

KKCC NEWSLETTER



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Upcoming Events

September 2nd – 6th
Labor Day Break
(Center Closed)

September 7th
First Day of School for All Students

September 13th – 24th
Class Orientation

September 15th
Early Dismissal – 3:30pm

September 20th – 24th
Spirit Week

October 11th
Indigenous Peoples Day
(Center Closed)

October 20th
Early Dismissal – 3:30pm



TUITION EXPRESS DUE DATES

SEPTEMBER 7TH **OCTOBER 5TH**
SEPTEMBER 21ST **OCTOBER 19TH**



The mission of Kiddies Kollege Christian Center is to provide a warm, stimulating, safe, affordable, high quality pre-school program that develops the social, emotional, and academic needs of children of the greater Laurel community.

School Closings

Whenever KKCC is closed because of inclement weather or other emergency circumstances, all parents and staff will be notified by message using the Procure application.



Happy Birthday to You!!!

Giavanna	Beavers	September 9 th
Paul	Little Lambs	September 6 th
Mecca	Little Lambs	September 6 th
Eliana	Little Lambs	September 8 th
Aiden	Little Lambs	September 11 th
Kyle	Cheetahs	September 12 th
Raegan	Caterpillars	September 14 th
Sheenaz	Caterpillars	September 18 th
Justin	Caterpillars	September 19 th
Kayo	Chipmunks	September 20 th
Eva	Chipmunks	September 22 nd
Adonis	Caterpillars	September 29 th

Ms. Chase	September 9 th
Mr. Johnson	September 14 th
Ms. Victoria	September 26 th



DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Now is the time of year when we focus almost exclusively on molding the best possible learning atmosphere for our students here at Kiddies Kollege. Our program challenges children at different stages of development. It allows them to build self-esteem through personal successes. It allows them to build character by learning from mistakes. They grow emotionally and socially through interactions with classmates and staff. This year, more so than past years, has taught them the importance of self-care and personal hygiene. Each week, we see individual and total class success in these areas. Thank you, Parents, for standing with us in following appropriate guidelines for keeping your children, our staff, and all our families safe.

We also thank you for again entrusting us to share in the education of your children. It is through this partnership between parents and staff, along with the eagerness of your children, that we all experience success and satisfaction.



“I like a teacher who gives you something to take home to think about, besides homework.”

Lily Tomlin

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“You must do the things you think you cannot do.”

Eleanor Roosevelt

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“Intelligence plus character – that is the true goal of education.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.

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“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

Nelson Mandela



THE BEAVERS

Ms. Ndamo and Ms. Katherine

Welcome Beavers, it is the beginning of a new school year! This is Kindergarten, the next step up the academic ladder. We shall do our best to merit where we are. This year will be filled with fun activities through play and more work. It brings a higher level of reflection on various aspects of learning. We are very happy to be your child's teachers and hope to work with all like one big family.

Parents, I believe that with lots of cooperation from both you and your child the school year will be a big success. We will continue working hard to keep our classroom both safe and clean, especially against the COVID19 virus. However, the fight against the virus needs everyone's full participation. Let's all do our best!

We will start the school year with the following themes: "Classroom Rules and Manners" which is structured to reinforce following basic rules in the classroom and exhibiting good manners. The "I am Special" theme will help students learn about themselves and uncover their own unique and special traits and talents. The next theme will be "Family." Here children will talk about various members of their family, names, relationships, and exciting activities they enjoy as family. And lastly, we will talk about the "Fall" season.

As we begin to explore the Kindergarten Curriculum, we encourage parents to ensure punctuality and attendance. Each day begins promptly at 9am. Subjects for the year will include Skills Development, Phonics, Writing, Numbers, Language Enrichment, Science, and Social Studies. Please do not let your child miss out on these learning activities! We pray for a successful year. Once more thanks for trusting us and allowing us to be a part of your child's education.



 **A New School Year** 

New shoes, backpacks, pencils and glue,
These things we need before school.

 Books, paper, rulers and scissors,
These things we need in class. 

Ready minds, hands high, ideas and smiles,
These things we need to learn.

Lessons, materials, kind hearts and words
These things we need from our teachers.

All for a Great School Year!!

By Robin Zelaya 



THE CHEETAHS

Ms. Martha and Ms. Lydia

Hello, parents and Cheetahs! Welcome to the month of September! I want us all to extend a welcoming hand to Ms. Lydia. Ms. Lydia will be working with me in the Cheetahs class. The Cheetahs and I have really enjoyed getting to know and work with Ms. Lydia. We also have a new student in our class. We are very glad that he is adjusting very well to the class. We look forward to all the new children who will join our class.

September is the first month of the autumn/fall season. I am beyond thrilled for the fall season. I look forward to wearing my boots, cardigans, and sweaters. During this month the Cheetahs will continue working on their colors, shapes, days of the week, months of the year, letters, letter sounds, writing and spelling their names. We will also learn to count as well as to identify numbers 1-20. Cheetahs will also learn about our different themes for the month of September. Our themes are Fall, Classroom Rules, Manners, Family, and I Am Special. Ms. Lydia and I want our students to know that "Excellence is not being the best, it is doing your best." We look forward to pushing our students to be the best versions of themselves. Ms. Lydia and I look forward to meeting all of you this month during our Class Orientation.

Class begins each morning at 9:00. Your children will miss lesson presentations as well as classroom interactions if they arrive late. Parents, please remind your child to clean themselves properly and completely after using the bathroom. It is extremely important for them to wash their hands. The Cheetahs Class Orientation will be held on Thursday, September 16th at 5:00pm. See you there!





WELCOME
TO OUR NEW STAFF!

Ms. Caroline
Ms. Flavia





THE CHIPMUNKS

Ms. Roberts and Ms. Caroline

We thank God for another school year! We have had a wonderful summer program, and we hope the children will remember all that they have learned through play.

As we begin the year, we will be doing the following themes: "School Rules and Manners," "I Am Special," "Family," and "Fall." These are important as your child needs to learn what is appropriate behavior in school and what is not. We would also like them to share their families with us. Therefore, we ask you to send in their pictures. We will let them know how special they are to God and to us and to each other. This is key now as life as we know it is changing drastically. We must keep them grounded in the Lord so that no matter what happens, they will stand strong. We look forward to meeting you all personally at the Open Orientation on Friday, September 17th at 5:00pm.

For children who are new to our system, we will send a package of the school pledges and songs for them to practice at home. Please make sure your child has all his/her supplies in, as well as the spare clothes box with weather appropriate clothes in it.



THE CATERPILLARS

Ms. Chase and Ms. Flavia

Saying goodbye to August, we welcome the month of September. May God bless us with good health, peace, love, and joy throughout this month and beyond.

Together We Strive!

The Caterpillars will begin their new school year on September 7th. Throughout the year students will be introduced to topics that will enhance their knowledge and widen their vocabulary. This will be accomplished through our daily activities such as group instruction, individual seatwork, interactions with classmates, artwork, dramatic play, and free play. Our weekly topics for this month are as follows: Classroom Rules & Manners, I Am Special, Family, and Fall. More information on "A Day in the Caterpillar Room" will be shared during the Class Orientation on Wednesday, September 22nd. I look forward to seeing each of your there!





Monday – Cartoon Character Day!
Tuesday – Pajama Day!
Wednesday – Class Color Day!
Thursday – Sports Day!
Friday – Wacky Tacky Day!

Class Colors

- Dolphins – Light Blue
- Little Lambs - White
- Busy Beez - Yellow
- Beavers - Purple
- Caterpillars - Green
- Cheetahs - Orange
- Chipmunks - Red





SCHOOL POEM
 AUTHOR UNKNOWN

Today I hurry off to school,
 To work and learn and play
 I'm in a brand new grade this year.
 What a happy day!



THE BUSY BEEZ

Ms. B and Ms. Williams

Dear parents,

Welcome to a new school year! Thank you for giving us the opportunity to teach your child this year. We trust it will be a wonderful year of learning and having good times together.

Students ... welcome to the Busy Beez Class! We hope you are as excited about the 2021/2022 school year as we are. We welcome back our returning children and parents. We extend a special welcome to the families who are joining us for the first time. We are delighted to be your child's teachers!

We had so much fun during our summer break. We particularly enjoyed the "Vacation Bible School" where we learned about the "Fruit of the Spirit," which was in my opinion, the high light of the Summer Program. Unfortunately, all good things must come to an end: so, we have come to an end of our summer program. With that said, we look forward to an awesome school year.

As some of you know, we have weekly themes that supplement the Abeka curriculum. These themes are carefully selected by the administration to target skills in each area of child development, including physical development, social/emotional wellbeing, language, literacy, science, social, health/safety, math, and art. Our September themes are: "Classroom Rules and Manners" which is self-explanatory. The theme for the second week is "I am Special" where each child will learn about how unique and special we all are. The theme for the third week is "My Family." Please send us a 4x6 picture of your child and one with his/her family. Our theme for week four is "Fall." Busy Beez will learn that fall is one of the four seasons and that the days get shorter and colder. They will also learn why the season is referred to as "fall," and the change in colors of the leaves. The Busy Beez will also learn our Daily Affirmation.

This month we have started learning our basic shapes and colors, letters Aa-Bb and numbers 1-2. Our Bible stories include *Creation, Noah Obeys God, God's Promise to Abram, Isaac the Promised Son and Bride for Isaac*. We have begun learning our memory verses with Genesis 1:1 and John 1:3.

Our "Spirit Week" will be September 20-24. We ask parents to make to help their children to participate. Reminders will be sent home later. Please be sure to read all about it. For safety inside and on the playground, your child should wear shoes with Velcro closings. The Busy Beez Class Orientation is scheduled for September 12th from 5:00-5:30pm. Please mark your calendars.

TIPS FOR PARENTS

A little separation anxiety is not uncommon or unexpected for children starting, or returning to, preschool. To help your child handle their uncertainty and nervousness, we recommend keeping a positive attitude, giving a little reassurance, and trying your best not to linger too long with your child at drop-off. Before long, your child will settle right into his or her new routine. Finally, we share this "inspiring poem" with you.

JUST PLAYING

Anita Wadley

When I'm building in the block room,
Please don't say I'm "Just Playing."
For, you see, I'm learning as I play,
About balance and shapes.

When I'm getting all dressed up
Setting the table, caring for the babies,
Don't get the idea I'm "Just Playing."
For, you see I'm learning as I play;
I may be a **mother** or a **father** someday.

When you see me up to my elbows in paint,
Or standing at an easel,
Or molding and shaping clay,
Please don't let me hear you say,
"He is Just Playing."
For, you see, I'm learning as I play.
I'm expressing myself and being creative.
I may be an **artist** or an **inventor** someday.

When you see me sitting in a chair
"Reading" to an imaginary audience,
Please don't laugh and think: I'm "Just Playing."
For, you see, I'm learning as I play.
I may be a **teacher** someday.

When you see me combing the bushes for bugs,
Or packing my pockets with choice things I find,
Don't pass it off as "Just Play."
"For, you see, I'm learning as I play.
I may be a **scientist** someday.

When you see me engrossed in a puzzle,
Or some 'plaything' at my school,
Please don't feel the time is wasted in "Play."
For, you see, I'm learning as I play.
I'm learning to solve problems and concentrate.
I may be in **business** someday.

When you see me cooking or tasting foods,
Please don't think that because I enjoy it,
it is "just playing."
I'm learning to follow directions and see differences.
I may be a **chef** someday.

When you see me learning to skip, hop,
run, and move my body,
Please don't say I'm "Just Playing."
I'm learning how my body works.
I may be a **doctor, nurse** or **athlete** someday.

When you ask me what I've done at school today,
And I say, "I Just Played."
Please don't misunderstand me.
For, you see, I'm learning as I play.
I'm learning to enjoy and be successful in my work.
I'm preparing for tomorrow.
Today, I'm a child and my work is play.

Welcome once again and thank you for the opportunity to teach your little ones.



THE LITTLE LAMBS

Ms. Patel, Ms. Norris, and Ms. Dinah

Greetings, Parents! We are so excited to begin a new school year! Thank God for allowing us to make it this far! There are some exciting things taking place in the Little Lambs class. We've had many new Lambs join us over the summer and our returning Lambs have been helping them adjust. The Little Lambs are making great progress with potty training. We already have a few who are no longer in pullups!! They are also learning and experimenting with different arts and crafts projects. They are learning to combine coloring, fingerpainting, and food items like beans to make 3D art and music instruments. Let us continue to encourage our Little Lambs as they continue to explore different themes, make new friends, and learn more about God. Take care and stay safe!

Fun Fact: September 13th is Kids Take Over the Kitchen Day! Try making a meal or snack with your little ones. Let us know how it goes. We would love to hear about it. You may also send pictures as well.

Please remind our Little Lambs to always use their manners and to share. We continue to work on potty training and encourage you to track your child's progress as shown on the Daily Communicator. Mark your calendars now for the Little Lambs Class Orientation, scheduled for Monday, September 13th at 5pm. We look forward to seeing you there.



KKCC School Reminders

- **Keep sick children home from school.** If a child complains of not feeling well or shows *any* signs or symptoms of illness, the parents will be called to pick up the child from school.
- Pack at least one extra mask in your child's bag.
- Breakfast is served from 8-8:30 am daily. Children wanting breakfast must be at school no later than 8:00 am.
- Classes begin at 9:00am each day. Children arriving after 9:00 am will be marked as tardy.
- Because of potential allergic reactions, do not pack shellfish, nuts, or nut products for lunch.
- Be mindful of choking hazards such as grapes and popcorn when packing lunches for young children.
- Each child must have a lunch box with an ice pack to keep food fresh.
- Lunches that are canned, frozen, or that need to be cooked are not allowed. Use microwavable containers for lunches that need to be heated. Meals must take no longer than two minutes to microwave.
- Be sure that your child keeps two complete changes of weather-appropriate clothing in his or her classroom.
- Crocs and open-toed sandals are prohibited.
- Children should not wear expensive jewelry or excessive hair beads to school.



THE DOLPHINS

Ms. Victoria

Welcome to the Dolphins Class! We are so excited to begin this new journey together. The Dolphins class will learn their colors, numbers, and shapes. We will also work on recognizing shapes and reading Bible stories. We will create masterpieces when we have fun fingerpainting and so much more!

Currently Dolphins are working hard on potty training. They are showing steady improvement. They are learning to become more independent. They are practicing how to keep spills and messes to a minimum. As they expand their creativity, please continue to support and encourage them. Ask them about their day at school. Ask them about their artwork. Parents, thank you for support! I look forward to seeing you at the Dolphins Class Orientation on Tuesday, September 14th. This is going to be a great school year!

Fun Fact: September 12th is Grandparents' Day! Enjoy spending time with them! Celebrate them every day!



The Very First Labor Day September 5, 1882

Peter J. McGuire, a carpenter and labor union leader, came up with the idea for Labor Day. He thought American workers should be honored with their own day. He proposed his idea to New York's Central Labor Union early in 1882, and they thought the holiday was a good idea, too. With four long months between Independence Day and Thanksgiving, Peter suggested a month halfway in between. The very first Labor Day was held on a Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City. The day was celebrated with a picnic, concert, and speeches. Ten thousand workers marched in a parade from City Hall to Union Square.

Soon after that first celebration, the holiday was moved to the first Monday in September, the day we still honor. Congress passed legislation making Labor Day a national holiday in 1894. Labor Day is not just a day to celebrate the accomplishments of workers; for some people, it is also a day to talk about their concerns and to discuss ways to get better working conditions and salaries. [The Very First Labor Day \(americaslibrary.gov\)](http://americaslibrary.gov)



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