



## PARENTS CORNER: A Monthly News Update

### September 2018

School Year 2018-2019

Dear Interfaith Families,

Welcome to our new school year! We are happy that you have chosen Interfaith Child Development Center for your children and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for letting us be a part of their lives in their early educational years.

Our door is always open for a visit, and we encourage parents to drop in and observe our programs and teachers in action. Partnering with you in your child's development is the most effective way to ensure a successful learning experience. It is our goal to create the feeling of community and the spirit of family throughout the school.

How wonderful it is to see so many returning families and familiar little faces, and it is our pleasure to welcome all the new little ones and see everyone settling into their classroom routines.

We look forward to a wonderful school year. Thank you in advance for your support as we start 2018-2019.

Sincerely,

Martha Klie  
Director of School

— WELCOME —  
BACK TO SCHOOL



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### HEALTH & SAFETY

We ask that you become familiar with the policies in our **Parent Handbook** so that we can work together to ensure the best care for your children. Here are some important policy reminders to help ensure a safe and healthy school year!



#### Safety



- There is a new door code. This door code is for the security of our building and your children. Please do **not** share this code with anyone and do not allow your children to know or enter the code. This code is meant for use by PARENTS ONLY.
- When children are being assisted in and out of the cars during car line we ask that you put your car in park or turn it off, for the safety of the children. Also, please remember that cell phones are not to be used in school zones and/or car lines and the red curbe is a “No Parking” zone. We ask for everyone to slow down as you drive in and out of the school.
- Children can be very impulsive when entering or exiting the building. Please be sure to **hold your child’s hand at all times.** We do not want them to run out the door and into the parking lot. **Their safety is our top priority!**
- Footwear is a very important safety aspect as well. Here at ICDC we have a footwear policy. We ask that you do not send your child to school in flip-flops, sandals, crocs, or rubber rain boots. Cowboy boots are only allowed on Texas celebration days. Closed-toe shoes, like tennis shoes with rubber soles, are best. If a child comes to school in footwear not in correspondence with our policy and does not have closed-toe shoes to change into the parents will be contact.



# CONT. HEALTH & SAFETY

### Illness & Medication



\* Your child may not attend school if they have an axillary (under the arm) temperature of 100.0° or greater. They may return to school once they have been fever free for 24 hours **without** fever reducing medication. If your child has had any vomiting or diarrhea, they need to be free of these symptoms for 24 hrs. as well before returning to school. If they have had diarrhea they should have firmer stools. If they suffered from vomiting they should be able to hold food down before returning to ICDC.

\* ICDC has a “No Nit” policy in regards to pediculosis capitis (head lice). Please refer to the parent handbook for further detailed information on head lice, rashes, and copious drainage from eyes, ears, and other illnesses.

\* If your child will require medication throughout the school year, please bring it in its original container that displays their first and last name, dosage, and room number. Check in your child’s medication in at the front office and a medication permission form must be filled out with every medication.



\* Sunscreen, mosquito repellents, and diaper rash cream all must be signed in on the log at the front desk before they can be taken back to the child’s classroom.

### Reminders

Please remember to provide us with an updated copy of your child’s immunization record whenever he/she receives any new vaccinations. If your child is four years old or older it is required that we have a copy of their hearing and vision screening results. We will offer screening here at the school in October if you have not already done so with your pediatrician. Also, please label all clothing that will be kept here at ICDC.

Thank you for your understanding & cooperation as we look forward to a healthy, safe and exciting new year!

**Shawna Stefaniak LVN**  
**ICDC School Nurse**



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### CURRICULUM CORNER

This month we will have lots of fun activities and stories centered around our school themes as we get to know each other.

Happy Birthday to ICDC as we celebrate our 42<sup>nd</sup> year!

#### **Literacy:**

Here are a few of the books we will be reading....



Maisy Goes to Preschool by Lucy Cousins

If You Take a Mouse to School by Laura Numeroff

The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn

Ten Apples Up On Top! by Dr. Seuss

The Apple Pie Tree by Zoe Hall

How Do Dinosaurs Say Happy Birthday? by Jane Yolen and Mark Teague

#### **Art:**

Our little artist in the Preschool program will be reproducing some master pieces in the style of Jackson Pollock, Pre-Kindergarten and Transition to Kindergarten will be working on Paul Klee master pieces.



#### **Music and Movement:**

This month we are learning all about tempo and rhythm! Children will follow the rhythm with music sticks, clapping and tambourines.





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### ICDC PARENTS CLUB – NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT



**Hello everyone and welcome back!**

Our annual **T-SHIRT SALE IS ON!** We are offering children's screen print shirts in a variety of colors. Screen printing will be done in white. Examples are in the hallway near the main office. Order Forms are at the front office. ICDC spirit days will be every Thursday and Friday. These are great opportunities for your children to show their school spirit by wearing their new shirts! Each Classroom with 100% participation on Spirit days will receive a Pizza Party!

**Room Parents** are still needed for a few classrooms. If you are interested in being a Room Parent for your class, please email me and let me know. Being a Room Parent is so rewarding and fun.

If you have not made your contribution to the Parents Club for the 2018-2019 school year and would like to, please turn your \$10 check and form into the front desk. Make checks payable to ICDC Parents Club.

Our **SEPTEMBER Parents Club** meeting will take place on **Thursday, September 6th at 9:15 AM** in the Great Room at the school. If you would like to be placed on the reminder list for these meetings, please e-mail me directly. There are many ways to become involved in Parents Club even if you cannot attend every meeting. I would love to speak with you about the opportunities that are available. Parents Club is so appreciative of your support!

It's going to be a great year!

Stephanie Lasala  
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### IMPORTANT DATES

#### **Enrichment Programs**

##### **Taekwondo:**

Mondays, 2:30 – 1:00  
For children 3's and 4's  
Starting date 8/27<sup>th</sup>

##### **Art:**

Mondays, 12:30 – 1:30  
For children 3's and 4's  
Starting date 9/10<sup>th</sup>



##### **Playball:**

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday  
For children 2, 3 and 4  
Starting Date 9/11<sup>th</sup>



**Afternoon Clubs:** Science and Spanish  
Tuesday and Wednesday, 12:00 – 3:00pm  
For children 3 and 4

#### **Important Dates**

September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	ICDC closed
September 10 <sup>th</sup>	Enrichment Art and Playball starts
September 10 <sup>th</sup>	ICDC Spirit Event Chick Fill A
September 24 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup>	ICDC birthday week celebration





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### VARIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

#### **Arrival and Dismissal**

For your convenience, ICDC offers three programs. Full day, School day and Partial day. All classrooms have a circle time and academic learning time throughout the morning, we request that you bring your child no later than 9:30am so he/she does not miss any of the fun activities planned.

Please don't forget your car sign!

**Full Day hours – 7am-6pm - Carline drop off 7:00-8:15am**

**School Day hours – 8am-3pm –Carline drop off 7:50-8:15am**

**Partial Day hours – 9am-12pm – Carline drop off 8:50-9:10am**

#### **Interfaith Day of Caring – Food Drive – October 5<sup>th</sup>**

As part of Interfaith of The Woodlands, ICDC will participating by collecting non perishable items through out the month of September. Boxes could be found outside each classroom and all food will be delivered to Interfaith October 5<sup>th</sup>. Last year ICDC donated over 2,000lbs!!

#### **ICDC is a NO CELL PHONE ZONE**

Please help us keep our children safe.

#### **September is Spirit Month!**

Join us at **Chick Fill A in Alden Bridge on September 10<sup>th</sup>** and mention ICDC as you order your meal.

#### **Parent Handbook**

Please be sure to read our Handbook as many policies have been updated since last year.

#### **Pick up forms**

If you are unable to pick up your child, please call the school office and let us know who will be picking up your child, provide name, phone number and identification if possible.

#### **School Hours**

ICDC is open from 7:00am to 6:00pm Monday to Friday.

