

# The Parent Corner

August 2011

News from USD 475 Child Development Center

## Focus on NAEYC

### Standard 9: Physical Environment

Standard 9 focuses on having a safe and healthful environment that provides appropriate and well-maintained indoor and outdoor activity areas. The environment includes facilities, equipment, and materials to facilitate child and staff learning and development.

We adhere to this standard by having age appropriate playground equipment on our playgrounds, as well as, separating the playgrounds by age group so that every child is safe. We also provide age appropriate and educational toys and activities that help the children learn and develop whether they are outside or inside.

### Please Welcome! Ms. Nakeia Parks

Nakeia is USD 475's new Assistant Director. Nakeia has spent 5 years in the early childhood field as both a teacher and as an administrator. She comes to us with an Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education and is currently working on her Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Administration. She is excited to take on this new position and is looking forward to working with both you and your child. If you have any questions for Ms. Nakeia please do not hesitate to ask!

### August Important Dates

**August 5 -Teacher Inservice-Center Closed**

**August 11 -Parent Meeting 6:30-8:00 pm**

**August 15-19-Kindergarten Transition  
Week @ USD 475**

**August 30-Family Potluck Night**



## Parent Info and Reminders

As we approach the beginning of school, some of your children are going to be transitioning into Kindergarten. We would like to take this time to thank you for allowing us to teach your children and watch them grown and develop. Also, please let us know when you plan to withdraw your child as you help them prepare for that next level in their educational development.

Annual registration fees will be charged to all accounts on August 1. The \$45 fee must be paid by August 10 to avoid a late fee. Please see Berni if you have any questions.

**\*\*Note:** Families who paid the registration fee in June or July of this year will not be assessed another fee at this time.

## Parent Involvement

### Why is this important?

"Recent studies show that when families are involved in their children's education in positive ways, the children achieve higher grades and test scores, have better attendance at school, complete more homework, and demonstrate more positive attitudes and behavior." (From "Building Parent-Teacher Partnerships" <http://www.naeyc.org/families/PT>)

Just as we encourage the children to take ownership in their classrooms and the environment, we would love to build a stronger sense of community among the families in our center. There are many ways to be involved and to support your child's learning, including speaking to your child's teacher often, spending time in your child's classroom, and attending parent-teacher conferences and meetings.

Our next Parent Meeting will be August 11 at 6:30 p.m. We have had very low attendance in the past, and I would like to encourage all parents to consider attending.



## August Birthdays

**Kaiden L. - Aug. 1**  
**Kaiden T. - Aug. 5**  
**Akera R. - Aug. 7**  
**Mrs. Doris - Aug. 16**  
**Terell R. - Aug. 18**  
**Jayden L. - Aug. 26**  
**Scotty C. - Aug. 29**



## Numbers and Enrollment

**Current enrollment: 75**  
**Slots available: 100**

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Monday 8/1	Tuesday 8/2	Wednesday 8/3	Thursday 8/4	Friday 8/5
<p><b>Breakfast:</b> French toast (I), strawberries(C), milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Chicken noodle soup w/crackers(I), carrots(A), apricots, milk</p> <p><b>Snack:</b> PBJ crackers(I), apple juice(C)</p>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Pop tarts(I), fruit cocktails(C), milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Ravioli w/ grilled turkey(I), mixed veggies(A), pears(C), milk</p> <p><b>Snack:</b> Ritz Crackers(I), milk</p>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Sausage &amp; biscuit(I), pears(C), milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Meatloaf(I), fresh asparagus(C), fried rice(I), pineapple(C), milk</p> <p><b>Snack:</b> Donut(I), milk</p>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Assorted cereal(I), peaches(C), milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Grilled cheese (I), sliced tomatoes(A), watermelon(C), milk</p> <p><b>Snack:</b> Granola Bar(I), grape juice(C)</p>	<p><b>Center Closed for In-service</b></p>
Monday 8/8	Tuesday 8/9	Wednesday 8/10	Thursday 8/11	Friday 8/12
<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Blueberry muffins(I), banana(C), milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Chicken tenders, corn(A), mandarin oranges(C), milk</p> <p><b>Snack:</b> Cottage cheese(I), pineapple(C), milk</p>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Oatmeal(I), peaches(C), milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Broccoli, turkey &amp; rice casserole, fruit cocktail(C), milk</p> <p><b>Snack:</b> Honeybun(I), milk</p>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Scrambled eggs, sausage, tropical fruit(C), milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Chicken tenders(I), cranberry sauce(A), peas(A), milk</p> <p><b>Snack:</b> Granola bar(I), milk</p>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Fruit loops(I), orange slices(C), milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Meatball(I), gravy noodles, carrots (A), apricots(C), milk</p> <p><b>Snack:</b> Cheese cubes(I), crackers, water</p>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Hashbrown (I), pears(C), milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Beef burritos(I), Spanish rice, corn(A), applesauce(C), milk</p> <p><b>Snack:</b> Pudding, banana (C), milk</p>
Monday 8/15	Tuesday 8/16	Wednesday 8/17	Thursday 8/18	Friday 8/19
<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Breakfast burritos(I), applesauce (C), milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Fish(I), Fresh broccoli(A), mixed fruit(C), milk</p> <p><b>Snack:</b> Teddy grahams(I), milk</p>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Biscuits/ gravy, mandarin oranges(C), milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Riblets on a mini bun(I), peas/carrots(A), sliced apples(C), milk</p> <p><b>Snack:</b> Cottage cheese(I), peaches(C), water</p>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Pancakes(I), peaches(C), milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Turkey fritters(I), tater tots, green beans (A), sliced oranges(C), milk</p> <p><b>Snack:</b> Banana loaf(I), milk</p>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> UBR cookies, fruit cocktail(C), milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Salisbury steak(I), mac &amp; cheese, corn(A), mixed fruit(C), milk</p> <p><b>Snack:</b> Goldfish crackers (I), milk</p>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Eggs, cantaloupe(C), milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Sloppy joes w/ buns(I), mixed veggies (A), applesauce(C), milk</p> <p><b>Snack:</b> Bananas(C), milk</p>
Monday 8/22	Tuesday 8/23	Wednesday 8/24	Thursday 8/25	Friday 8/26
<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Assorted cereal(I), pineapple(C), milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Chicken tenders (I), wax beans(A), apricots(C), milk</p> <p><b>Snack:</b> Carrots(A) w/ Ranch Dip, apple juice(C)</p>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Waffles(I), fresh strawberries(C), milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Spaghetti(I), corn(A), garlic bread, mandarin oranges(C), milk</p> <p><b>Snack:</b> Granola Bar(I), apple juice(C)</p>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> French toast, peaches(C), milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Meatloaf(I), green beans(A), mashed potatoes, pears(C), milk</p> <p><b>Snack:</b> Peanut butter/ Jelly crackers, milk</p>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Pop Tart(I), tropical fruit(C), milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Fish squares(I), carrots(A), orange wedge(C), milk</p> <p><b>Snack:</b> Cheese and apples(C)</p>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Muffin(I), banana(C), milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Chicken fried rice w/ veggies(I), peaches(C), milk</p> <p><b>Snack:</b> Goldfish crackers(I), milk</p>
Monday 8/29	Tuesday 8/30	Wednesday 8/31	<p><b>August Menu</b></p> 	
<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Sausage &amp; biscuit(I), pears(C), milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Turkey nuggets (I), broccoli &amp; cheese (A), apricots(C), milk</p> <p><b>Snack:</b> Cheese cubes(I), crackers, water</p>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Egg/cheese Hot Pocket(I), pears(C), milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Riblets(I), french fries(A), applesauce(C), Fresh squash, milk</p> <p><b>Snack:</b> Cottage cheese(I), pineapple (C), water</p>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> French toast (I), Mixed Fruit(C), milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Ravioli (I), peas &amp; carrots(A), mandarin oranges(C), milk</p> <p><b>Snack:</b> Ice cream, graham crackers, milk</p>		

