



Mini University

Wright State University Child Development Center



2018

Dear Families,

Our fall program is in full swing! This newsletter is full of special dates for your calendar! We hope that you find it helpful as we look forward to sharing many fun and important events throughout the next few months.

Our Parent Volunteer Group has started and is going strong. If you are interested in being on this committee, please email me at dcamp@miniuniversity.net

Happy Fall!
Deb Camp
Program Administrator

P.S. It is not too late to win the TV!!!
See Diane at the Front Desk for
additional information!



The Mini University Mission

To provide the best working environment for our team, so they can provide the highest quality accredited early childhood programs for children.

October Already?!

We have our first month of school already behind us! The start of the school year is always a moment of great anticipation and excitement. This year has proven to be no different. Whether your child was new to Mini University, they are making a change in classrooms or they are simply returning to Mini U after a fun-filled summer, I believe this is going to be a very special year for them. For everyone, students, parents, and teachers alike, there is a wonderful sense of a new beginning and a fresh start and our focus should always be on the new upcoming adventure of learning and growing. To make it all go smoothly, there are a number of things that we can as parents do to make this educational experience be as positive, productive, and worthwhile as possible.

What can you do? First and foremost, help create a climate of positive anticipation. This will be “their” school and we all want them to feel a pride and passion in being here. Share the joy in seeing them be with their class and all that they will be learning. For your child, encourage that sense of “can’t wait to get to school.”

Every day take the time to engage with your school family. Meet your child's teachers. Introduce yourself. Appreciate the fact that they want to partner with you in helping to nurture and support your children. Believe me when I say that the great teachers we have at Mini U can’t wait to work with your child. Our teachers today are committed to making a difference. They want to have an impact. Enjoy the chance to know them as well. Great schools always come back to the relationship between the child and the teacher. Find ways to engage yourself in school life. Join our parent committee, read a book, come watch our performances, and join us on field trips. Make the educational experience at Mini University “a way of life,” not just the place where you “send” your children. Make it something special that you all share and benefit from together. Trust our great educators and value all that they will be doing for your child.

Prepare for an adventure. Real adventures in today’s world can be rare, but this educational adventure is real and all about change, growth, and development. Your child will learn to collaborate, communicate, think creatively and critically, and they clearly will develop a sense of character. All of those traits come from the vision of Mini University and all of them will only occur when we are working closely together. Early Childhood Education today looks and feels differently than it did when you and I were younger. The skills that this educational adventure will produce will have an impact on how children learn and will ultimately be the key to their future success.

And above all else, cherish these years for and with your child. Never lose sight of the fact that time moves quickly and the growth that you will see on a daily basis will seem to flash by you in no time. Appreciate the fact that never in their lives have they had so many adults looking out for their best interests. Home and school together make a tremendous partnership and the beneficiary of all of that love and care, challenge and support, nurturing and mentoring, is ultimately your child. Helping our children get a strong and vibrant education is a gift – a priceless gift that will last a lifetime.

We will have good days and minimal not so good days. Either way I am here for you. Please stop by my office, drop me a note, or send me an email and let me know how you and your family is doing.

NEWS



School Pictures

Our school pictures have been completed! What a successful school picture week we had last week! Thank you to all the moms and dads who helped make this transition an easy one!

Family & Teacher Conferences

Family and Teacher conferences will be held on Monday, November 12, 2018 on Veteran's day. The school will be closed for the holiday, however we will be holding family conferences. Conferences are an important time for the teachers and families to discuss and review a child's progress. Please schedule a conference with your child(ren)'s teacher. Sign up sheets will be posted at each classroom.



Weekly Menus

The weekly menus are available for pickup daily in the lobby by the front door. They are available by Friday morning for the upcoming week. Vegetarian options are on the menu as well for any meat alternative replacement.

Modified Diet



If your child has a special diet requirement we want to work together to meet your child's needs.

Menus are available in the front lobby for the current week and on Fridays for the upcoming week.

If your child cannot eat an item on the menu, it is the parent's responsibility to bring in the food substitution for those items. The kitchen will heat your items as needed for that day's meal, and *will not* be able to provide menu substitutions for your child. We do offer a vegetarian (not vegan) substitute for children.

If you have any questions please stop by the Program Administrator's office. Thank you.



Center will be
CLOSED

on Monday, November 12, 2018
in observation of Veterans Day
Family Conference will be held on this date



Our next Advisory
Board meeting will
be held on: Friday,
October 12, 2018
from 12:30-2:00.

Advisory Board

Our Advisory Board is comprised of representatives from Wright State University, one parent representative from each age group (infant, toddler preschool, school age) and community partners.

Advisory Board meetings are held quarterly during the school year in October, January and April. Advisory Board reviews enrollment trends, discusses upcoming initiatives taking place in the program, and the overall operation of the center.

If you would like to join the advisory board please submit a letter of interest to the Program Administrator, Debbie Camp at dcamp@miniuniversity.net.

Reminder

Now that cooler mornings and fall weather have arrived, please take home any remaining summer clothes that are in your child's cubby.

As you restock extra fall clothes at the center, remember to bring in extra sets of clothing, underwear, and socks that will be suitable for the weather. Thank you!



COSTUME PARADE!

OCTOBER 31, 2018
10:00AM

To celebrate fall we will be having our annual Costume Parade on October 31, 2018 at 10:00 am. The parade will be through the center and around the courtyard through the greenhouse. If you do plan to have your child dress in a costume please keep these tips in mind...

~ Bring your child's costume to school and we will help the children dress after breakfast into their costumes, however it is not required to participate with a costume.

~ No costumes or masks that cover the child's face

~ Choose costumes that are not violent, or that are overly frightening to other children

~ No "extra" costume pieces such as: wands, weapons, crowns, etc. these items are easily dropped or lost and we want you to have them for your family celebration

~ Please make sure to send your child in gym shoes.

~ Mini U will be providing treat bags for all children

We would love to have you join us if you are available for some fall apple cider and cookies afterwards.



ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE REMINDER

- * Students enrolled in our AM half day programs must be picked up **before** 12:00 PM
- * ALL PRESCHOOL STUDENTS MUST BE IN THEIR CLASS NO LATER THAN 8:30 AM
- * Mini University closes at 6:00. Please plan your pick up times accordingly. If you need to speak to your child's teacher or would like to spend time in your child's classroom, please arrive early. Fees are earned at 6:00 pm daily.

Thank you



Thanksgiving Feast

Infant & Toddler Families are invited to join us for our annual Thanksgiving Feast on Monday, November 19, 2018.

Preschool Families are invited to join us for our annual Thanksgiving Feast on Tuesday, November 20, 2018.



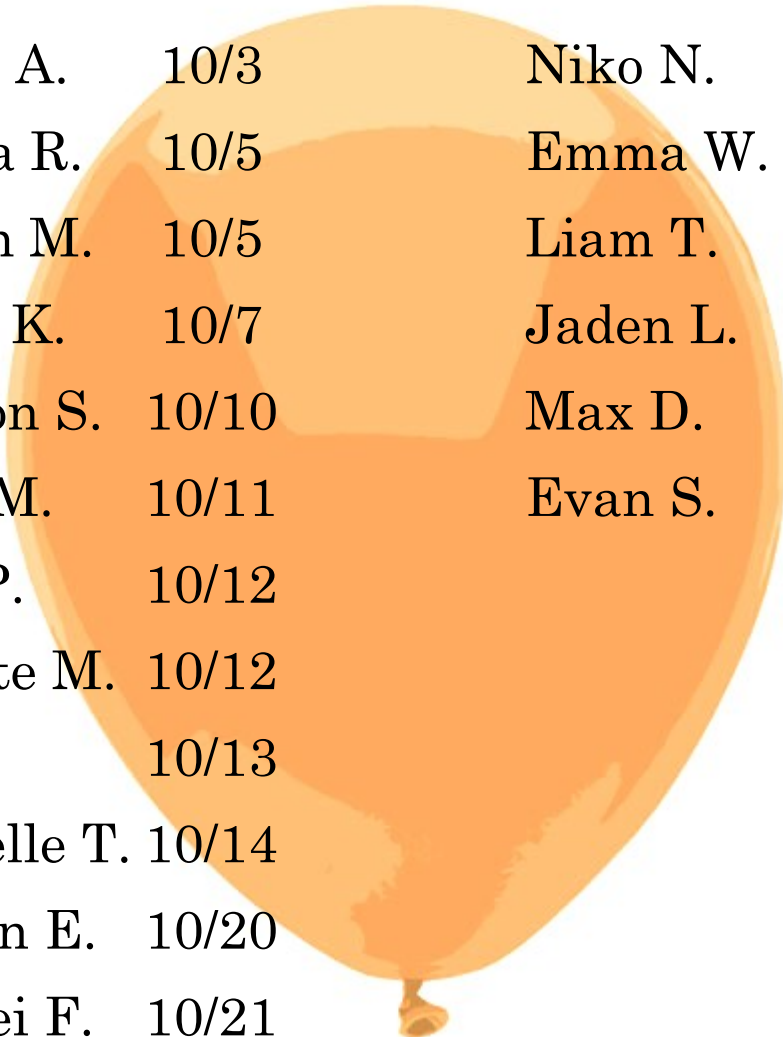
Holiday Reminders

Please make note of the following dates for our holiday scheduled closings!

- * We are **CLOSED** for Veteran's Day on Monday, November 12, 2018
- * We will be **CLOSED** for Thanksgiving on Thursday, Nov. 22 & 23, 2018
- * We will be **CLOSED** for the holiday break Monday, December 24, 2018 through Tuesday, January 2, 2019.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



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|-------------|-------|----------|-------|
| Nora A. | 10/3 | Elias B. | 10/24 |
| Evan A. | 10/3 | Niko N. | 10/25 |
| Elena R. | 10/5 | Emma W. | 10/25 |
| Soren M. | 10/5 | Liam T. | 10/27 |
| Felix K. | 10/7 | Jaden L. | 10/28 |
| Weston S. | 10/10 | Max D. | 10/28 |
| Elan M. | 10/11 | Evan S. | 10/30 |
| Aris P. | 10/12 | | |
| Celeste M. | 10/12 | | |
| WilJ | 10/13 | | |
| Michelle T. | 10/14 | | |
| Jordan E. | 10/20 | | |
| Lorelei F. | 10/21 | | |
| Richard H. | 10/22 | | |
| Flora H. | 10/22 | | |



OCTOBER 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 MOVIE NIGHT! |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 Parent Committee | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 Emergency Drills | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 Trunk or Treat |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 Costume Parade | | | |

