Welcome to Campus Child Care! Summer is officially over and Fall Semester is well under way. We currently have 109 children enrolled in our program, ranging in age from infant to preschool, and almost half are new to our program. A big welcome to all of you!! We hope you find CCC to be an ongoing source of support as you study/work at NIU. In addition, we would like to welcome our staff—we currently have 20 full-time staff and over 50 student employees.

For those of you who are wondering how your child does once you say goodbye in the morning, please feel free to slip into the observation booth (the white door by each classroom). You are welcome to come and check on your child at any time during the day, and the observation booth is a great way to do this. Some children may need a few days or weeks to adjust, so allow them some time to build relationships and feel comfortable. Always talk with your child’s teacher if you have any questions or concerns; they are happy to give you updates about your child’s day and classroom activities.

We’ve had some staffing changes with Krystal (Pre 4) leaving last spring and Kristi (Pre 4) leaving in July. However, we are thrilled to welcome several new staff to our program: Amy Lofthouse (Asst. Director), Bri Wicker (Pre 4 teacher), Emily Stoll (Pre 2 teacher), and Hillary Rosher (floater). All of their bios are posted on our website under ‘About Us’ and all staff have introduced themselves later in this newsletter.

Please note that everyone needs to review the Parent Handbook, located on our website (www.niu.edu/ccc/handbooks). For those who are returning, all changes are noted on the last page. On the bottom of the Parent Resource page is an Orientation PowerPoint which includes some of our primary policies. All new families should view this (approx. 5 min) to become familiar with our most common practices and policies.

We are happy to invite all of our student parents and workers to utilize a room in our center that we call the North Corner. The intent is for students to use this homey space we have provided as a place to study, relax, store items, etc. It is equipped with WiFi, refrigerator, microwave, table & chairs for working, and chairs/couches for relaxing. We will not be providing snacks this year but invite anyone to bring in food items to be shared. You are welcome to use this room any time during the hours we are open.

Please continue to read on. We normally provide two separate newsletters (one for the infants through two’s and another for preschool) but we like to include all staff schedules and introductions in the first newsletter, so you can ‘meet’ everyone. Newsletters will be posted on our website at the beginning of each month (with the link sent to you via email). Have a great semester and please feel free to talk with us if you have any questions or concerns.

Chris Kipp

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STAFF SCHEDULES

Administrative Staff
Chris Kipp Director ~8:15-5:00
Kristin Schulz Associate Director (Preschool) ~8:45-5:30
Amy Lofthouse Assistant Director (Inf/Tod/Twos) ~7:30-4:15
Janene Boyer Office Manager 8:00-4:30

Infant Room
Barbara Zeman Teacher 8:00-4:30
Katilyn Ostenson Teacher 9:00-5:30

Student Aides:
Miranda Ellis Shannon Bowen Mandy Bartlett
Isabella Huminsky Tiffany Owens Natalalee Contreras
Elena Palomo Bree Arend Jasmine Ivy
Corissa Cotal Nicole Loudon Ashley Tillman

Toddler Room
Kellie Fuss Teacher 7:30-4:00
Carol Schroeder Teacher 8:45-5:15

Student Aides:
Amairany Alonso Rachel Delles Jenna Thomas
Leslie Castillo Jeslyn Linares Cecilia Hernandez
Corissa Cotal Nicole Loudon Rebecca Fukes
Tiara Arrington Cecilia Hernandez

2/3's-1 Room
Sherie Newman Teacher 7:30-4:00
Jaquida Wynn Teacher 9:00-5:30

Student Aides:
Kelsey Gold Courtney Morrelli Lorena Rosiles
Kirsten Bears Ashley Oare Jocelyne Bahena
Ross Williams Sierra Brandom Cecilia Hernandez

2/3's-2 Room
Pam Yockey Teacher 7:30-4:00
Kendra Nenia Teacher 9:00-5:30

Student Aides:
Janeen George Rebecca Winkel Cameroon Pults
Kirsten Bears Michelle Doran Rebecca Eisenman
Michelle Doran Amanda Barajas Zoe Carpenter
Kelsey Gold

REMINDERS
- The center will be closed on Monday, September 7.
- For your child’s safety, please keep him/her by your side as you enter and exit the building. Children should not be running ahead of parents in or outside of the building. You also cannot leave a child up front as you drop off siblings; they must stay with you at all times.
- Please call the Center on days your child will be absent; our number is 815-753-0125.
- Please remember to sign your child in and out each day and walk your child directly into the classroom or playground where a teacher will greet him/her.
- Remember that you will be billed for all holidays that fall during the semester (Labor Day and 2 days for Thanksgiving), along with any days in which your child is absent.
- Please save your invoices so you can track the amount you are spending on child care (for tax purposes).
- Please be sure to use your number code or prox card when entering the building to avoid a $5 buzz-in fee (for persistent use).
Preschool Room 1
Jen Young Teacher 7:30-4:00
Klint Mathey Teacher 9:00-5:30

Student Aides:
Jill Sobie Jamie Hofer Ross Williams
Falucq Koshul Kasey Allen Kim Lenhart
Evelyn Fuentes Zoe Carpenter Cecilia Hernandez

Preschool Room 2
Diane Mathison Teacher 7:30-4:00
Emily Stoll Teacher 9:00-5:30

Student Aides:
Bailey Thomas Jasmine Ivy Ashley Tillman
Stacia Simmons Tiara Arrington Leena Philip
Corissa Cotal Emily McVietty Cecelia Hernandez
Shannon Tyrel Alejandra Flores Rebecca Eisenman

Preschool Room 3
April Kaiser Teacher 8:30-5:00

Student Aides:
Cynthia Panthier Emily McVietty Leena Philip
Zoe Carpenter Mandy Groff Rebecca Winkel
Corissa Cotal

Preschool Room 4
Christy Pelikan Teacher 7:00-3:30
Bri Wicker Teacher 9:00-5:30

Student Aides:
Annie Brnca Shannon Tyrel Eva Gallegos
Maria Panthier Emily McVietty Falucq Koshul
Rebecca Winkel Eva Gallegos Rebecca Eisenman

Floaters
Hillary Rosher Teacher 8:30-5:00

Student Aides:
Courtney Lonigro Amanda Barajas Kelsey Gold
Taylor Young Angela Dollar Rebecca Eisenman
Katie Hollis Nicole Loudon Ashley Tillman
Taylor Young

Some students are employed as ‘Floaters’. They move around the center and work in various classrooms as needed (taking over for other teachers who are absent). Teachers are also scheduled out of the room at times for curriculum planning, staff and classroom meetings.

 REMINDERS
- Monthly newsletters will be posted on our Web site at the beginning of each month. Please be sure to read them to stay informed about center happenings.
- Everyone will be charged an annual fee of $25.00 per child for supplemental accident insurance and for our child assessment tool. This will appear on your first bill. Please refer to that section in the Parent Handbook for more information.
- Please fill out a Schedule Change form whenever you are requesting a permanent schedule change. Any decrease in hours requires a two week notice. Any increase in hours will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis, as space is available. Forms are available on the front blue counter. One time schedule changes (extra care) must be requested in advance to avoid a late fee. Please talk to Janene about any schedule change.
- Please do not bring toys or food from home. Leaving items either at home or in the car is the best option instead of bringing them into the center.
- Please return the Food Program form ASAP. It is required annually.
STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

Director

Hello, and welcome to Campus Child Care. My name is Chris Kipp. I have been the Director of Campus Child Care for the past 26 years. I have a bachelor’s degree in Child Development with a minor in Business, and a master’s degree in Family and Child Studies. I am in charge of the overall program and specifically manage the subsidy and food programs, licensing, accreditation, budget, assessment, etc. Feel free to talk with us if you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of our program, or if we can help you find the right resources at the university; we are here to help in any way we can.

On a personal note, I have two grown children. My daughter is an Asst. Professor at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and is engaged to be married. My son is a High School English teacher; he recently got married and bought a house! I am very proud to have raised two phenomenal educators!

Associate Director (Preschool Classrooms)

Welcome to Fall Semester 2015, my name is Kristin Schulz. I am the Associate Director for Campus Child Care and I will be supervising the preschool classrooms. For those of you who don’t know me, I am a 2002 NIU graduate with a bachelor’s degree in Early Childhood Education. I have been working in the early childhood field for a number of years; 10 of those have been at Campus Child Care. During this time I have been a preschool teacher, served on a number of committees, developed staff training tools, and I am currently working on my masters degree in Child and Family Studies. I hope that you will help me as I get to know all of you and your children.

To help us connect, I’d like to share a little bit about my family. My husband and I live in Belvidere with our two children. Graeme, is nine and Elizabeth is five. Both of my children attended CCC until they were too old! We love outdoor activities and exploring the many natural trails and parks Illinois has to offer on bike and on foot. Please let me know if you have a favorite park or path as we are always looking for an adventure. Please feel free to stop in and see me. I enjoy hearing about your experience here and with the university. Let me know if I can help in any way!

Assistant Director (Infant, Toddler, Two’s Classrooms)

Hello! My name is Amy Lofthouse. I am the Assistant Director for Campus Child Care and I will be supervising the infant, toddler, and two’s classrooms. This is my first semester at CCC and I am beyond excited to begin my new journey. I graduated from NIU in 2005 with a bachelor’s degree in Child Development, and quickly put that degree to use at the NIU Child Development Lab. While I worked full time as an infant/toddler/two’s teacher, I attended graduate school, also at NIU, and graduated in 2010 with a master’s degree in Early Childhood Education. After graduating, I moved on to teach preschool, also at the NIU Child Development Lab, and remained there until I accepted this position.

On a personal note, I am married and have two children; Clara (2) & Brody (6 months), who I enjoy spending all of my free time with. As a family, we enjoy spending a lot of time outside and spending time with family and friends. I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you. Have a great semester!
Office Manager

Wishing all a great start to the Fall semester and warm welcome to all our families. My name is Janene Boyer and I have been with Campus Child Care for 26 years. To help assist you better, you can see me if for questions or help with schedule changes, extra care, enrollment, billing, and many more questions. I am here Monday through Friday, 8:00-4:30. If you do not have a chance to speak with me in the morning or at the end of the day, feel free to e-mail me (jboyer@niu.edu) or call (815-753-0125) with any questions you may have. I also have a drop box, for your convenience, to leave any paperwork that needs to be returned. I hope you have a successful semester.

Kitchen Helper

My name is Karen Smith, or as the children refer to me, "The Lunch Lady". I’ve been the Kitchen Helper at CCC for 12 years. I’m originally from this area but lived in Michigan for 11 years where I earned my associate’s degree in Culinary/Hospitality Management. My many visions upon graduation were to open a Bed & Breakfast, Tea Room, or Soda Shoppe. I worked in several restaurants and had a catering business before moving back to Illinois. Prior to joining the staff at CCC, I was the cook at Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority. Some of the things I like to do on my ‘off’ time are traveling to Wisconsin to visit my 9 yr. old grandson, flea markets, yard sales (for books—avid reader), making craft projects, and writing short stories. Please feel free to stop by the kitchen anytime and say "Howdy".

Infant Room

Hello, and welcome. My name is Barbara Zeman and I will be one of the teachers in the Infant Room. I can’t wait to get to know all the families and children coming to the Infant Room this fall. But first, a little bit about myself. I got both my undergrad and graduate degrees here at N.I.U., but before I got my masters. I got my associates degree from Kishwaukee College. I consider myself a lifelong learner and constantly strive to be the best teacher for the children in my care. I live in the small, little town of Paw Paw. I have two sons, both seniors. One is a senior here at N.I.U. and the other one in high school. My husband recently retired from N.I.U., but stills enjoys working part-time as a drive for Ottawa Dental Lab and farming. We have two dogs and four cats rounding out our household, but in the summer our cat count climbs, because we enjoy fostering kittens for T.A.I.L.S.

I am Katilyn Ostenson and I will be a teacher in the Infant Room this fall. I worked at CCC as a student worker in 2011. As a student I worked in the Infant and Toddler rooms. In the spring of 2014, I did my internship right across the street, at the Child Development Lab. During my internship, I worked with the infant, toddlers, and two’s. I then graduated from NIU with my bachelor’s degree in Family and Child Studies in May 2014. This is my second semester working at Campus Child Care. In the spring I was a teacher in a preschool room and now I am very excited to come down to the Infant room! I currently live in Elgin with my mother, two dogs, and my guinea pig named Theodore. I am very excited to be in the Infant room this year and cannot wait to get to know all of the children and their families.
Toddler Room

Hello, my name is Kellie Fuss and I am a Teacher in the Toddler Room. I have been working in child care for many years. I received an associate’s degree in Early Childhood Education from Purdue University and a bachelor’s degree in Family and Individual Development from Northern Illinois University. I have experience working with all age groups. I have been at Campus Child Care since the fall semester in 2000. While here, I have worked in the infant, toddler, and 2 /3’s rooms. My husband, Kevin, and I have one child, Joe. When I am not at work I love to spend time with Joe and Kevin. My other hobbies include reading and baking. I also spend time volunteering for my church, Joe’s school, and Cub Scouts. I work 9 months and have just returned to work. This past summer I had an opportunity to work at DeKalb Public Library facilitating the Book Babies Program. After having a great summer at home I am glad to be back at work. I am looking forward to working with the toddlers and their families this year. Have a great semester!

Welcome to the Toddler Room! I am Carol Schroeder. Kellie and I were together in the Infant room last year with some of the children who will be in the Toddler room this year. How fortunate we are to work together again and to get to follow the children and their families from the days of infancy into the busyness of toddlerhood. We love to see the children growing in all areas of their development! We want to welcome our new families and hope you all feel a part of our classroom community.

On a personal level, my husband, Barney, and I live in DeKalb. Barney is retired from a position as Director of Outreach at Immanuel Lutheran Church. I have spent many years with little ones. I have taught second and third graders, kindergarteners, and preschoolers. But since moving here to DeKalb in 2003, I have worked at CCC with the infants/toddlers/twos. Our children are all grown and married and living on the west coast. Mark teaches philosophy at the University of Southern California. Joel does freelance film work in LA. And Elly is a planner for North Cascades National Park in Washington. We have one granddaughter who is 3 years old and two grandsons who are ten months and five months. Our daughter is expecting her first child in January. Being a Mimi is pretty important to me at this time in my life!

2/3’s-1 Room

Greetings families! My name is Jaquida Wynn and I graduated from Northern Illinois University with a bachelor’s degree in Family and Child Studies. I have had the pleasure of working with preschoolers for one year and now I will be with the twos/threes children. I’m so excited for this experience.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your family to Fall Semester 2015. I am thrilled to be part of the Campus Child Care team. CCC has played a key part in my life where it has helped me to grow as an individual. I’ve had the opportunity of working as a student worker for a year and a half in the toddler room, I’m a parent of a preschooler, and it is now my second year as a teacher!

I am from the west side of Chicago, but now reside in Cortland, IL. I have an amazing three-year-old daughter, Khira, who attends CCC in the Pre-2 classroom. Spending time with my daughter is what I love to do most. We love to dance, go out for ice cream, read books and have picnics in the park. Relationships are the foundation for children’s success so I look forward to partnering with you to help your child/children grow. Have a marvelous semester!

Welcome to the Fall Semester. My name is Sherie Newman and I am one of the teachers in the 2/3’s-1
Room. I have been at Campus Child Care for 12 ½ years and have had other educational experiences with children prior to my experience here (too many to count!) I am happily married to a wonderful man, David and we have 2 teenage boys. I received my Early Childhood Degree from Illinois State University and have continued my education here at Northern. I am looking forward to getting to know you and your child. We will give your child experiences to help them develop and accomplish many milestones. I will be available for any questions you may have. Keep in mind the Parent Conferences at the end of the semester and the Family Night that we have every semester. We strive to give you the best quality care that NIU Campus Child Care can provide.

2/3’s-2 Room

My name is Pam Yockey and I am beginning my 6th year at CCC! My husband and I have lived in Sycamore for 20 years; we have 3 daughters, 2 son-in-laws and four grandchildren. My oldest daughter and family live close by in Sycamore and our middle daughter lives in Peoria with her husband and twin baby girls; and our youngest is beginning her professional career in Tallmadge Ohio! So we are constantly traveling!

This is an exciting time for this age group; our year will be filled with tons of wonder and learning, emotions, curiosity and most of all laughter! I love to laugh and sing, you will hear it in our classroom everyday! We are looking forward to the time spent with your child, building relationships with you and your child!

Hello families of 2’s/3’s-2! Welcome. My name is Kendra Nenia. For those of you returning, it’s nice to see you again. We are excited to start a new semester here at NIU. This is my 7th non-consecutive year with a two-year-old age group. It can be a fun and thrilling group to work with as we watch the children grow and develop. I am looking forward to it. I have my bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education, but my experience and passion lies in Early Childhood! I have been working part- and full-time in the field since I was 18 years old (that’s 22 years of experience - WOW that went fast)! And currently I am pursuing my master’s degree in Early Childhood Education.

I am married to Marc, who is a teacher too. We have a seven-year-old daughter named Margaret and a nearly four-year-old son named Jack. Parenting has been such a great adventure! It has given me an extra layer of experience that helps me to be a better teacher. I am looking forward to getting to know each one of you and your children throughout our upcoming school year.

Preschool Room 1

Welcome to Pre 1! My name is Jen Young and I am excited to be teaching with Klint this year. I have my bachelor’s degree in Child Development from NIU, and this will be my 13th year here at the center! Since working at CCC, I have worked as a teacher in every age group, and I am excited to be staying in Pre 1 this fall! I feel very lucky to be able to stay with some of the children I worked with this past year, to continue building those relationships and to get to know the new children to our room as well. We have many great activities planned for the classroom and can’t wait to teach and learn from the children. We would really like to focus this semester on building relationships between the children and helping them
to feel like this is their school family. We also want to instill an open mind about welcoming all families and teaching that all families are important!

My children and I live in DeKalb. I have two sons, Carter (9) and Wes (6). Carter will be in 4th grade this fall, and Wes will be in 1st, at Founders! Cherish this time when they’re little because they grow too fast! I love being a mom and having the perspective as both a parent and a teacher. I know how challenging it can be to juggle the many tasks that parents have. This fall I will be taking two graduate classes in Special and Early Education! In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my extended family—I have the cutest niece, health and wellness, and watching my boys play soccer. I’m looking forward to a great year together and getting to know each child and their family! Please, if you have any questions don’t hesitate to ask.

Hello families of Pre 1! My name is **Klint Mathey**, and this is my second year as a head teacher here at CCC. Last year, I was in 2/3-1 and this year I am happy to have moved up to preschool with several of my 2/3’s children. I’m excited to experience the differences up here in preschool. I have been in Pre 1 since the beginning of the summer, so I’ve gotten to know the kids and the room for the past couple of months.

I graduated from NIU last year with a bachelor’s degree in Early Childhood Studies. I just bought a house in Sycamore with my fiancé Amanda. I love being in the woods, foraging for wild edible plants, camping, canoeing, and just being outdoors. I also love to read and play with Legos in my free time.

**Preschool Room 2**

Welcome to fall semester at Campus Child Care. My name is **Diane Mathison** and I am an NIU graduate with a bachelor’s degree in Child Development. I have worked at Campus Child Care for 15 years. I truly enjoy working with the children and their families. I love how the children get so excited to learn new things. For those of you who do not know me, I live with my husband Mark, twelve-year-old son, Cameron, eight-year-old daughter Ella, and our cat, Meeko. In my spare time I enjoy watching my children engaged in sports, working in the yard, taking walks, swimming and spending time with my family and friends. This year I will be working in Pre-2. I’m looking forward to a fun and exciting year. Please feel free to talk with me if you have any questions.

Hello Families! My name is **Emily Stoll** and I am very excited to begin this semester with you and your child! I am thrilled to say that this is my first semester with Campus Child Care and feel so privileged to be a part of such a supportive and enthusiastic team. Although this is my first year with CCC, I have had about five years of experience in various settings working with children and families.

In May, I received my bachelor’s degree in Family and Child Studies with an emphasis in Child Development. I currently reside in Rockford and commute to DeKalb to work with the children and families of NIU. In my free time, I love to spend time with my friends and family, especially my twin nephews who will celebrate their fourth birthday soon! I look forward to spending time with your child and learning more about them, you, and the special members of your family! I cannot wait for the exciting year that lies ahead of us! Welcome to Pre-2!
Preschool Room 3

Hello and welcome to our families and students! My name is April Kaiser and I am very excited to be back! I will be starting my 11th year at Campus Child Care, and my first year in the Pre-3 classroom. Preschool age is my passion and I love seeing the developmental progress of the children during their time in my room.

Many changes for me this year, but exciting ones! A new classroom for one, my daughter Valerie is planning her wedding, my grandbaby will be turning two, and I just dropped my son off at Illinois State University! It will be the first time that I will actually be alone, well, sort of alone; I still have 2 dogs and 2 cats at home, but I am looking forward to embracing my new sense of freedom in the months ahead! And, I am looking forward to a great semester.

Preschool Room 4

Welcome to the fall semester at Campus Child Care! My name is Brianna (Bri) Wicker (formerly Brandon) and this is my first semester here at Campus Child Care! I will be a teacher in the Preschool 4 classroom! I graduated from NIU in December 2014 with my bachelor’s degree in Child Development. I am so excited to have the opportunity to be working with CCC children and families this fall and looking forward to watching the preschoolers develop, grow, and change. I have lived in DeKalb most of my life, and just bought a house last year with my fiancé. I am getting married this September and have 2 boxer dogs at home named Harley and Harper! I enjoy traveling, spending time with family, reading and scrapbooking. I look forward to this fun-filled year! Have a great semester.

Hello, and welcome to Pre-4!! My name is Christy Pelikan and this is my second year as a head teacher at CCC. I did my internship as an undergrad here at CCC in Spring 2014 and I graduated from NIU in May of 2014 with my bachelor’s in Child Development. I am currently working on my master’s in Applied Family and Child Studies and am expecting to graduate in Spring 2017! In my spare time I enjoy running, watching sporting events, and spending time with my family. I am very excited to start another school year and working with you and your child!

Floater

Hello Campus Child Care! My name is Hillary Rosher and I am excited to begin my journey at CCC this fall! I am a former Northern Illinois University graduate with a bachelor’s degree in Early Childhood Education.

I previously worked at Rochelle Child Care Center. I headed the before-and-after school-age program, working with children ages 5-12. also, I had the pleasure of teaching a preschool program designed to prepare preschoolers for kindergarten! Presently my position as a floater will allow me to meet and work alongside everyone!
I look forward to returning to NIU and beginning another chapter as an early childhood educator! Go Huskies!

ADVISORY BOARD

The Campus Child Care Advisory Board serves as an advocate group for the center and seeks to ensure that the children are provided with high quality child care. The Board serves in an advisory capacity to the Director. We are looking for some parent representatives to serve on our Advisory Board for the upcoming academic year; we especially need some new students to participate. Meetings will be held once during each semester. Please contact Chris (chermann@niu.edu) as soon as possible if you are interested or would like more information. A letter may be sent out to individuals who are recommended by others, inviting you to serve on the board.

BILLING PROCEDURES

Students will be billed for child care once a month and these charges will be added directly to your MyNIU account. All payments need to be sent to the Bursar’s Office. Faculty, staff and community will be billed through Accounts Receivable every month. Remember that you will be charged for holidays so you will be billed the same amount each week, regardless of the days we are closed. You are also billed for days in which you are scheduled but your child does not attend. If you have any questions regarding your child care fees or the billing process, please talk with Janene. Please pay your child care bills on time. Anyone who misses multiple payments may have their child care terminated.

We receive social work and nursing services through our local resource and referral agency (4-C). Toni Leal is our social worker and Kim Heinisch is our nurse; they both come to visit the classrooms twice a month. They talk with the teachers about any questions or concerns related to the children and also follow up with parents, as needed. There will be times when Toni will be at the center, usually upfront in the lobby, ready to talk with parents. We will send out these dates via e-mail when they occur. Feel free to stop by and talk with her about any parenting questions or concerns you may have.
CHILDREN’S & PARENT LENDING LIBRARY

We have a center-wide lending library for children’s books. In the front lobby near the water fountains, there is a book shelf with a variety of interesting books for all ages. You are welcome to just take a book from the shelf (you do not need to check out the books). As a general rule, these items should be returned after one week. We also have books and brochures available for parents in the small Resource Room next to the lobby. We do ask that you check these books out with Janene. NIU, as well as local service brochures are also available for you to take. We hope you enjoy our lending libraries!

LATE POLICY

Please refer to the Parent Handbook on our website so you can thoroughly understand our late pick up and early drop off policy. In an effort to maintain the appropriate group size and staffing for each classroom, we monitor the children’s schedules. It is imperative that you are on time to pick up your child and that you don’t drop off earlier than your scheduled time. You cannot arrive 5, 10, or 15 minutes early/late (essentially using child care that you have not paid for) unless you intend to stay with your child. If you need some extra time, then you will need to request it in advance. Late fees are charged when we have not received advance notice of a schedule change. Although there is an additional 10% fee added to accommodate ‘extra hours’, a late fee is more expensive than arranging extra care in advance. The end of the day late fee is $1.00 per minute as of 5:31. So again, please stay within your child’s schedule and realize that you will see additional fees added to your bill if you arrive early or pick up late. We are not as concerned if you drop off later than your scheduled time or pick up earlier because that does not negatively affect our ratios.

Calendar of Events

Sept. 7 — NIU and CCC closed for Labor Day

Sept 14, 15 & 16 — Vision & Hearing Screening for all children ages 2.10-5 years

Sept. 21—25 — Annual Children’s Book Fair—Mon-Thurs. 8-5, Friday 8-3

Tues., Sept 22, 5:30-7:00 p.m. — Family Program for All Age Groups
Families are the compass that guides us. They are the inspiration to reach great heights, and our comfort when we occasionally falter.

- Brad Henry
The Value of Family Involvement

Research with school-aged children over the past 40 years finds that family involvement is critical to the educational success of both the child and the school, in part, because it:

- Raises the academic achievement of children
- Improves the attitudes and performances of children in school
- Has a positive effect on self-esteem and motivation to learn
- Reduces behavior problems and lowers dropout rates
- Helps parents understand and be more supportive of school or center curriculum content, policies, and procedures
- Builds school-community relationships in an ongoing, problem-preventing way
- Gives teachers an opportunity to get acquainted with the family and learn about their concerns, which, in turn, helps them respond to their needs