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## DLC NURSE & LEARN, INC.

### JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2018

#### A Note from our Program Director,

What a great school year we have had so far! As the end of the year is fast approaching we would like to look back at some of the amazing things that have happened this year. Our teachers worked very hard to bring success to all of their classrooms. While all teachers and therapists have helped each child reach major milestones this year, another great accomplishment were our graduates. In our Pre-K and VPK classrooms we had a total of 20 graduates! *How awesome is that!*

It was a great joy seeing the teachers and children hard at work learning through play. Each day brought something new they were able to learn and expand their knowledge. It was a bitter sweet moment to see the children we have cared for over the years move on to the next chapter of their educational journey. We wish all of the 2018 graduates of DLC good luck! Now that our school year is over, we are looking forward to the exciting things that summer has to offer. We have a full schedule of exciting events and activities for our students to enjoy. Just a few of our events we cannot wait for are the petting zoo, yoga, ringing of bells, tie dye, sports day, water play, face painting and so much more. Our staff is also extremely excited for the 18-19 school year, since we will have lots of new students to work with and new classroom arrangements.

DLC continuously makes strides to improve our center as a whole. We are excited about the upcoming building improvements to ensure the health and safety of all of our students. Nancy Jantz has also been doing an incredible job painting murals in our hallways! We will have a big "reveal" party this August! Also, be sure to visit our Facebook page for continual updates on our students and our program.

*Happy Summer! - Annalaura Scott, DLC Program Director*

#### VPK & Pre-K Graduation Ceremony!



The DLC Graduation took place on Thursday, May 30th in the Murray Hill UMC sanctuary and we had over 150 attendees! Everyone enjoyed watching our students walk down the aisle to receive their diplomas! We had 20 graduates this year, what a blessing! Thank you Ms. Aixa Atherton our VPK teacher and Mrs. Emma Kearley our Pre-k Teacher for making this day so special for our families and putting a lot of hard work and dedication into seeing your students graduate. We will miss the graduates from our VPK program but wish them the best of luck in Kindergarten! *God has blessed us once again with another year of miracles for our precious children.*

#### ~ Holidays ~

**Closed \*7/4**  
INDEPENDENCE DAY

**Closed \*8/6—8/10**  
TEACHER PLANNING

**Closed \*9/3**  
LABOR DAY

#### ~ Reminders ~

**8/3** — LAST DAY OF  
DLC SUMMER CAMP

**8/13** — FIRST DAY OF  
SCHOOL, DUVAL

#### ~ Birthdays ~

**Janice —8/2**

**Jordan—8/6**

**Richard—8/27**

**Ashley —9/20**

**Geoffrey— 9/27**

#### ~ Anniversaries ~

**Amy—29 Years**

**Laura—7 Years**

**Amanda—4 Years**

**Breanna—4 Years**

**Johnetta—1 year**

**Lauren—1 Year**

**Thank you for your  
dedicated service to  
our children and  
families!**

### Passport To Riverside & Avondale SHOP, SIP & STROLL!

**Saturday, Nov. 3rd from 12-6pm**

• This year we have TWO ticket options to choose from:

**\*VIP Passport Ticket (\$75):** Access to Passport Kick-off Party on 11/1 at Fishweir Brewery AND Passport to Riverside & Avondale Fundraiser on 11/3.

**\*Regular Ticket (\$40):** Passport to Riverside & Avondale Fundraiser Ticket only.

- Take our hired shuttle to participating shops in Riverside, Avondale, 5 Points and Fairfax to collect free Samples of Food, Drinks and Gifts. **Just show your Passport ticket when you walk in!**
- Enjoy your day shopping, eating and adventuring around the Historic District with your friends and family, all while helping DLC Nurse & Learn, a childcare facility for



## Passport Sponsorship Opportunity!

DLC is currently seeking Passport Sponsors! Want to give back to a great cause and reach up to 20,000 potential customers through our advertising, social media and direct mail? It's a win-win! ***We have different sponsorship levels available to fit your budget!***



This is our 4th year running Passport and each year we gain an incredible amount of support from the community. Plus, your sponsorship grants you automatic access to the Passport kick-off party at Fishweir Brewery on Thursday, November 1st as well as Passport to Riverside & Avondale on Saturday, November 3rd! **Interested in learning more? Contact Executive Assistant, Caleigh Quast for more details: 904-387-0370**



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## Volunteer Opportunities!

Summer Events Calendar:



- **July 3rd:** Tie Dye with Malivai Washington at 9:30am
- **July 17th:** Gastonia UMC Youth Water Play Day at 9:30am
- **July 18th:** Crossroad UMC Youth Sports Day at 9:30am
- **July 19th:** THE PLAYERS "I Can Eat a Rainbow" at 9:30am
- **July 20th:** THE PLAYERS "Teddy Bear Clinic" at 9:30am
  - **July 24th:** Face Painting with Kristin at 9:30am

## DLC Parent Testimony!

"Our son, Brandon, received therapies at DLC after he came home from a six month stay in the NICU after being born prematurely, weighing just 1 pound 4 ounces. The DLC staff taught me how to teach Brandon everything from turning his head to walking. It wasn't just therapy for him, they walked our whole family through this journey, loving all of us and celebrating every step of the way with us. When he was nearly three, they noticed signs of autism and DLC sent us to the right people for help. They are a valuable resource in our community and the only place I would send a special needs family. Today, Brandon is successful because of his start at DLC. " - Missy Reardon



## Thank you Deerwood Rotary & Jacksonville Mustang Club!

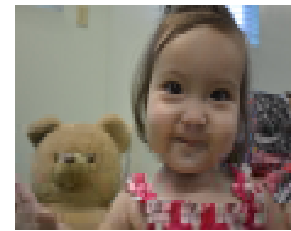
We wanted to reserve a special area in our newsletter to highlight two amazing organizations. The Deerwood Rotary for their \$15,000 donation for new vinyl flooring at DLC and to purchase an Occupational Therapy Kit. With their generous donation we are planning on installing new flooring in Worley Hall in August! We also wanted to thank another long time donor, The Jacksonville Mustang Club for their generous \$5,000 donation to help with our Summer Camp Program. We truly appreciate all you do for our students!

## DLC received the 2018 "Top Nonprofit" Award

DLC has been rated a 2018 "Top Nonprofit" based on customer feedback about our organization's services to the community and our families! We appreciate everyone who left us excellent ratings. DLC will be featured on the Great Nonprofits 2018 Top-Rated List, which will be distributed to media and corporate foundations. The official 2018 Top-Rated List will be announced after October 31 at [greatnonprofits.org](http://greatnonprofits.org).



## Superstar Student Corner: Abigail!



"One of the greatest rewards we have working at DLC is being able to watch a child make progress towards greater independence. We are all in awe of what one of our newer and younger students has accomplished in such a short amount of time! Abigail enrolled in April and just turned one in June. She has some significant health issues, but that doesn't hold her back from smiling and enjoying life! When Abigail first arrived she was very unsure of her new surroundings and felt challenged by the new activities she was being introduced to by her teachers and therapists. For the first few weeks in our care, Abigail benefited from the Shared Therapy Program. Despite feeling unsure at first, she has become a rock star in a short amount of time! Although she is skeptical when a new skill is introduced, she quickly masters it and is ready for the next challenge. This little girl who had to be supported when sitting when she started, is now sitting independently and reaching for objects! She tolerates kneeling, is using her arms more and babbling throughout the day. She is thriving in her classroom and giggles easily when she finds something amusing. Witnessing all that she has accomplished so quickly, we are convinced the sky is the limit for what this precious child will accomplish."— *DLC Physical Therapist Assistant, Debbie Kozloski*

## A note from Nurse Janice: Parents Summer Safety Tips: Have Fun and Be Smart!

Anybody can be at risk for a heat-related illness, especially in Florida. Take extra breaks and drink lots of water! The best way to avoid a heat-related illness is to limit exposure outdoors during hot days. Air conditioning is the best way to cool off, according to the CDC. Also:

- ⇒ **Drink more liquid than you think you need!**
- ⇒ **Wear loose, lightweight/light colored clothing and a hat**
- ⇒ **Replace salt lost from sweating by drinking fruit juice or sports drinks**
- ⇒ **Avoid spending too much time outdoors during the hottest part of the day, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**
- ⇒ **Wear sunscreen; sunburn affects the body's ability to cool itself**
- ⇒ **Pay attention to the heat index**



Every pool, every lake and every warm summer day holds the possibility of new, fun summer experiences. All you need to add is your undivided attention when your child is in or near water!

- ⇒ **Never leave your child alone; if you have to leave, take your child with you**
- ⇒ **Find age-appropriate swim lessons for your child, but keep in mind that lessons do not make your child "drown-proof"**
- ⇒ **Lifeguards aren't babysitters; always keep your eyes on your child!!**
- ⇒ **Don't let children play around drains and suction fittings**
- ⇒ **Always make sure everyone is wearing U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets while on a boat**
- ⇒ **Don't underestimate the power of water; even rivers and lakes can have undertows**