

The History of July 4th

Independence Day in the U.S., is an annual holiday commemorating the formal adoption by the Continental Congress of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, in Philadelphia. Although the signing of the Declaration was not completed until August, the Fourth of July holiday has been accepted as the official anniversary of U.S. independence and is celebrated in all states and territories of the U.S.

The holiday was first observed in Philadelphia on July 8, 1776, at which time the Declaration of Independence was read aloud, city bells rang, and bands played. It was not declared a legal holiday, however, until 1941. The Fourth is traditionally celebrated publicly with parades and pageants, patriotic speeches, and organized firing of guns and cannons and displays of fireworks; early in the 20th century public concern for a "safe and sane" holiday resulted in restrictions on general use of fireworks. Family picnics and outings are a feature of private Fourth of July celebrations.



Tocsin of Liberty: rung by the state house bell,
(Independence Hall;) Philadelphia, July 4th. 1776
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to take flight!

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News from our Hughesville Center



Pooh Room (infants)

Wow! Our infants are really growing. Jakob is sitting up now and trying so hard to scoot across the floor. Jakob can get just about anywhere by rolling across the floor. Kayden may be small but that has not stopped her yet. She is scooting everywhere. She is also trying to pull up. We have a new friend named Melanie. She has adjusted well. We look forward to telling you about our achievements next month.

Ms. Althea

Rugrats (Preschoolers)

WOW! Summer is here and we are having so much fun. June has come and gone. I can't believe that it is already July! I hope that our Dad's enjoyed their father's Day ties, and mom enjoyed our Footprints on the Beach and our Busy Bumble Bees! July we are continuing to review our phonics sounds for the letters of the alphabet and going over our numbers and shapes.

Ms. Lyndora

Busy Bees (two's & young three's)

What a great time we are having this summer. Water play is every Thursday now and our cooking project day will be Wednesday. July we are working on the letter Yy, the number 6, the star shape and the color white. August we will be wrapping up the summer fun. Our themes will be Dino Days, Camping and End of Summer Fun. Don't forget to come join us for our Family Picnic on August 21st.

Ms. Tina

News from our Great Mills Center



Caterpillars (infants & tots)

Hello Parents,

Our Caterpillars are progressing very well. Dylan is standing all by himself for a few seconds; Lilliana is pulling herself up on things; And last but not least Sanai is now rolling over and sitting up alone. Keep it up Caterpillars! We would like to welcome our newest Caterpillar, Wyatt Andrews, to our family. Our theme for this month is "Summer Fun". We would like say Happy 4th of July to all of our ImagiNations family!

Ms. Kathy & Ms. Ashley

Butterflies (two's)

The theme for this month is outdoor animals. We will be learning about the different types of animals that live outside in the wild. The color of the month is red. We will also be talking about the letter (Ee) this month. The Butterflies just love the outside, so parents please bring in that sun-screen. Also, I would like to say that we all had a great time on our trip to the zoo. The Butterflies would like to wish everyone a Happy and Safe 4th of July!

Ms. Cindy

Bumble Bees (Preschoolers)

The class had such fun in June and now the Bumble Bees are blasting into July. They will be learning the letters (Qq) and (Rr) and the numbers (11) and (12). Since the Bumble Bees are having such fun in the sun, I would like to remind our parents to bring in that sunscreen please. I would like to take th is time to say good bye to one of our Bumble Bees, Emma Mais. She will be deeply missed by us all. The class really enjoyed themselves on our trip to the zoo and they are all looking forward to many more field trips. We would like to wish you all a happy 4th of July!

Ms. Paulsha

Go to:

<http://www.imaginationelc.com/calendar.htm>

for our Summer Camp Calendar of Events



News from our Waldorf Center

Announcements

Summer Camp - Please keep in mind that for the safety of all children, T-shirts must be worn and permission slips must be signed by a parent or legal guardian in order for your child to participate on field trips. Teachers are no longer allowed to call and get permission over the phone and therefore any child that isn't signed up for a field trip or doesn't have on the appropriate T-shirt will have to stay behind (NO EXCEPTIONS)! Parents may opt to purchase additional T-shirts or rent a T-shirt for the day. These are safety and state regulations that will be strictly adhered to. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Talaine.

SPECIAL THANK YOU! - Thanks Mr. R and Ms. Ebony for helping to coordinate the zoo trip and for making ImagiNations ELC family feel special. You ensured that strollers were available and that we had a private tented area to eat. Also, thanks for the animals, snakes and puzzles the children loved them.

Accreditation - As we go forward with being accredited through the Department of Education we will be making necessary changes to the Center and staff. Therefore, you will begin seeing new faces and possibly see old faces leave or changed to different positions. ImagiNations ELC is partnering up with MSDE to ensure that we prepare our children for the public school. I am currently working on setting up a visitation day at the elementary school for our soon to be kindergartens and pre-school children. This will give them an opportunity to see their new environment before starting school. This also lets them see that the Center and the School have a relationship which should help your children feel more comfortable. This is especially important for children who have difficulty with change or separation. The Preschool teachers will do a theme on going to elementary school during the summer to assist with this transition. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call. Also, we will have a suggestion box located in the lobby area of each center for comments on how to improve our center or simply email comments to Director.W@imaginationselc.com.

Last Two Cents - We are working on preparing our center for greatness and therefore we are looking for the very best. As we ready ourselves for the fall and accreditation there are certain criteria's we must meet. And one of those things will be ensuring that staff are well qualified or at least have the desire to obtain more educational courses. Also, don't forget to watch for the date to be set for our upcoming Open House.

News from our Waldorf Classrooms

The Bear Hugs (infants and tots)

Greetings to all of my parents. As the new teacher in the infant/tot room I wanted to assure you that I will be working very diligently with your child. I have already gotten to know most of them and am delighted to be their teacher. With over 13 years of experience in the early childhood profession, I hope that you would look to me as a resource if you ever have questions about your child's developmental growth. I will continue to work on their language, fine motor and cognitive skills. Please remember to read your child's journal daily and visit our parent board for special activities. It is summer time and we will have water play and lots of other messy activities, so please make sure that your child has plenty of extra clothing. And thank you all for making me feel welcome.

Ms. Darcell



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The Great Debators (Pre-School)

When I Scream You Scream We All Scream For Ice Cream! This month is National ice cream month. We will celebrate every Friday by having the ice cream truck visit us for some cold delicious treats. Please give your child a couple of dollars on Friday to buy ice cream.

This month we have several field trips planned. Please check out the calendar located on the Parent Board in the classroom or go to the website and download a copy. Also, the cost for these wonderful events is also listed by weeks, please see me or Ms. Talaine if you have any questions. We will have visits from Fire Department, Mad science, Jump Bunch, Noah's Ark animal workshop, Catrina's castle and this is only a drop in the bucket of the vendors coming to help educate and excite us. We will continue to work on language development, math, cognitive and motor skills throughout the entire summer.

Special thanks to all the preschool parents that attended our 2009 graduation ceremony. It was a great success and we look forward to our 2010 graduation being bigger and even more fantastic.

Ms. Montague

The Giggles Group (School-age)

This month we will be extremely busy. We have a lot of trips and learning to do. We will continue practicing our language development with games like: hangman, family feud, story writing and/or telling and much much more. We are also continuing with Math skills by getting the children involved in science projects and playing relay math games etc.

We have combined with the Hughesville campers to make us one big group and we are having a blast meeting all the new boys and girls. Parents, please remember to sign permission slips daily. It is your responsibility to check sheets, if there is a change to the schedule, you will be notified personally by the teacher. Oh and a big thank you to all the parents who participated on the zoo trip. It was a little hot but the children had a blast, running through the sprayer and especially visiting the Monkey House.

PS: Please have schoolagers at the Center no later than 8:30am. The bus comes to pick them up between 8:15 and 8:30!!

Ms. Talaine

July 4th Fun



Ask Ms. Talaine for the Answer Keys to this and the word search on page 4.

Patriotic Pops

Easy and festive, these frozen pops are surefire cool-off July 4th hits.

- 2 cups blue Powerade, Gatorade, or Kool-Aid
- 12 5-ounce disposable cups
- 1 cup frozen whipped topping
- 1 cup vanilla yogurt
- 12 craft sticks
- 2 cups cran-raspberry juice



Step 1

To make the pops, equally divide the blue juice among the plastic cups, then place the cups in the freezer until the juice is partially frozen, about 30 to 45 minutes.

Step 2

Mix together the whipped topping and yogurt and divide this mixture among the cups.

Step 3

Set a craft stick in the center of each pop and return the cups to the freezer for approximately 45 minutes.

Step 4

For the final layer, add the cran-raspberry juice to the cups and place them in the freezer until solid.

Step 5

To remove the pops, run warm water over the outside of each cup.

July 4th Fun, Cont'd.

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“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

The Declaration of Independence July 4, 1776

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Mission, Vision, Values Statement

MISSION Imaginations Early Learning Centers, LLC believes in the growth of the whole child, emotional, physical and intellectual. We believe that each child has a natural sense of wonder and curiosity. And, given the right environment, children can become creative thinkers, resourceful problem-solvers and interesting, well-rounded individuals carving their unique niche in society. Our highly trained teachers and staff provide a safe and nurturing environment to stimulate growth and creativity in each child, while cultivating an appreciation for culture, self and community.

We believe that every child is a beautiful blessing, whether they grow up to be firefighters, doctors, artists or Nobel peace prize winners. Each child deserves the same love and encouragement to develop his or her unique strengths and abilities. After all, with a little imagination, the possibilities are endless!

VISION To establish safe and secure multipurpose facilities serving families with children ages six weeks through 12 years. We emphasize the importance of serving the family as a unit, while building strong community partnerships throughout Southern Maryland.

VALUES Honesty, Integrity, Respect, Accountability and a Passion for Excellence and Education (Learning).