



# LSU

Finance and Administrative Services  
Child Care Center

## April 2009



The vision of the LSU Child Care Center is to become a leading model of exemplary quality in early care and education by functioning as a support mechanism for families of the LSU Community and a focal point of excellence to agencies and organizations throughout the state and nation. By providing quality service, we will be recognized as a recruitment tool for students, faculty and staff thus supporting the positive growth at LSU.



### Director's Corner



Dear Parents,

The month of March was very exciting for the children. We had some very special resource visitors from the LSU Agricultural Center speak to the children about insects and farm animals. With the help of Dr. Linda Bui, the children released live ladybugs onto the playground. They even took a few home for their yards! We also had Rebecca Lirrette and Farmer Jim from the Ag Center share their very special animals.

We have some very exciting events coming up in April. We will kick the month off with Tiny Tiger Fest on April 4th. On April 20th and 21st, all of the preschool classrooms and their parents will be taking a field trip to AG Magic sponsored by the LSU AG center. We will also be celebrating the week of the Young Child April 20th-24th with a special themed day each day of the week.

Michelle DeMeulenaere  
Center Director

## 2009 Tiny Tiger Fest

Tiny Tiger Fest is the Center's largest event. This free family fun day and open house is scheduled for Saturday, April 4th from 2-4pm. We will have a petting zoo by the LSU Ag Center, spacewalks, puppet show, face painting, games, baked goods, jambalaya and a silent auction.

This year our goal is to raise \$8000.00 through the silent auction for the LSU Child Care Center Foundation. This money will be used for educational enrichments for the children, and professional development opportunities for the teachers. We look forward to seeing you there!



### SILENT AUCTION ITEMS INCLUDE:

- Autographed LSU football
- Autographed LSU basketball
- Outdoor fish fryer
- Gift Certificate to Tiki Tubing
- Gift certificates Our Daily Bread
- Gift Certificate Wag in Rags
- Gift Certificate for Dugas Lawn Care
- Gift Certificate to Parrains and Walk-on's
- Handmade LSU quilt and bag
- Outside leisure chair by the Kittens
- Childrens patio set by the Bluebirds
- Childrens book sets
- Children's Theme baskets
- Pottery by the Koalas classroom
- Decorative picture frame by the Tigers
- Picnic table and rocker by the Butterflies
- LSU home decore basket by the puppies
- Decorative table by the Penguins
- Canvas artwork by the Pelicans
- Hand decorated pottery by the Koalas
- Panda Photo Memory book
- \$200.00 gift certificate to wrkf radio
- Autographed LSU framed photo
- Memory book by the Bears
- 160 quart Outdoor Stock Pot
- Hand decorated book shelf by the Dolphins
- Hand crafted leisure chairs by the Kittens
- And much, much more.....

**Don't miss out on the opportunity to bid on some of these great items!**

### April Weekly Themes

March 30th-April 3rd—Rain vs. Sun

April 6th-10th— Warm vs. Cold

April 13th-17th—Save the Earth / Recycling

April 20th-24th—Gardening

April 27th- May 1st- Zoo Animals

\*The following is the schedule for the AG magic field trip:

**Monday, April 20th at 9:30**

Koalas, Alligators, Pelicans and Lambs.

**Tuesday, April 21st at 9:00**

Penguins and Frogs

**Tuesday April 21st at 9:45**

Ladybugs, Tigers and Bears

**The LSU Child Care Center will be Closed on Friday, April 10, 2009.**

### **Farm Animals by the LSU Ag Center**

During animal week, the children had visitors from the LSU Ag Center. The children learned about pigs, goats, sheep, chickens and rabbits. They really enjoyed see the "big" pig Baby Cake.



We would like to say a special Thank you to Rebecca Lirette and Farmer Jim from the LSU Ag Center for providing the Animal demonstration. We would also like to thank Dr. Linda Bui and associates also from the Ag Center for the insect demonstration and Ladybug re-lease.



### **Week of the Young Child**

**April 20th-24th**

*"Bring Communities Together for Children-  
Children Bring Communities Together"*

Week of the Young Child is held each year to honor young children and thank teachers and all those who make a difference in young children's lives. The LSU Child Care Center will celebrate by having a special event each day for the children.

**Monday**—Hat Day (Children will wear their favorite hats.)

**Tuesday**—Silly Sock Day

**Wednesday**—Spring Planting day (Children will be planting in the dirt. They need to wear something that can get dirty.)

**Thursday**—Pajama Party (Children may wear their favorite pajamas. Please remind the children to wear their tennis shoes.)

**Friday**—Fairy Tale and Nursery Rhyme Day (Children may wear costumes or dress up as their favorite characters.)

Congratulations to our new Teaching Coordinators; Kristen Stewart and Nicole Parham. These two newly created positions will assist the classrooms in meeting and exceeding the new NAEYC criteria and Quality Rating system standards. Welcome Ladies! We would also like to welcome our new Assistant Teachers Catherine Griggs, Allana Victorian and Maria Baldrige.

### **LSU CCC CONTACT INFORMATION**

Front Desk	578-7882	Ladybugs	578-4825
Bears	578-4825	Lambs	578-4851
Bluebirds	578-4883	Pandas	578-4881
Butterflies	578-4883	Pelicans	578-4855
Koalas	578-4819	Puppies	578-4886
Dolphins	578-4888	Alligators	578-4881
Frogs	578-4819	Tigers	578-4855
Kittens	578-4888	Penguins	578-4851

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