Early Childhood Learning Center
Monthly Newsletter

This month’s classroom theme: Back to School All About Me

FALL FESTIVAL! Help us place again this year!

Gëdë’ökneh September Moon

Labor Day
Staff Development Day
SNI Closing

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SNI: Early Childhood Learning Center

HOURS OF OPERATION
7:30AM – 5:30PM
We all enjoy being a part of your child(ren)’s development! Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions, comments, or concerns that you may have. We will be glad to help you in any way that we can.

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Sandy Gonzales
E.C.L.C. Secretary

Sandy has been selected to be recognized this month for many reasons! Ever since Sandy has joined our team she has proved to be very helpful, very organized, very resourceful, very reliable, and very dedicated to everything that she does. Her skills have benefited all programs in our center. We admire her kindness and good heart. She welcomes all families and staff with her contagious friendly attitude. ECLC is lucky to have Sandy as a team member because she plays a major role in our daily routines!

*Thank you Sandy for all that you do.*

Katie Beck
Toddler Room 1

Katie has been an awesome teacher to our Toddlers right from the beginning. She did not waste any time establishing strong relationships with the children and their families. She is such a natural at being a childcare provider and we are proud that she chooses to be a part of the Toddler’s every day routine. We admire her eagerness to learn more (even on her own) whether it’s reading, mentoring, or taking development classes to provide better quality for our center. Katie is a very smart and fun teacher! She continues to be great and we support her growth as a relatively new team member!

*Good Job Katie, Keep being awesome!*
Miss Alana Montour
Sept. 4th

Miss Kitty
Sept. 18th

Miss Jamie Gates
Sept. 23rd

Milo Tallchief
Sept. 14th

Miss Carlie J.
Sept. 3rd

Lilliana Pierce
Sept. 15th

Miss Tara Imiola
Sept. 25th

Mr. Billy Maybee
Sept. 4th

Milo Tallchief
Sept. 15th

Miss Steph Halftown
Sept. 25th

Miss Tucker
Sept. 23rd

Jenna Kennedy
Sept. 2nd

Bailey Seneca
Sept. 29th

Murrayah Jimerson
Sept. 29th
Sandra Jimerson

*Head Cook*

Sandra is one of the friendliest people on earth!! We love that she can just be everyone’s best friend when they need it. Hers and her Kitchen staff’s duties play a MAJOR KEY to ECLC’s daily routines. We appreciate all that they do! She’s a great leader to them. A lot of staff can tell that her presence is absence for the time-being but we would like our reader’s to know that we miss her tremendously! Sandra is currently fighting a battle that she is too modest about. We want her to know that she has our support 1000% and if she ever needs anything to TELL US!!!! Sandra is being mentioned this month to let it be known that we admire so many things about her and we refuse to let her be ignored. ;)

ECLC IS #TEAMSANDRA ALL THE WAY!!!
**ATTENTION HEAD START FAMILIES**

**Friday, September 9th**

We will be having an **OPEN HOUSE** to welcome the children into Head Start. We thought that this would be a nice way for the children to see what our room looks like and will ease some of their nerves about starting school. You can also bring in their supplies (blanket, extra change of clothes) at this time. We hope to see you then. If you are unable to make it, we will see your child on the first day of school- September 13th.

1:00-3:00 PM

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**STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY**

is scheduled for **Monday, September 12th**

**THERE ARE NO SERVICES FOR THIS DAY**

Please make other arrangements for your child(ren). We will be open the following day.
ON THURSDAY (9/8/16) & FRIDAY (9/9/16),

We would like to invite our ECLC friends & families to help make our float a great one for this year’s FALL FESTIVAL PARADE. Parents & staff will be here helping starting from

4:30 PM until about 6:30 PM.

Childcare will be provided for the younger ones ;)

Any additional questions or comments, call ECLC @ 716-532-0505 & ask to speak with Lauren Stevens or Alana Montour.

“Grandparent is...

different things

different times

different place

different people

Friday, September 30th

ECLC Culture Commons Area

Schedule & Time TBD

Come spend the day with us so we can honor our hardworking Grandparents!!

Please plan to join us for a luncheon on this day!

Daycare– 11:00 AM

Head Start– 12:00 PM

*After School Snack– 4:00 PM
Meet Our New Staff!

We’ve had a lot of new faces start since the beginning of our transition from the old center! Let us introduce our new team members with a couple of fun things about them.

**Maria Vega**  
*ECLC LPN-Nurse*  
Enjoys all types of junk food & Loves horses

**Theresa Comeslast**  
*Daycare Teacher Assistant*  
Has a one-yr-old daughter named Emma & loves the N.E. Patriots

**Steven Clarke**  
*Behavioral Health Coordinator*  
He was in the Marines & his favorite food is Indian Tacos

**Lauren Gloss**  
*Daycare Teacher Assistant*  
Has a fur baby (dog) named Kiara & favorite season is Fall

**Lauren Myers**  
*Daycare Teacher Assistant*  
Just visited Alaska & loves Pasta

**Deandra Parker**  
*Head Start Teacher Assistant*  
Can eat pizza every day & Enjoys camping
Kristine Nephew
ECLC RN
Loves the Snow &
Is patiently waiting for any of
her 4 children to make her a
Grandmother ;)

Cody Elliott
Kitchen Assistant
Favorite season is Summer & fa-
vorite sport’s team is

Andrea Thomas
Daycare Teacher Assistant
Likes to read & likes to cook

Destiny Rodriquez
After School Teacher Assistant
Favorite food is Maria’s Pizza &
Is addicted to Criminal shows

Sierra Draegert
Daycare Teacher Assistant
Loves food &
Likes going to the Beach

Shaina Nephew
Daycare Teacher Assistant

Cassie Carpenter
Head Start Teacher Assistant

Kalie Cook
After School Teacher Assistant
School is back in session!!
We are asking EVERYONE (staff & parents) to be aware of their Time Management.
With the buses back on their school routes, it could delay your travel time when making your way here. PLEASE take your normal precautions of safety when arriving. We would like speeding to be prevented as much as possible.

Please continue to SIGN IN when arriving. This is very important documentation that is required (as mentioned in contract).

Any questions or comments about the Daycare program, please contact Amy Jimerson

Infant Staff
Elana Halftown*
Loni Stevens
Shaina Nephew
Jamie Gates*
Andrea Thomas
Tina McHugh

Waddler Staff
Carlie Jamison*
Reyna Parker

Toddler Staff
Janine Cook*
Katie Beck
Sierra Draegert
Arsenia Espinal*
Lauren Myers
Lauren Gloss

Pre-K Staff
Rosie Vega*
Keira Thompson
Theresa Comeslast
Amanda Jimerson*
Mashaun Jimerson
We welcome our new friends!
Jerrett Kennedy
Cyrus Williams

HAPPY FIRST BIRTHDAY TO

Jenna Kennedy
(Sept. 2nd)
&
Murrayah Jimerson
(Sept. 29th)

With cooler weather upon us, please make sure that your child is prepared for the weather outside when we decide to take our walks outdoors.

PAINTING PROJECT
Some of our babies had fun making their masterpieces & others did not like it at all! (learning new things about our friends every day!)
We would like to welcome our new friends!

Sophy Stevens, Avery Spruce, & Bradley Young!

Waddlers have been focusing on their fine motor skills!
- Building/stacking blocks of 5 or more
- Putting pegs in a pegboard
- Stringing large beads
- Pasting items on to paper
- Using colored pencils
- Drawing lines & circles

*Look for opportunities throughout the day for your child to manipulate small items, push & pull, or make other small movements. Being aware of these opportunities is the first step in helping your child’s development.

Addison Haley turned TWO in August!
Happy Birthday to her!
We had a great summer getting to know our new school and each other. We are looking forward to learning more about Harvest & all of the other fun things about Fall.

Welcome to our new friends!
Addison Haley
Nevayaa Conant

Good Luck in Head Start!
Milo Tallchief
Elvira Sanjuan
Jeremy Snow
Rueben VanEvery

Have fun in Pre-k 1!
Willa Brooks
Ryker Locke

Happy 3rd Birthday to Milo Tallchief
On September 18th!
September is Back to School Month! We will be learning ALL ABOUT ME. Our Authors of the month are Eric Litwin (Pete the Cat) & Ha Rey (Curious George)

PRE-K FRIENDS sitting with everyone who made our new center possible.

We bid farewell to our friends who are moving onto KINDERGARTEN

Jett Jimerson
Jace Jimerson
Emmi Jimerson
Quinn Cooper
Jaelyn Nelms
Riley Neu
Myles Locke
Onegawiyo:h Printup
Anna Loving
Eileen Thomas
GOOD LUCK FRIENDS!!

We also have friends heading to Head Start! Good luck

MaKenyan Brooks &
Jax Jamieson.

Thank you Janine Cook of the donation of clothing to our room.

Happy Birthday to Miss Stephee on Sept. 25th.

REMINDEERS
We are closed on
Sept. 5th—Labor Day
Sept. 12th—Professional Development Day
Sept. 23rd—Federal Ohgwe’oweh Day
Our friends head back to Head Start on
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH.

We will see them on Monday (No HS on these days) & be-
fore/after their school day.
We are as excited as they are to meet new friends!

We have begun talking about our transition from
SUMMER to FALL!

We will be working with apples this month.

It is also Self-improvement Month. We will be talking a lot about ourselves!

GRANDPARENT’S DAY is also this month
(Sept. 30th).
Please look out for more details as the day gets closer.
We wished well for our friends during their summer break! Since we last saw most of our friends, they were departing from our old center. Returning and new faces had opportunities to check out our brand new center and we hope the families like what they saw! Like any new school year, the transitions will be a working progress. Here are some words of advice from our teachers ;)

“Attendance is important in Head Start for your children to instill the love of learning.”
-Miss Tara (Head Start 1)

“It is important for children to bring their book bags for all of the wonderful papers to go home.”
-Miss Hannah (HS 4)

“Kids are people too. Give them love and respect.”
-Mr. Pete (Head Start 1)

“Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately according to the weather.”
-Miss Crystal (HS 3)

“Encourage your child’s learning by being present. Ask them about their day, read them a story, talk about nature. Parent Involvement is a crucial part to their success.”
-Miss Lacey (Head Start 1)

“Children are great imitators, so give them something great to imitate.”
-Miss Kitty (Head Start 2)

“At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child’s success is the positive involvement of parents.”
-Miss Keeley (Head Start 2)

“Help us install the language in our children by practicing at home.”
-Miss Dee (Head Start 3)

“You are your child’s first teacher”
-Miss Sheanne (Head Start 4)
We are excited for a new year in Head Start #1. This is a very vital time in your child’s life. We want to provide the best possible learning experience for him/her. We will have many opportunities for parent involvement in our classroom. We want you to be a part of your child’s first years in school. Please be sure to check your child’s take home folder every night for important information. You can write us a note or give us a call at any time. We will return your calls before 9:00 or after 3:00 when the children leave for the day.

**Important Dates:**

- **September 13th**
  First Day of School

- **September 23rd**
  No School

- **September 27th**
  Field Trip to Stonehill Orchard

- **September 30th**
  Grandparent lunch or snack
  *more info to come

**What we look forward to working on when we start!**

- Back to School: Getting to Know You, Classroom Rules,
- Colors: red, green
- Shapes: circle, oval
Summer was very eventful for all of our kids. From swimming, community activities, and field trips, we made sure we made it another fun summer! September is now here and we are excited and prepared for another school year! For those families who use our Before-School services, we thought we’d give you approximate times that the bus comes in the morning & also add times for drops off back to ECLC:

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!Attentions Silver Creek families!
AM services can be provided if there are any inquiries. You would just have to contact the school to let them know you are interested.

After School 1
Destiny Rodriguez
Nicole Moses

After School 2
Summer Jones*
Lauren Thompson
Megan Kennedy

After School 3
DeeDee Parker*
Shawn Ralston
WE HOPE OUR FRIENDS HAVE A GOOD FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!!
Silver Creek, Lake Shore, & Gowanda go back on September 6th.

We welcome our new friends into After School 1!
Darius Snow
Charlette John
Jett Jimerson
Jace Jimerson
Macie Scanlan
Jaelyn Nelms

We hope our other friends enjoy their new classroom (AFS #2)
Lillianna Pierce
Ariella Young
Jaelyn Cooper
Laydin Hill

Happy Birthday to Jayce Parker on September 17th!

We would like to recognize our classroom winners for the Summer Reading Program @ our Seneca Nation Library
1st Place—Laydin Hill
2nd Place—Kamryn Bonafede
3rd Place—Jaelynn Cooper

We also have a winner from the Summer Coloring Contest @ our S.N. Library
1st Place—Kamryn Bonafede
2nd Place—Jayce Parker
3rd Place—Ariella Young
Great Job After School 1 kids!!
Good Luck to all of our friends starting this new school year! The First Day of School for Gowanda, Lake Shore, & Silver Creek is Tuesday, September 6th.

Our Seneca Nation Library Summer Reading Program Winners
1st Place— Mason Snyder
2nd Place— Layla Jimerson
3rd Place— Koltin Bonafede

Seneca Nation Library Summer Coloring Contest Winners
1st Place— Layla Jimerson
2nd Place— Stanley Francis
3rd Place— Laelle Jimerson

Welcome to After School 2!
Jaelynn Cooper
Laydin Hill
Lilliana Pierce
Arielle Young

Happy 7th Birthday to
Jaelynn Cooper (Sept. 12th)
& Lilliana Pierce (Sept. 15th)

Happy 9th Birthday to
Laelle Jimerson (Aug. 1st)

After School 2 would like to THANK Jerrel Fox for lunch at the Seneca Allegany Buffet after our field trip to the Seneca Museum!!

We are introducing the PATHS curriculum this year. Our students will learn new techniques of Alternative Thinking Strategies and how they apply to every day routines. This curriculum challenges young minds to problem solve, collaborate, and practice kindness.
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR ALL OF OUR FRIENDS IS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH!

We welcome our new friends into After School 3!
Shilo Pierce
Laelle Jimerson
Todd Green
Elizabeth Green

Our Lesson Plans will focus on

Classroom Rules—Children will be able to make a new Classroom Rule Poster

Back to School—Learn helpful study skills, School Bus Safety, & Back to School Health (water, snacks, sleep, etc…)

PATHS Curriculum—Bullying (The Golden Rule)

Culture—Social Dancing

Seneca Language

*Earth & commands

Seneca Nation Library
Summer Reading Program Winners (Most books read)

1st Place—Roger Williams
2nd Place—Timmy Williams
3rd Place—Kaiden Spruce

Summer Coloring Poster Contest Winners (@Library)

1st Place—Roger Williams
2nd Place—Alexis Hummel
3rd Place—Jackson Williams
Door Prize (Bike)—Simon White

GOOD LUCK to Miss Hannah as she starts her new position as a Teacher Assistant in Head Start!

Thank You to Jerrel Fox for Lunch at the Allegany Casino Buffet!
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