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# FAMILY POST

June 2020



Above, our preschoolers were very happy to be back at school working on new projects. Each of our students have their own individual supply of art tools to limit sharing between kids. Below, our toddlers were also very excited to be back in the classroom learning.



## Program Updates

Dear DCDC Families,

We want to thank all of you for your patience and support throughout these last few months. These first weeks back have been different, but running very smoothly. The staff and students are settling in well with the new polices and routines. Everyone has been so happy to see each other.

As we move forward we have to make a few more changes to keep the program running smoothly. In our infant and toddler area we are combining our 2-3 year old classrooms into the Panda Bear room with Angela and Missy until the end of August. Denise in our Cub room will rejoin the Pooh Bear room along with Karla from our Koala Bear room.

In Preschool our Grizzly teacher Gina moved in with our Teddy Bear Teacher Nancy for the month of June. In July Nancy will move to the Grizzly Bear room with some of her Teddy Bear students. Gina will be with Kelly our other Koala Bear teacher until we are able to hire a new teacher.

Starting on July 6th our hours will change to 7:30-5:00. If you previously had a 7:45-4:45 or 8:00-5:00 schedule we will return you to that schedule. If you were 8:15-5:15 we will place you at 8-5. If you had a 10 hour contract Lori will be in touch to get your scheduled time. If you need to make change due to the new hours please email Lori at [lmcdonnell@danvillecdc.org](mailto:lmcdonnell@danvillecdc.org).

## STAFFING UPDATES

DCDC is looking to hire full time teachers in our infant and preschool areas and part time subs this coming August. If you know anyone looking to work at an amazing child care center please have them send their resume to Michele Jenkins at [mjenkins@danvillecdc.org](mailto:mjenkins@danvillecdc.org)



## HAPPENINGS

- **July 3rd**- All DCDC Programs Closed for 4th of July
- **August 27th**- DASD 1st day
- **September 7th**- All DCDC Programs Closed for Labor Day
- Want to know what else is going on around the region? [Check out the Columbia Montour Visitors Bureau's calendar!](#)

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We are looking at also extending our hours to 7:00-5:00 come August 3rd. We will send a message out to confirm that date.

## QUALITY SPOTLIGHT

### New Procedures and Policies

#### *DROP OFF/PICK UP:*

Please be patient during drop off and pick up time as we all adjust to the new routine.

-Families must follow their requested pick up/drop off times. If changes need to be made please contact Lori.

-Families must maintain social distancing while dropping-off/picking-up.

-Only one family is permitted at the entrance or in the lobby at any one time.

-If waiting behind another family, maintain 6-foot distance

-Only one drop-off/pick-up person should accompany the child to the door.

-Only children and assigned staff are permitted in the classrooms.

-Parents and caregivers will be admitted to classrooms only in case of emergency

-A staff member will greet you at the front door.

-Parent/caregiver and child will use hand sanitizer.

-A staff member will take the child's temperature, and

-Screening questions will be asked; This will be recorded on a screening form.

-DCDC reserves the right to dismiss a child at drop off due to concerns of illness.

-Parent/caregiver will take child's shoes off to take home,

-Staff member will take child to their classroom

-Child's hands will be washed and will put on center shoes.

-Please ONLY bring necessary items into the center such as formula, breast milk, diapers, nap time items (at the beginning of each week), changes of clothes (as needed) as well as a pair of "center shoes" (needed on your first day back) for your child.

-All staff and families will wear a mask that covers the mouth and nose at the center. Children are not required to wear masks.

-Families will call into the front desk to announce your child's pick up. A staff member



We have been playing outside every morning to take in all that wonderful fresh air and to get our bodies moving.



Check out our videos to see what drop offs will look like:

Wall St  
[Drop off](#)

Bloom Rd  
[Drop off](#)

will gather your child and bring them to you at the front entrance. Center shoes will stay and parent/caregiver will bring shoes for the child to put on.

### Center Routines

-DCDC Covid-19 Waiver must be completed on your first day back. A copy of the form is on our website or [Click here for the Waiver](#) . Please email it to [Lori](#).

-DCDC Wall St will be serving breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack and will be eaten in the classrooms. Bloom Rd SACK will be served breakfast and an afternoon snack in their room.

-Tooth brushing will be discontinued at this time.

-Children will go outside more often and only with their assigned classroom. Please be sure the shoes you send in are appropriate for outside play, and put sunscreen on your child before coming. Playground equipment will be sanitized after each classroom.

-Staff and children will continue with lots of handwashing. Families are encourage to put lotion on your child's hands at night.

-If a child becomes sick at home with any symptoms, cough, fever (100.4), muscle aches, generally not feeling well, we ask that you notify us and keep your child at home. Follow our current Illness Policy in the Family Pandemic Policy to understand the return to school policy. If symptoms are consistent with COVID-19, please phone your child's pediatrician and ask for guidance. Please phone us and share that guidance so DCDC will know how to proceed with our next steps of notifying the proper authorities.

-Please talk with your child about staff wearing masks and the new pick up and drop off procedures to help them ease into the new transition.

Thank you for your support and cooperation as we transition to these new protocols!

## DCDC Teacher Corner



*Name:*  
**Donna Kroh**  
*Start Date:*  
**September 1982**  
*Position:*  
**Preschool Substitute Teacher**

### **Why do you teach?**

You know in your heart, you have a passion and believe in it and never stop trying to make an honest difference to children.

### **What part of the school day is your favorite?**

Well, I wont say Nap Time (Lol!) I simply enjoy it all. How can you not?

### **What do you hope your students remember the most about what you have taught them?**

Respect, love, forgiveness and feeling good about themselves.

### **Of the books you read this year, which was your favorite?**

Any book I get a chance to read to the children is a favorite of mine!

### **What is your dream vacation?**

Anywhere with my family.

## REMINDERS

### **Books**

DCDC is looking for books from all the different cultures our families come from. If you have a favorite you would like to share we would love to know it. Please email Lori or let Mary at the front desk know.

### **Handwashing**

Teach kids the five easy steps for handwashing —wet, lather, scrub, rinse and dry—and the key times to wash hands, such as after using the bathroom, before eating, at drop off, after touching a pet, after sneezing, coughing, or after playing outside. You can find ways to make it fun, like making up your own handwashing song or turning it into a game.

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