANT 2

We practiced our sign language, finger painted with the color yellow, worked on letters A-C and our numbers 1, 2 and 3.

We had tons of fun participating in Spirit Week- especially with our tie dye t-shirts. (photo on the right)

Ms. Laura and Ms. Porcia



#### JR. PRE-SCHOOL 1

This month we learned so much about Dinosaurs. We explored our senses in our sensory table filled with 'Dino Food' (plants) and looked for Dino Eggs in the soil. We had fun imitating a dinosaur and marched to 'We are the Dinosaurs Marching'.

For the theme of 'Under the Sea' we went fishing! The children really concentrated on catching a fish with a fishing pole. We made Starfish Prints and enjoyed gluing and pasting our turtles. We learned many Spanish words and started our new activity entitled 'Brainy Builders'. The children are so excited! They are so creative when it comes to building things with different shaped objects.

Also, we are so happy to have Alex, Chloe, and Hayden full potty trained! Wow!

Mrs. Martha



# Happy Birthday!

Lilly (Sr. 1)	6/3
Xavier (Club 2)	6/4
London (Inf. 2)	6/11
Chase (Club 3)	6/12
Mrs. Martha (Jr. 1)	6/13
Ms. Rokeya (Adm)	6/14
Juan Martin (Club 1)	6/17
Tristan (Club 3)	6/17
Mekel (Jr. 2)	6/19
Neelah (Club 4)	6/19
E'Ian (Club 3)	6/20
Samantha (Jr.2)	6/24
Landon (Club 4)	6/24
Alec (Sr. 2)	6/30

**Happy Birthday to all**

## SR. PRE-SCHOOL

In May, we continued to talk about the way our body moved. We moved through Sports (football, soccer, basketball, jump rope, and even cheerleading). It was a blast! We also moved through dance (hip hop, ballet, tap, and both slow and fast dance). We even tried country line dancing! We learned that movements have opposites too. We learned opposites associated with music (loud/soft, high/low, and fast/slow). Reviewing all of our opposites was a great idea because we remembered most of them and surprised Ms. Tia and Ms. Erica. Awesome!

We used characters from stories to move too! Actors and actresses move a lot of different ways and we practiced moving like them by using different emotions. We were sad, scared, loud, surprised, and our favorite was brave. We chose our favorite stories and made puppets to practice our acting at home.

Spirit Week was so much fun.

In June, we will begin our Pre-K prep. We will learn new sight words and how to write them. We will also begin to write simple sentences. Also, in phonics, we will sound and letter match using lower case letters, upper case letters and pictures that begin with the matching letter.

In Math, we will continue to write numbers 1-20 and we will learn the addition symbol, subtraction symbol, and equal sign. We will do simple math problems. And of course we are looking forward to each Thursday beginning in June- it's water park day!!!

Ms. Tia and Ms. Erica



## Jr. PRESCHOOL 2

We reviewed our zoo-phonics alphabet flash cards and continued spelling our first names. We introduced our zoo-phonics mini books which includes a vocabulary list.

During the summer we will send home a mini book of the week for your child to keep. Also, during the summer we will learn to spell out our first and last names.

Our class has been split up for the summer as many of our classmates are 3 years old and potty trained. Therefore, Ms. Tameka has moved over to Sr. Pre-school 1 for the summer and Ms. Ericka and Ms. Beverly will be in Jr. Pre-School 2 for the summer months.

A special thank you to the gifts bestowed upon us for Teacher Appreciation Week.

Ms. Tameka & Ms. Ericka

The teachers helped put on our first Annual Talent Show. We had dancers, singers and the photos show two of our Sr. Pre-School children sharing their hidden talent of playing a musical instrument.



## ITBS TEST RESULTS

We received the results of our April's ITBS standardized tests for Kindergarten, First and Second grades. Here are the results:

**Vocabulary:** Kindergarten students tested on average at the 4th month of First Grade Level.  
First Grade students tested on average at the 2nd month of Third Grade Level.  
Second Grade students tested on average at the 8th month of Fourth Grade Level.

**Language:** Kindergarten students tested on average at the 5th month of First Grade level.  
First Grade students tested at the beginning of the Third Grade Level.  
Second Grade students tested on average at the 3rd month of Third Grade Level.

**Math:** Kindergarten students tested on average the 5th month of First Grade Level.  
First Grade Students tested on average the 5th month of Second Grade Level.  
Second Grade students tested on average the 6th month of Second Grade Level.

**Social Studies and Science:** Average for 1st Grade- 2nd month of Second Grade

Overall- we are very proud of the students accomplishments!

# July Happenings

Monday, July 4th- We will be closed in Observance of Independence Day.

Wednesday, July 5th- We will have the Sand Art Cart out at 10:00 for Jr. Pre-School children and older.

Friday, July 15th- We are having a Lemonade Stand next door in the Market at pick up time. More details will be forthcoming.

Here are all of the Club Adventure classes at Young Chef's Academy. We made cinnamon-sugar pretzels.

