

SCOTTYY'S NEWS

February 2023



DIRECTOR'S KORNER



'Tis the month of love! Here's to hoping that Punxsutawney Phil was wrong and the warmer weather is on its way!

I would like to go over a couple important reminders. The first one is to please not let anyone you don't know into the center behind you. I know it is common decency to hold the door for someone, but if you do not know that person at Scotty's, please just shut the door behind you. The safety of the children and staff is our number one priority. Every person who needs a door code has one. On the flip side, please understand if a person does not hold the door for you, they are just following the rules.

Also, please check the food items you pack for your child to make sure they do not contain peanuts or any other nut. We have extreme allergies to these products in our center and want to keep these children safe. Some more common items that may contain nuts and people may not realize are Nutella, cookies, crackers and breakfast cereals.

We hope this month brings you love, health and happiness.

Lillian



2023 FAMILY INFORMATION FILE UPDATE:

In January, we gave family's a copy of their child's CHILD and FAMILY INFORMATION and EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORMs to be reviewed, updated and returned so we can make sure that your child's file is up to date with all important contact information for 2023.

THANK YOU to all of the families who have reviewed and returned them already.

Many families still need to review and return them. We would appreciate getting them back before the end of February.



WHEN WINTER WEATHER HITS

we do our best to keep our side walks, parking lot and driveways clear and safe. Please realize that there may still be slippery spots or accumulation while it is storming. Please take special care when arriving and departing as children and parents may be moving around their cars. Let us all stay safe and be alert during the cold and snowy winter weather season.



Just for Fun

Q: What did the stamp say to the envelope?

A: I'm stuck on you!

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

Week 1 We start off the month learning about **Nocturnal Animals** and how similar and different their opposite schedules are to our own. We then start prepping for **Valentine's Day** and all the exciting goodies that come with it.

Week 2 We will hold our **Valentine's Day Party** on Tuesday, February 14th. Please look for the party sign up poster in your child's room. Help us to encourage the children to wear **Pink** or **Red** in keeping with the spirit of the day. They will also exchange Valentine's Day cards and you will find the quantity of cards your child should bring for their classroom on your child's February calendar. The cards need to be addressed:

To: 'My Friend'
From: Your Child's Name

The rest of the week we will focus on **Emotions & Feelings** and what causes them.

Week 3 we then move onto learning about **Community Helpers** and the roles they play in our daily lives. I am so excited for the projects your little ones will be completing this week.

Week 4 we blast off into **Space** and learn about **Astronauts**. Mr. Michael worked very hard on a **Spaceship Control Panel** to include lots of knobs to turn, levers to push, and even an iPad holder where a continuous loop of "traveling through space" will play.

This month continues our exciting curriculum that helps your child become more well rounded.



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2023 HOLIDAY and VACATION CALENDAR

Good Friday - Apr 7th

Scotty's is closed **Friday, April 7th** in observance of Easter Full tuition is due the week of Apr 3

Summer Vacation Shutdown

Scotty's will be closed the week of **July 10 thru 14** for our Summer Vacation Shutdown **No tuition** is due the week of July 10

Christmas Observance - Dec 22nd

Scotty's will have a half day and close at **2:30pm** on **Friday, December 22nd** in observance of Christmas Full tuition is due the week of Dec 18

Memorial Day - May 29th

Scotty's is closed **Monday, May 29th** in observance of Memorial Day Full tuition is due the week of May 29

Labor Day - Sept 4th

Scotty's is closed **Monday, Sept 4th** in observance of Labor Day Full tuition is due the week of Sept 4

Winter Vacation Shutdown

Scotty's will be closed the week of **December 25 thru December 29** for our Winter Vacation Shutdown **No tuition** is due the week of December 25

Independence Day - Jul 4th

Scotty's is closed on **Tuesday, July 4th** In observance of Independence Day Full tuition is due the week of July 3

Thanksgiving - Nov 23-24

Scotty's is closed on **Thu, Nov 23rd & Fri, Nov 24th** in observance of Thanksgiving Full tuition is due the week of Nov 20

New Year's Day- Jan 1st

Scotty's is closed **Monday, January 1st** In observance of New Year's Day We will reopen from the Winter Vacation Shutdown on **Tuesday, January 2nd** Full tuition is due the week of Jan 1



Health & Wellness



THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Department of Public Health requires that all children who attend day care be immunized. This includes their annual flu shot. CT State Day Care Licensing Regulations mandate that a current health assessment record be in your child's day care file.

This means that a new **Early Childhood Health Assessment Record** form must be filled out and turned in to us each time your child visits the doctor for his/her wellness visits/physicals.

It is required that the Parents fill out and sign Part I on page 1 of the form prior to visiting the doctor.

The doctor must fill out and sign Part II on pages 2 and 3.

Please be sure to review the form before leaving the doctor's office to be sure that they have completed the form, especially that they have:

- filled in the date of the exam - pg 2
- filled in the Medical Evaluation section - pg2
- filled in the TB Risk section - pg 2
- filled in the Developmental Assessment section - pg 2
- filled in the Immunizations section - pg 2
- signed the form - pg 2
- filled out and initialed the Immunization Record - pg 3

(note that a printout of the doctor's Immunization record form is acceptable in place of page 3)

No incomplete forms can be accepted.

The forms are available for you here at Scotty's, or on our website (www.scottyskiddykorner.com) under the 'Parent Korner' tab. We are happy to show you what information is required on the form.



WELCOME

We offer a warm welcome to the newest additions to Scotty's family.

Desmond Behrens
Alicia Figueroa
Camilo Rodas
Charles Ward
Colton Ward
Ryan Ward



INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION



INCLEMENT WEATHER:



During the winter season inclement weather is always a possibility. Those of you that have been with Scotty's for years know that we make every attempt to be open daily, but weather and travel safety factors can cause us to announce late openings, early closings and full day closings. **We announce these over the radio, television, on the web and through our emergency email blast to each parent that has provided us with an email address. If you have changed your email address recently, please be sure to notify us so we can update our records to make sure that you can receive our emergency email announcements.**

Here is a listing of where to tune in to for our emergency announcements:

Radio: WTIC AM 1080

Television: WFSB-TV Channel 3 and FOX CT Channel 6

On the Web: WTIC.com 965TIC.com
WRCH.com HOT937.com WFSB.com
CTNOW.com and COURANT.com

In addition: WFSB-TV Channel 3 Early Warning Network has a TEXT ALERT system for parents, staff and teachers from Day Cares to be made instantly aware of delays when their Day Care enters their announcement with WFSB. To enroll in this TEXT ALERT program, visit the following link online:

<http://my.textcaster.com/asa/Default.aspx?ID=c1616077-39d9-4682-b0ca-63a1ee174441>

WINTER WEATHER has arrived and this affects the children's outerwear needs for outdoor play. For outside play during the winter months, **each child must have sneakers or winter boots, gloves/mittens, a coat and hat.** When there is snow on the ground, boots and snow pants are required. Children will not be allowed to play outside if they cannot be properly dressed.

NOTE: Scotty's policy is to not take the children outside when the temperature or wind chill falls below 30°F.

We will also cancel outdoor play when extreme weather conditions are forecast.



STAFF Spotlight



Miss Lexie
Room Aide

This month we will shine our Staff Spotlight on one of our high schoolers, Miss Lexie!

Miss Lexie started with us in November. She is currently a Junior at Ellington High School. While there, Lexie is a part of the Theater Program, specializing in the AV department recording the plays.

When Lexie graduates next year, she plans on attending Manchester Community College for two years before attending a four year school studying Animal Science. Her dream job is to become a Veterinarian. Her German Shepherd (Willow), her Chow Chow (Midnight) and her two frogs named Leaf and Thomas will for sure give her lots of experience in the meantime.

Miss Lexie also loves to write fantasy stories, play fantasy video games, and draw and create digital art.

A fun fact about Miss Lexie, when she was 8 years old, she was a test rider for the Avalanche theme park ride.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES REVIEW

DOOR ENTRY CODES: We keep Scotty's doors locked throughout the day for the safety of your children. Our punch code locksets with a special parent/guardian entry code is for the convenience of parents /guardians during drop off and pickup. The parent/guardian entry code is activated between the hours of 6:30am-9:00am and again between 4:00pm and 5:30pm. From 9:00am to 4:00pm the doors are frozen and entry is allowed only through admittance by Scotty's staff.

-The entry code **should not be shared** with your children and children should never be allowed to punch in the code.

-The entry code **should not be shared** with any other adults, even those that may pick up your child. All adults, other than parents/guardians, are required to present photo identification and are cross checked with current parent/guardian pick up permissions before being allowed to enter.

We do change the code periodically for security and safety reasons. When we do change the code, you will be notified and will be given the new code, upon your request by Lillian or Michael.

Please think safety first and shield or do not punch the code if someone is watching.

Remember that this is for your child's and all of the children at Scotty's safety.