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ON SATURDAY NOV. 7 FROM 2-5PM!

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## DLC NURSE & LEARN JULY & AUGUST NEWSLETTER

### FREE Childcare for 3 year olds!

DLC is a Success By 6 Center, and we are now enrolling for Fall! Spaces are now available and they fill up FAST!

**To enroll your child and see if you qualify, please follow these steps:**

- Go to the ELC website [www.elcduval.org](http://www.elcduval.org)
- Click on Need help paying for childcare?
- Click on Apply for School Readiness
- Click on single point of entry
- Choose Duval County
- Choose I would like to
  - Apply for School Readiness
- Complete application

### Holidays

DLC CLOSED \* 7/3  
INDEPENDENCE DAY

SUMMER CAMP ENDS \*  
8/14

DLC CLOSED \* 8/17-8/21  
PLANNING DAY

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL  
DUVAL COUNTY \* 8/24

DLC CLOSED \* 9/7  
LABOR DAY

### Birthdays

Rickard Brymer 8/27

### Anniversaries

Lisa Federico 3 years  
April Saltford 12 years

*Thanks for your  
service at DLC!*

## CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

*Looking for something to do  
this summer?*



**Come play with our kids and get  
volunteer hours! Our teachers  
need extra hands in the class-  
rooms, and we'd love your help!**



### DLC NURSE & LEARN PRESENTS

### "PASSPORT TO RIVERSIDE & AVONDALE"

*Saturday Nov. 7 from 2-5pm*

*Tax deductible Tickets ON SALE NOW  
for \$25 @ [www.dlcnl.org](http://www.dlcnl.org)*

- Free Trolley Rides
- Free Food, Drinks and Small Gifts from participating Shops and Restaurants
- Live Music & Raffle Prizes
- Perfect for Girls night out or Date night!

*All proceeds benefit a local charity, DLC Nurse & Learn, who provides childcare for children ages birth-23 with special needs. Est. 1989*

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## Thank You Jacksonville Mustang Club for your Donations!

A big thank you goes out to one of our major supporters for many years, The Jacksonville Mustang Club. They Donated \$1,100 to our school last month, and even replaced our old trash cans, and the fridge in our VPK classroom. THANK YOU for all you do for our children throughout the year!



## Edgewood Bakery and Jaguar's Foundation team up to raise \$5,000 for DLC

Last month was the Grand Re-Opening of Edgewood Bakery in Murray Hill, just blocks from DLC Nurse & Learn. They made \$5,000 in profits during their Re-Opening, and Jaguars Foundation matched what Edgewood Bakery made that day in sales. We are so thankful that these organizations got together to benefit our school, and we were honored to the benefiting charity. Be on the lookout for future fundraiser's at Edgewood Bakery for DLC.

## Petting Zoo and Pony Rides another big Hit During Summer Camp!

Our students had a blast during this years visit from they played for over an hour, learning about different types of farm animals like goats, pigs, sheep, cows, guinea pigs, rabbits and ducks. Everyone got to ride on the mini pony or the horse and even took a carriage ride around the school.

We always love when the petting zoo comes to our school because the children's faces light up with joy and curiosity as they learn to explore the animals in a safe and nurturing way. As you can see from the photos to the left, everyone had a great time. Including our teachers and staff member's. This is always one of our favorite activities at DLC for summer!



## FREE 2015/2016 VPK ENROLLMENT ONLINE

Starting February 21, 2015 families may log on to [www.VPKDuval.org](http://www.VPKDuval.org) and complete the VPK application.

Eligible children must live in Florida student must be 4 years of age by September 1st,

**For VPK enrollment questions call 904-208-2044 EXT. 1**

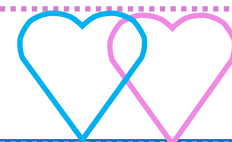
## DLC EMERGENCY FUNDING FOR SUMMER!

**We are asking for donations for our summer camp program. This program is a vital resource for our families in need, with children that have special needs.**

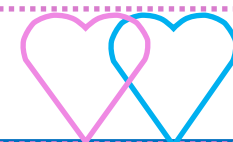
Please donate to our GoFundMe Site:

[www.gofundme.com/xbvu8f7](http://www.gofundme.com/xbvu8f7)

A HUGE thank you to those who have already donated. We are overwhelmed with joy at the amount of people who have stepped up to help DLC, and support us as a resource or so many families who would have no other options. We have raised nearly \$50,000 so far from organizations like United Way, Baptist Health, The Jay and Deanie Stein unrestricted fund at to Community Foundation for Northeast Florida, and Personal Donations from individuals as well as church and civic groups. God Bless each of you, and thank you for saving our summer program!



## Miracle Corner



**S**imon Strowbridge was born October 2, 1999. His due date was December 28th. Simon was born with an under developed left eye. The doctors described it as a cyst. He had webbed fingers and toes. After CT Scans and MRIs, the doctors found that he had no right kidney and a smooth under developed brain. The doctors searched for a syndrome to categorize him with, but the closest one was Walker-Warburg's lissencephaly. It is the most severe of a group of genetic conditions known as congenital muscular dystrophies, wherein most individuals do not live past the age of 3.

Simon started DLC at 5 months old. He got a full scholarship and received physical, speech, & occupational therapy. His Mom, Laura went to FSCJ while he was at DLC. The Physical Therapist at the time, Marc Pyatt taught Laura some physical therapy to do at home with Simon. "Ms. Pat was his main "teacher". Even when he "graduated" to the next room, she would go steal him back. I still have his Pre-K graduation pictures and tassels." Said Laura.



"I think DLC is awesome. They helped me and Simon so much. We try to give back when we can," Said Laura. Simon was sent to a Pre-K the day he turned 3 years old. He went to Biltmore for a year and a half, and Southside Estates for 2 years. During his last year at Southside Estates, Laura felt as if he was being held back. So, she mainstreamed him. She would take him out of class and let him sit in with a kindergarten class that his step brother was in. The teacher was amazing and Simon got to know the kids. He blossomed. His only difficulties were when he would read instead of pay attention to what was going on in the class. In 3<sup>rd</sup> grade he had to take the FCAT. He ended up making a 5 in Math and a 4 in English.

Laura found out about the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind in St. Augustine. They gave him tests. Simon liked calling them the "What You Know Test". They enrolled him in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The whole first week of school, they gave him different tests. Laura got a call from his teacher that first Thursday. She said that Simon was reading at an 8<sup>th</sup> grade level and doing math at a 7<sup>th</sup> grade level. She recommended that we skip him up a grade. Laura was very nervous because 6<sup>th</sup> grade they switch classrooms. What if he got lost? It's his first year in a new school and he's just learning sign language. We tried it out. He did get lost the first 2 days, but he became friends with a profoundly deaf boy, who turned out to be his best friend.

Simon is now 15 years old and going into the 11<sup>th</sup> grade and is the youngest student in his grade. He has a cumulative GPA of a 2.87. He is the only student in his grade to pass the 10<sup>th</sup> grade Florida Standard Aptitude Test (FSA). He will be dual enrolled next year. Meaning he will be taking college classes at First Coast Technical College. He wants to become a computer animator. Simon has also been a huge help this summer at DLC volunteering in the classrooms wherever he is needed. He is a joy to be around, and lights up the room wherever he goes. **Great job Simon! We are so proud of you!**



## Notes from Nurse Mina 5 Fun Tips to Keep Hydrated this Summer!

Since water is so important, you might wonder if your children are drinking enough. There is no magic amount of water that kids need to drink every day. Usually, kids like to drink something with meals and should definitely drink when they are thirsty. But when it's warm out or they're exercising, they'll need more. Those who participate in sports or strenuous activities should drink some extra fluid before the activity begins. They should also drink at regular intervals (every 20 to 30 minutes) during the course of the activity and after it ends.

Five fun ways to make water more appealing to your children

1. Use ice cube trays that make fun shapes and use those ice cubes in your child's water
2. Float slices of fruit (such as lemons or limes) in a pitcher of water
3. Take your child to pick out a new, special cup
4. Keep small bottles of water (the kind with the flip-top) in the fridge so that kids can easily grab it
5. Set a good example and drink water yourself!

