



COLE-HARRINGTON FAMILY CHILD CARE and CHILD CARE NETWORK NEWS

Fall 2010

Dear Parents and Child Care Providers:

Apples and pumpkins and turkeys, oh my! Autumn just seems to fly by and the holidays are right around the corner! We all must take time out of our busy schedules to enjoy the fall and all the natural beauty and opportunities for learning that the season offers.



It has been wonderful to see so many of our educators taking children on nature walks in their neighborhood, trips to local farms and parks and utilizing the natural environment for curriculum related projects. Exploring the insides of a pumpkin, baking seeds, making a collage with leaves on contact paper, painting with leaves, making applesauce, jumping in a leaf pile, sorting rocks and acorns, talking and reading about the changing weather and hibernation-all great learning opportunities for little minds! Keep up the good work!

Our CH family has grown this fall, with the birth of Layla Ryan Antonetti on October 19th. We send our congratulations to our Teens With Tots Coordinator, Lauren and her family!



We also extend a warm welcome to Maria Aguiar, Tracy Arthur, Elsa Carrasco, Betty Jean-Baptiste, Bernadette Jordan, Rosalinda Luyo, Maria Ocasio, all of Brockton, Connie Sergio of Bridgewater, Gayle Washington of Avon and 3 M Transportation who joined us this fall after their FCC system closed. We also are very pleased to have many new providers from other towns enroll children through us this fall including, Maria Acosta and Alexandra Grace of Brockton, Julie Bean and Kathleen Mosher of Carver, Lona Kennedy-Anderson and Maureen Nunley of Plymouth and Juanita Dunn of Randolph. We are happy to have these educators in our network and look forward to many years of collaboration on behalf of children and families.



Enjoy the remainder of the fall season and best wishes for safe and happy holidays with your loved ones!

Michelle Bradford, Program Coordinator
FCC and Child Care Network

Holiday Updates/Program Closures Fall/Winter 2010

Cole-Harrington and FCC Educators will be closed on the following days (see below for details about options for November 11th). There is no substitute care available during CH program closures or transportation. Center holidays may be slightly different. Please check with your individual programs.

Thursday	November 11	CH Training Day**
Thursday	November 25	Thanksgiving
Friday	November 26	Day after Thanksgiving
Friday	December 24	Christmas Eve
Monday	December 27	Program Holiday
Friday	December 31	New Year's Eve

**November 11th-CH Training Day

FCC Educators who chose not to participate in the training day through CH, may remain open and provide child care to CH families. Please check with your educator to determine her/his plans. Parents of children enrolled in Network-affiliated centers should check with his/her center to determine program availability.

Let it Snow!

Snowline Number (781) 897-5721

Hard to imagine that the first snowfall may only be weeks away! Our snowline will help keep you updated on transportation delays, cancellations and other weather related issues. Transportation companies will do their best to operate as close to a normal schedule as possible during inclement weather, but safety is a priority and delays may occur.

Messages are usually left on the snowline by 6:30 a.m. and are updated as needed throughout the day. As always if the public school in your town or your childcare's town is closed for the day, there will be no transportation from/to that town.

Fall/Winter Reminders

Please make sure your child is appropriately dressed for the cold weather. Children need to get out in the fresh air even if it's for a short time! Layers are recommended along with a warm coat, hat, mittens/gloves, snow-pants or extra pants and boots. Please make sure to label all items with your child's name. Let's work together to keep our children safe, comfortable and happy!



Flu season is fast approaching and we all know the number one preventative measure for staying healthy is frequent, thorough hand washing! Educators should wash children's hands upon arrival to childcare, *before* they begin to play with toys and materials. Make it part of your morning routine. Parents should do the same thing upon arrival home in the afternoon.



Teach your children to cough into their elbow, rather than cover their mouth with their hand. Encourage hand washing after wiping noses, before eating, after toileting, playing outdoors and being in public places.

Keep your child home if he/she has a fever and is coughing. Children must be fever free without the use of medication for 24 hours before returning to child care.



Holiday Gifts for Kids

Cole Harrington will be working with The South Norfolk Gifts for Kids program, as well as other social service and non-profit agencies again this year to provide holiday gifts for children in need. These programs have helped families involved in Cole Harrington receive gifts for over 10 years now. They receive donations from individuals and organizations to help brighten the holiday season for families that need assistance. Cole Harrington has contacted eligible families and will alert families to gift pick up times. If you would like to make a donation for a family in need, please visit, <http://giftsforkidsinfo.com/> or contact Rachel Johnson 781-821-4422 ext. 325.



Payroll Dates for Educators & Centers

Please remember to call in/e-mail your CH children's attendance on the attendance call-in dates to Sarah Wor-ton, our Financial Coordinator. **We must have accurate records of children's attendance in order to process your reimbursement on time. Due to the large number of educators and programs on our payroll system, Sarah will not be able to call you for attendance.** If you need another copy of the payroll schedule, please ask your ECS or e-mail Sarah at Sworton@enableinc.org.

We thank you for your cooperation!

Contact Information for Transportation Companies



Cole-Harrington Transportation

Paul Matinzi 781-948-8500 (Nextel)

DKN Transportation

Heather Walkes 508-577-0426

Jolly Garden

Joseph Dorisca 508-326-4815

Moreno Transportation

Antonio Moreno 508-250-6263

3 M Transportation

Dayanta Box-Bull 508-441-8711

Warren Transportation

Michelle Warren 781-252-9506

If you are requesting a change to your child's transportation schedule, please contact your Early Childhood Specialist who will coordinate with your caregiver and the transportation company. As always, if your child is going to be absent for the day, please leave a message for the transportation coordinator along with contacting your child care program. *Unexcused absences may result in suspension of services.*



Literacy Month-Read, read, read!

Did you know that Governor Patrick recently issued a Proclamation declaring November 2010 to be "Family Literacy Month" in Massachusetts? Parents, be on the lookout for a Home Literacy Survey via mail from CH. The survey will help us gain information about families' literacy habits and needs, so that we can plan curriculum for child care and share activities with you to promote children's literacy skills at home. Please remember the most important thing you can do with your children is read, read, READ!

Favorite CH staff books include:



Infants/Toddlers

Moo Moo Brown Cow by Jakki Wood
Pajama Time by Sandra Boynton

Pre-K

Bear Snores On by Karma Wilson
Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf by Lois Ehlert
From Seed to Pumpkin by Wendy Pfeffer
Mine, All Mine! By Claire Hawcock
Jamaica is Thankful by Juanita Havill
Thanksgiving is for Giving by Margaret Sutherland
My Mommy Hung the Moon by Jamie Lee Curtis

K-1

My Mouth is a Volcano by Julia Cook
Howard B Wigglebottom Learns to Listen by Howard Binkow

Grade 2-4

The Night Fairy by Laura Amy Schlitz



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FY 11 FCC Trainings and Workshops

This year we have an exciting line up of workshops and presenters based on the topics selected by our FCC educators in our FY 11 training survey. Identified topics of highest interest included child observation, assessment and curriculum planning. CH is offering a series of workshops for FCC educators focusing on these topics using the High Scope approach. FCC educators will be receiving additional High Scope materials, resources and support from their assigned ECS over the next few months to assist them with incorporating key elements of High Scope into their programs. Our training schedule can be viewed starting in December on our website, www.coleharringtonfcs.org.

CDA/NAFCC Accreditation

Our CDA and NAFCC support group participants are making great progress under the guidance of ECS, Claire DeBaggis! If you want to learn more about CDA or NAFCC accreditation, please contact Claire at x 313, and she can provide you with information about these wonderful professional development opportunities.

EEC Professional Qualifications Registry (PQR)

Thanks to those of you who have registered with EEC. If you have not registered, it is not too late. EEC continues to require all Early Childhood Educators and Assistants to be registered. If you need assistance with the registration process, please contact your Early Childhood Specialist. The PQR can be found at www.eec.state.ma.us/PQRregistry/ if you scroll down to the link at the bottom of the page.

FCC Website will be launched December 2010

We will be working on "going green" and will no longer be mailing out our newsletters. Please visit our updated website at www.coleharringtonfcs.org for quarterly newsletters, training information and a directory of our active FCC educators.

