

SCOTTY'S NEWS

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DIRECTOR'S KORNER



Welcome Back to School! You may wonder what Back to School means at Scotty's. This is a time where our Preschool and Pre-K classes hone in on the skills needed to progress them appropriately so they are ready to take on Kindergarten. Still the fun, exciting weekly themes, but with some added enrichment.

We are happy to inform everyone that we have a new Student Transport Driver, Mr. Bob, who will be transporting our school aged children to and from area schools. Mr. Bob completed all of his training and certification over the Summer and was happy to start his new position this week. It also helps that his wife, Miss Tammy, works here too.

When handing in your child's most up to date Health Assessment Record, please make sure that the front page is completely filled out by you. Also, if your child's doctor is to fax over anything, please verify we received it.

Please make sure your child has an extra set of clothes that are seasonally appropriate. Accidents happen and by having a full set of clothes (shirt, pants, socks & underwear, if needed), we can get your child all set with minimal disruptions. Also, please make sure we have a wet bag to store any soiled clothes in. This can be a plastic grocery bag, Ziploc bag, or even a reusable wet bag. If we send home soiled clothes in a bag, please make sure we have a new bag handy.

Here's to another wonderful school year at Scotty's!

Lillian

! SAFETY FIRST !

SCHOOL IS IN SESSION: School buses are once again making their rounds and children will be waiting at the side of roads throughout the area. We all need to be aware and drive safely this school season.

PARKING LOT SAFETY: Please drive slowly and carefully when entering and leaving our parking lot. The children are loading and unloading from cars and buses all day long and we need to be aware of this at all times. It is equally important that the school children can safely get on and off of the buses and that our buses can leave and return safely.

REMEMBER, the rules of the road apply for a school bus or van in our parking lot loading or unloading children. Do not move your car until the bus or van is done and the children are safely out of harms way. If our cones are out, our buses are in use.

Please, DO NOT park in front of the our buses when our cones are out.



Scotty's will be **CLOSED** Monday, September 4th in observance of Labor Day. We hope you enjoy the long weekend!



Just for Fun

Q: Why didn't the sun go to college?

A: Because it already had a million degrees!

September Highlights

September is a month full of getting back into classroom routines, learning about ourselves and the start of exploring Fall.

Week 1 kicks off with our **All About Me** theme, discovering what makes each of us special. The week finishes off focusing on **Friendship** and how important it is to treat others the way we want to be treated.



Week 2 is where we put our bodies to the test learning about our **5 Senses**. Focusing on each sense gives the children a better understanding of how that sense is used, as well as learning new descriptive words that pertain to that sense.



Week 3 is all about **Apples!** Creating **Apple Prints** and witnessing an **Apple Volcano** are a couple activities we have planned for this week.



Week 4 we roll on into learning about **Transportation**. This week we venture to learn about different modes of transportation, while being sure to include lots of fun math and social lessons.



September is a month of transition; Summer is coming to a close, the weather is starting to cool down and the children are learning new things every day. While we are focusing on some core curriculum, all of are learning is play based. Fun is the name of the game!



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2023 HOLIDAY & VACATION CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

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 ARRIVAL OF FALL means the hottest days have passed and the weather will start to cool. It is important to continue to provide weather appropriate clothing for your child's outdoor play. Each child should bring a sweater or light jacket for



the cooler days of fall and should come with sneakers. Children will not be permitted to participate in

outdoor play unless they have sneakers. Be sure to provide sunscreen. We will notify you when your child needs more sunscreen.



Old sunscreen cannot be accepted as sunscreen does expire.



ANNUAL FLU SHOT: Connecticut State Regulations require that all children ages 6 to 59 months attending a preschool and/or day care facility receive an annual influenza vaccine. This month, we will be passing out forms to all families with children in this age group to have their child's doctor sign and date when this year's flu shot is given.

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 - pg 2
- 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.

STAFF Spotlight



Miss Mea
Assistant Teacher

This month we are shining our Staff Spotlight on Miss Mea!

Miss Mea started working at Scotty's in February 2023. She also works at Sephora, where she loves to test out the newest products. Because of her passion for the Beauty Industry, Miss Mea also does Make-up Applications for clients who want to look special for a night out. Through this she hopes to gain more of a Social Media presence. Next Fall, Miss Mea plans to go to school to become a Phlebotomist.

When Miss Mea isn't working, she loves to spend time with her friends and family. Miss Mea's family is originally from Guyana and she still has family there, whom she went to visit recently. She also loves to listen to her favorite artist, Beyonce.

We at Scotty's feel lucky to have Miss Mea be a part of our daily lives.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES REVIEW

ATTENDANCE



it is necessary that you notify the center if your child will not be in attendance for any reason or if there will be a change from their regularly scheduled attendance. Notification is especially critical for before and after school children if they will be deviating from their normal scheduled transportation to or from school, (i.e. being picked up from / taken to school by parents). This notification must be made to Lillian or your child's teacher so that Scotty's is able to account for all the children in our care at all times. Remember that tuition is still due for the days that your child is absent.

This & That

HOMEWORK HELP

Scotty's provides time and help with homework for all school children. We ask that parents of school children inform us if your child needs homework help and to instruct their child that he/she should start their homework assignments at Scotty's. We will provide a quiet setting for them and while we cannot provide one-on-one tutoring help, teachers will be available to answer questions and give direction.



Another wonderful year of Summer Camp has concluded. All the campers were sad to say goodbye to their new friends, but have created so many new memories. This past month, they enjoyed a fun filled day at the CT Science Center, were finally able to harvest some vegetables from our Summer Camp Garden, and of course, going on one of Mr. Michael's famous Artifact Hunts. Learning about Air, Land & Sea in a fun and educational way made for no "I'm bored" talk all Summer long. We wish them all a prosperous school year and we are already busy planning next Summer's adventures.



WELCOME

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

Ameera Anwar
Daniel Hu
Easton Wurtz

(My apologies to Easton for accidentally typing the wrong name last month!)